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TRANS - OREGON LINE IS NEXT PROJECT

BIG RAILROAD NOW ASSURED FOR VALE

Short Line to Increase Capital for Purpose of Building of Road

VALE-CRESCENT ROUTE

Harriman System Getting into Action--Stockholders to Raise \$72,500,000--Vale Situated in Strategic Location of Proposed Main Line as Terminal Point.

The construction of the Trans-Oregon line from Vale westward is practically assured now as the next step to be taken by the Harriman system. Reports from headquarters of the directors of the Oregon Short Line Co. in the east, state that the stockholders will be asked to approve a proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from \$27,500,000 to \$100,000,000 at a meeting in Salt Lake City on October 12th. The increase of \$72,500,000, if granted, which it is understood to be most favorable, is to be used for new construction on the Oregon Short Line next year, or to more exact the extension of the east to west road across Oregon, known as the Oregon & Eastern, part of which has already been built through the Vale railroad yards.

The surveys for this proposed line of the Harriman system have been made by Short Line surveyors. The road as located runs westerly up the Malheur River from Vale across Harney county north of Harney and Malheur lakes, thence through the Christmas Lake and Fort Rock countries to a junction at Crescent with the Klamath-Natron cutoff of the Southern Pacific.

While O. R. & N. officers have made several trips into Central Oregon for the purpose of making recommendations concerning railroad construction, it is understood that so far as the east and west line is involved the O. R. & N. officers have acted only in an advisory capacity. It is understood that if the railroad is built, the work will be undertaken under the supervision of the Short Line officials, and every one knows that the Short Line people maintain engineer and construction offices in Vale. So far as known the Short Line has under consideration no larger single project than the east and west line across Oregon and there is therefore the probability that a large share of the new stock issue is for construction work in Oregon.

In addition to this report also comes the news of proposed purchase of a 23 acre tract in Boise for main line tracks. Boise to Vale direct, where the big shops are to be erected, is the only feasible result of these reports. Vale is indeed situated in a strategic location and a few months will see great activity in this section.

MYERS SLOGAN IS OMITTED

Failure of the Secretary of State's office to provide for the printing of Jefferson Myers' campaign slogan on the official ballots is cause of a furore among Mr. Myers supporters. Acting Secretary of State Corey has vigorously denied having any ulterior motive in leaving Mr. Myers' slogan off the ticket. He says it was nothing more than an error and that he had followed signed petitions filed several weeks after the Myers original declarations presented in the office.

Mr. Myers' slogan, as he requested it should appear on the ballot, is: Equitable taxation--An economical business administration--Protection of the people's laws.

Good alfalfa pasture. Running water. Inquire C. O. Thomas.

While visiting in Vale stop at the Arlington Hotel.

NYSSA ENJOYS SPLENDID GROWTH

To Revise Charter For Bonding City For Installing of Water and Sewer System

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

So large has been the growth of Nyssa during the past year that a Charter Commission, with Robert Van Gilse, as chairman, and C. C. Wilson as attorney, has just been appointed for the revision of the city charter which will enable the city to raise \$100,000 for the installing of a complete water and sewer system, as well as a bridge across the Snake river. Nyssa believes in doing things right and in adding to its territory. With the construction of the bridge a large trade will be secured from the Idaho country. The present charter does not allow the city to bond itself for any purpose beyond the sum of \$5000. The Independent Telephone Company has been granted a franchise and is putting in an up-to-date system with underground wiring, while the Oregon-Idaho Light & Water Co. has been given a contract to light the city. To further the growth of the surrounding country negotiations are in progress for the installing of private pumping stations along the river to pump water on the land tributary to the town.

Another splendid improvement was the grading of five miles of streets within the city limit during the past summer.

Dr. Goeltz, president of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, reports that the club is getting ready for an active winter advertising campaign. Quarters are to be rented in the Van Gilse block. Dr. Goeltz has one of the neatest drug stores in Eastern Oregon, where he also has his office.

The merchants of Nyssa have formed a Protective Credit Association.

M. J. Jenkins expects to ship 32 carloads of Italian prunes within a few weeks.

The Nyssa Produce Co. will ship 30,000 boxes of apples, while about half that amount will also be shipped by small growers.

The Oregon-Idaho Orchard Co. has set out 120 acres of apple trees and will set 100 more in the Spring. The land is being sold in 5 and 10 acre tracts. The Irrigated Land Co. has also set 80 acres of orchards, over half of which has already been sold. Many other orchards are also being set out by private growers.

Three cars of alfalfa seed will be sold to the highest bidder in a few days. This seed is said by eastern buyers to be the finest grown in this country and it is expected the crop will bring about 20c per lb.

The Nyssa Improvement Co. report the sale of \$300 worth of their residence lots.

RAISED FLOOR AT BUNGALOW THEATRE

Proprietor Roy Davidson Believes in Keeping Up-to-date--To Give Matinees

Some of the improvements referred to in last week's Enterprise, concerning the Bungalow theatre, under the new management of Roy L. Davidson have already taken real proportions in the way of a raised floor. Mr. Davidson is sparing no efforts to please the patrons of his popular show house and the putting in of the slanting floor, which is two feet higher at the rear end of the room, will enable every person in the house to see every moving picture with perfect ease and do away with the heretofore craning of necks.

The Bungalow is now undoubtedly the neatest and most comfortable moving picture house in Eastern Oregon. The operating room is also so constructed as to be entirely fire-proof, the inside walls being thoroughly lined with sheet iron. Pictures are changed every night and those for this evening are especially interesting and entertaining.

Beginning on Saturday the Bungalow will give moving picture matinees at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. School children will be admitted for five cents.

L. W. Burch is prepared to make blue prints of townships, taken off records from Vale Land office, showing vacant lands, etc. Price \$1.00 each.

CATHOLIC BISHOP PAYS VISIT HERE

Right Reverend O'Reily Determined to Start Building at Once

CHURCHES - HOSPITAL

In Vale and Brogan--Plans Already Drawn--Large Amount of Money Already Subscribed --Vale May Get Sisters' Hospital Built for This Section

The visit in this city on Tuesday of Right Reverend O'Reily, Bishop of the Catholic Churches in Eastern Oregon, and Rev. Father Campo, both of Baker City, is another step toward the early erection of Catholic churches in this city and section of Malheur county. As the head of the Catholic churches in Eastern Oregon Bishop O'Reily is doing a great work in the establishing of a large number of churches, schools and academies in his district during the past few years.

This visit will decide the last steps to be taken in the building of churches in Vale and Brogan. In this city plans already drawn up call for a beautiful brick structure. Construction work is only retarded by the lack of the proper amount of funds. Bishop O'Reily was struck forcibly with the growth and progressiveness of Vale and while here saw the great need of a Catholic church.

While in town Bishop O'Reily was entertained by Ed O'Donnell, who has taken such prominent part in the development of this section and especially of the Willow River valley. The Bishop and Father Campo spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Brogan as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brogan. This first trip of Bishop O'Reily to

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HORSE THIEF LOCKS JAILER IN CELL

Mitchell Hughes, Captured in Nyssa by Sheriff Odell Makes Get-away in Boise

Harrison Hughes, known in this county as Mitchell Hughes, who was captured in Nyssa on August 31st by Sheriff Odell for horse stealing in Idaho, escaped from the Ada county jail at Boise last Sunday evening, locked the jailer in and took the key with him.

Hughes was confined in a cage with two other prisoners. The men were allowed to walk the corridor during the day but were locked in the cage at night. When the prisoners were locked up Sunday evening, Hughes hid himself in an unoccupied cell to avoid being locked in. At about 7:30 in the evening, another prisoner attracted the attention of Jailer Robinson and asked him to open the windows in the outer corridor and to do this the corridor door was left open. Hughes ran for the door, turned the key from the outside and made his escape before the jailer could reach for his gun. The jailer's cries brought assistance from the outside and a deputy released him.

Hughes was recaptured Monday evening by Sheriff Boyd of Elmore county as he entered Mountain Home. Hughes, upon freeing himself from jail, pressed into his service at the point of a revolver, an auto and driver.

KANSAS MEN ENTER VALE OIL FIELDS

Leroy Bishop, of Delphos, Kansas, Sees Splendid Oil Indications

WILL FORM COMPANY

For Putting In Big Drilling Rig on Properties Adjoining the Columbia Oil Holdings--Mr. Bishop Already Owns Several Hundred Acres of Oil Land

The Vale oil field has again attracted the attention of an Eastern man, who comes from the Kansas oil field. Leroy Bishop, of Delphos, Kansas, who has been the guest of R. W. Eames the past week, has been making a thorough examination of the work being done and is most confident that the time is not far distant before the oil sand will be reached.

Although owning at the present time 240 acres of oil land in the Vale oil field, Mr. Bishop's visit, it is understood will result in the placing of another oil drilling rig in the Vale field. He and other people from Kansas will form the company which will add more land to that now owned by Mr. Bishop near the Columbia properties.

Mr. Bishop was enthusiastic over the surface showings of the Vale field and was most surprised to find that nothing had been over rated. Samples of oil sand were secured at different wells and will be taken east. Near the Columbia well, he saw the 140 foot water well which had just been dug

BROGAN TOWNSITE OPENING IS ON

"Eastern Oregon Fruit City" is Now Being Placed on the Market

The entire townsite of Brogan, with the substantial modern brick buildings, promoted and founded by Messrs. D. M. Brogan and Ed. O'Donnell, the men who constructed the Willow River Valley irrigation project, is being placed on the market. Brogan, the new town, as the center and headquarters for 20,000 acres which are being placed under water, has a great future. Already it has been demonstrated that this valley is one of the best and most favorably situated for the growing of rich orchards, as a crop failure has never been known.

The new town of Brogan has many advantages on account of its location in midst of a vast tributary country. The Burnt River section, 26 miles northwest, is a prosperous farming and stock community. Since the advent of the railroad the only feasible outlet is by the way of Brogan. The Upper Willow River Valley and Cow Valley, comprising 50,000 acres is also tributary country. To the north of Brogan is a mineral region of large extent composed mostly of gold properties.

As the company desires to dispose of the entire townsite, which is composed of separate lots, tracts and properties, these are being represented by 695 shares which are offered for sale at the uniform price of \$200 each. Any purchaser is entitled to as many shares as he wishes, but must make one application for each share desired.

The date November 15th, 1910, has been set for the purchasers of shares or their legal representatives, to meet and receive their properties from the Company. Following that date the Brogan Townsite Co. will deed to the trustees selected on the 15th, all of the 695 lots, tracts and properties, unencumbered, and they will hold the title to all the property in trust for the shareholders and may dispose of the same as the majority may elect.

The fact that the Company is to place all of the properties in the hands of three trustees, chosen from the shareholders, precludes any responsibility of an interest on the part of the Company in any future dealings relating to the disposal of the properties and assures the purchaser of absolutely fair and square treatment.

A very few lots and tracts have already been sold within the limits of the Brogan Townsite. They are not, however, included among the 695 properties and they were sold principally to encourage construction of business houses and development of a few acreage tracts.

Among the properties to be deeded to the purchasers of shares are a hotel valued at \$40,000, a bank or office building with a valuation of \$10,000 and electric lighting plant with machinery valued at \$6500, and a \$2500 bungalow. These valuations include the lots upon which the buildings are constructed. In addition, the list includes one 5-acre tract, two 2-acre tracts, forty-nine 1-acre tracts and twenty fractional tracts, ranging from .36 acres to 3.22 acres, all of which are worth \$400 per acre, and in some cases their nearness to the railroad station would bring them to a valuation of \$800 to \$1000 per acre.

GOOD ROADS PEOPLE ARE GETTING BUSY

Would Enable Counties to Raise Money for Building of Permanent Highways

Philip S. Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, Portland, an agricultural publication, was in town last Saturday in behalf of the "Good Roads" and visited the Enterprise office. He is visiting Eastern Oregon in order that the newspapers may explain the measure submitted by the Oregon Good Roads Association, which is proposed by initiative petition and to be voted on at the November election. It is proposed to amend Section 10 of the Article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon as follows:

Section 10. No county shall create any debts or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, except to suppress insurrection or repel invasion, or to build permanent roads within the county, but debts for permanent roads shall be incurred only on approval of a majority of those voting on the question.

TO COMPLETE POLE CREEK RESERVOIR

W. Slick and party returned from Brogan Thursday evening where they had been to figure on the completion of the Pole Creek reservoir and ditches remaining to complete the Willow Creek irrigation project.

JOIN THE CROWD ON "VALE DAY"

At the First Annual Malheur County Fair to Be Held in Ontario

FIVE HUNDRED WILL GO

Big Special Train Will Leave Vale at 8 o'clock a. m. Every Day of the Fair, Returning Will Leave Ontario at 8 p. m. -- Vale Day Friday, Sept. 30th.

Vale Day--Friday, September 30th--at the First Annual Malheur County Fair to be held in Ontario promises to be a record day. Everybody in Vale will attend on that day. The Vale band will be there with the best of music. Hundreds of residents have already signed their intention of attending on Vale Day. A move is now a foot among the business men to close their places of business on that day so that all clerks and employers can attend. It is also understood that the public school children will be given a holiday. It is a large and happy thing that will leave on next Friday morning for the Fair City on the 8 a. m. o'clock special train.

Of course the fair begins on Tuesday and there will be special trains leaving Vale every day at 8 o'clock in the morning and returning leave Ontario at 8 p. m. Every day of the fair will be a hummer but don't forget that you must be on the train on Vale day--Friday, Sept. 30th. Vale should be represented by at least 500 people.

The fair people are sparing no efforts to make this first fair a grand success. They are also making arrangements to entertain thousands of people. A committee from the Ontario Commercial club has secured a large number of furnished rooms in private residences to accommodate the overflow from the hotels and every arrangement is being made to make the stay of the guests comfortable and enjoyable while in the city during fair week. The heavy rains of the past week have settled the dust and put the roads in good shape. The half mile race track at the fair grounds is in fine shape and a large number of running horses are being worked out. There are already about 25 race horses training for the events. Four races will be run each day, the features of which will be a half mile race for a purse of \$250 and the free-for-all pace or trotting race for the same amount. There will also be one or two interesting auto races, a bucking contest and several other interesting features. The live stock exhibits promise to be the largest and finest seen in this section. Nearly all the stalls have been spoken for and additional stalls will be built. The fruit and farm products will also be large and very attractive.

COMPLAINTS FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

A complaint filed in the county clerk's office last week was that of Leonard Cole against the Willow River Land & Irrigation Co. the plaintiff in the complaint seeks judgement to recover \$20,000 in payment for certain property and water rights along Willow Creek.

OIL DRILLING RIGS WAITING FOR REPAIRS AND CASING

A pulley was broken at the Malheur oil well the past week, necessitating a shut down while repairs were being secured from Baker City. The Columbia crew is waiting for more casing. There the small quantity of oil sand shows better quality of oil than ever.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DOING AN IMMENSE BUSINESS

The fees of the county clerk's office during the past month again show the wonderful increase in business as well as the gain of population of Malheur county. For the past month County Clerk Mulkey reports that the fees amounted to \$761.00, by far the heaviest month ever known in the office.

The Oregon-Idaho Lumber Co. can save you money on your building material. See Dr. Roberts about your glasses.



and which contained 60 feet of water with a splendid artesian head. He also took samples of the gas at the springs in section 32, which easily ignited and exploded when a match was applied. Mr. Bishop goes on to California where he spends his winters, but his data will be sent east where preparations will be made to form the company and the putting in of another rig in the Vale field. Dr. Roberts guarantees his glasses to fit.