

NEW WOOL SACK SAVES MUCH ROOM

Twenty-five Per Cent More Wool can be Loaded in Car--State Railroad Commission Engineer Pays Visit to Vale -- Pleased With Activity Here

Vale was visited on Wednesday by W. C. Earle, Engineer of the Railroad Commission of Oregon, who was on a tour of inspection, looking over the railroad depots, tracks, etc.

This was Mr. Earle's first trip to Vale and he was happily surprised at the business activity and prosperity of this section. The large amount of railroad building in this section was also a revelation to him as he really had no idea that the Oregon Eastern, the new line across the state, was so far under way.

Mr. Earle makes an annual tour of inspection of every mile of railroad in the state, and to a representative of the Enterprise stated that there were less kicks registered from Vale than anywhere else.

He had been to Joseph where he looked after some wool rate cases, and while in that town, which is the home of the president of the Oregon Woolgrowers association, experimented with new wool sacks which he has invented. This new sack has square corners, is six feet long and two feet wide, and enables to load 25 per cent more wool in the cars than the old fashioned round wool sacks now in use. He believes that the wool shippers will greatly be benefitted as there will not be any loss of room in the cars.

Mr. Earle also spoke of the great benefit Vale would soon derive by being placed on one of the great transcontinental railroads of the country.

VALE A REAL RAILROAD CITY

"Vale is getting to be quite a busy place," said W. L. Wattis of the Utah Construction company in charge of all the Oregon Eastern railroad grading west of this city, to an Enterprise representative last Saturday as he got off the train at the station.

The chief of construction men seemed to be in good spirits as reports had been coming in to him that railroad work was moving on most satisfactorily. Mr. Wattis drops in to Vale frequently to look over business at the headquarters in this city and every time he sees greater activity in the local railroad yards. It is understood that several sub-contracts are to be let soon for work in the Riverside country and that hundreds of more men are to be brought in.

Every train is bringing scores of railroad laborers and Vale has the appearance these days of a real railroad city.

POSTAL BANK NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Vale's postal bank is now open for business, Postmaster Virgil Staples having received his commission on July 1st. Few applications have already been made to deposit money with Uncle Sam.

"The postal savings system is established for the purpose of providing facilities for depositing savings at interest with the security of the United States government for repayment," said Postmaster Staples when questioned about the new postal bank.

"Accounts may be opened and deposits made by any person of the age of 10 years or over. No person can have more than one account at any one time and that person must be a patron of that office. No account may be opened for less than \$1, nor will fractions of a dollar be accepted for deposit, while no person is permitted to deposit more than \$100 in any month nor to have a total balance to his credit at one time of more than \$500 exclusive of accumulated interest. The interest on all deposits is at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, payable annually.

On Wednesday three Austrians were the first to deposit in the postal bank each putting in \$100 making on deposit already a total amount of \$300.

SAVE MONEY BY BUYING COAL DURING JULY

Now is the time to buy your coal for the long winter season. To look after this matter this month will mean a large saving to every resident of this section as the Empire Lumber Company of this city is making special inducements.

Manager M. E. Thayer states that the price of coal now is \$8.50 per ton, and that he will allow \$1 off per ton for storage in the purchaser's bins, so that anyone buying coal at the Lumber Co. during July will save \$1 per ton. After July

WHAT'S DOING IN VALE RAILWAY YARDS

Six carloads of railroad ties arrived yesterday morning on the regular train to be used in the tracklaying of the Oregon Eastern.

Division Engineer Cambell of the Oregon Short Line arrived in the city yesterday morning and expressed some astonishment at the immense proportions of the railroad works going on in local yards.

One and a half miles of track has been laid to date on the Oregon Eastern railroad.

Large coal bunkers are being erected at the west end of the local railroad yards along the main line of the Oregon Eastern.

The material yards present at the east end of the local yards a busy scene these days on account of the vast amount of construction material arriving daily on special trains.

Every day sees more railroad laborers arriving on the trains and special wagons are hauling men out to the canyon camps.

COMES FROM OGDEN FOR HOMESTEADS

Utah Man Here to Secure Government Land for Himself and Three Others

J. A. Flinchbaugh, of Ogden, Utah, has been in Vale the past week for the purpose of looking over this section of the country. Mr. Flinchbaugh is looking after some homestead land for three other parties besides himself.

It depends a great deal on his report whether his associates decide to come to Vale. This far Mr. Flinchbaugh is well pleased and is sure he will find some good tracts.

It is the intention of these people to come and live on their homesteads at once and cultivate them as fast as possible. They are also anxious to get them in the vicinity of a section where there is plenty of work and the fact that railroad work is on full blast at this time makes it doubly sure that these Utah people will settle near this city.

ONTARIO PEOPLE MEET WITH THE COUNTY COURT

W.J. Pinney, Attorney A. N. Solis and Mayor Trow, all of Ontario, were Vale business visitors last Thursday while attending a committee meeting of the Ontario-Nyssa irrigation district with the county court.

NARROW ESCAPE OF AUTO RIDERS

Collision With Train Averted by Presence of Mind of Driver

What came very nearly proving to be a fatal accident occurred Sunday when an automobile party composed of Will Wells, A. W. Conover, D. M. Taggart and C. F. Callen were almost run over by the Vale passenger train seven miles east of Vale and only for the great presence of mind of Mr. Wells the entire party would have been killed. The men were on their way from Ontario to look at some land near Vale, and as they attempted to cross the track one of the men noticed the passenger train rapidly approaching and called out a warning to Mr. Wells who was driving the car. As the car slowed down Mr. Wells released his foot from the clutch thus killing his engine, which stopped his car in the middle of the track. Quick work upon the part of the men in pushing the car from the track saved their lives as the train sped by just about two seconds afterward. Mr. Wells states that no warning whistle was sounded, neither did the train slow down in the least although they could be plainly seen for some distance. All of the men in the party were completely unnerfed after their narrow escape, and although they continued their trip, the pleasure of what would otherwise have been an enjoyable ride was overshadowed by their terrible experience.

LEAP YEAR GIRLS TO TREAT BOYS TO DANCE

On this evening in the Skating rink will take place a real leap year dance with Vale's most popular young ladies in charge of affairs. The boys are promised a rare treat and it goes beyond saying that they will dance to their heart's desire. The famous Fadette orchestra of Caldwell will furnish the music and everybody is invited.

Those in charge of the arrangements are the Misses Florence Moffit, Hazel Hess, Edith Neely, Amelia Gwilliams, Minnie Peterson, C. Bri-vanderhoof and E. M. Emswiler.

ARE PICKPOCKETS BUSY IN TOWN?

Small Purse Containing Between \$40 and \$50 in Bills Disappears Mysteriously

Mrs. James Harvey reports the loss of a small pocketbook containing between \$40 and \$50 in bills. On last Monday she went to the First National bank to cash a check, and walking to the wall desk, took the check out of the pocket book to endorse it.

This done, Mrs. Harvey, leaving her purse on the desk, stepped to the Cashier's window where Assistant Cashier Lawrence waited on her. They talked for a few minutes and Mrs. Harvey walked out of the bank.

The next day when some one called at her house to collect a bill, Mrs. Harvey was unable to find her purse and it then dawned upon her that she had left her purse on the wall desk in the bank the day before. Inquiries failed to bring favorable reports. No one had seen the purse and it is still missing.

Court House News

The Ontario Building Company filed its articles of incorporation on Monday. Among the principal members of the movement are J. R. Blackaby, Wm. E. Lees, L. Adam and Boyer Bros.

The Socialists held several public meetings the latter part of last week in the court room.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Worsham, of Malheur City, were in town this week to attend to some business matters during the session of the county court.

Attorney McGonagill, of Ontario, transacted business at the court house Tuesday.

H. D. Page, F. L. Page and Elmer Wicklund, promoters of the Idaho irrigation project, accompanied by Attorney B. F. Griffith of Boise, were looking after business at the county court house this week in connection with their project, which has become involved through the failure of the payment of taxes, with the result that some of the property will be sold early next week for taxes.

On Wednesday marriage licenses were granted by the county clerk's office to James O'Hara and Millie Fuller; also to Elmer Wain and Lola Vreeland.

HILL RESIDENCE SCENE OF PLEASANT MUSICAL

The Hill residence was the rendezvous of a most enjoyable gathering on July 2nd when Miss Esther R. Hill entertained a large number of her friends at a musicale consisting of selections by a number of the best local musical talent.

The evening program was as follows: Instrumental solo "Novellette" by Miss Hill; vocal solo "The Rosary" by Mrs. H. R. Dunlop; instrumental selection "The Last Hope" by Julien Hurley; vocal duet "Life's Dream is O'er" by Mrs. Dunlop and Mr. C. B. Smith; instrumental, "Air De Ballet," by Mrs. J. Keeny; instrumental, "Loreley" by Miss Hill; and vocal solo, "King of the Wids" by Mr. F. R. King.

Those present were Mesdames Dunlop, Caviness, King, Hill, Kreney, Osborne, Rigby, Misses Hill and King Messrs. Hurley, John Rigby, King, and Smith. Out of town guests were the Misses Morrow and Matlock of Portland.

BIG PIANO CONTEST

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Watch for them and get your friends to do likewise.

Every candidate entered has five chances of winning a piano prize.

Each prize offered represents an elegant instrument.

Ballot box now open and prize piano on view at the Vale Trading Co's store. Your inspection and criticism invited.

Candidates names and their standing will appear every Saturday in this publication.

The Vale Trading Company are offering bonus votes to candidates bringing business to their store.

Five hundred votes will be given for each dollar purchased made from their general stock. Candidates will learn something to their advantage by calling at the store and conferring personally with the Contest Manager.

He has plans of systematic vote collecting which will be of great advantage to the young lady candidate who means business.

Watch for the list of candidates to appear in next Saturday's issue of the Enterprise. If you are giddy of your choice is not entered, see to it that she is nominated. Better be sure and use the Coupon today--NOW!

Votes are obtained in four ways: First by clipping and sending in the regular ballots that will appear in the Enterprise each issue. Secondly, by trading at the Vale Trading Co's store and selling due bills. Thirdly, securing prepaid new subscriptions to the Enterprise. Fourth, by turning in money on bank subscriptions to the Enterprise at the Vale Trading Company.

Wm. H. Kuechens was in town Tuesday from the Bonita country.

TRANSFORMATION OF DEAD OX FLAT IS ASTONISHING

Large Acreage now in Orchards and Grain--Other News of That Section of County

The famous Dead Ox Flat of this country has never looked more prosperous according to a statement made Thursday in this city by L. C. Higby, a homesteader of that section who was in town on business.

"The lower flat is practically all under water, and it looks mighty encouraging as the crops have had a wonderful growth this season," said Mr. Higby to an Enterprise reporter.

"It will not be long before the upper flat will also be irrigated as steps are being made now to secure a power site on the Payette river for the purpose of generating electricity for the pumping of the water of the Snake river on the large body of land."

Among some of the new improvements in the transformation of the Dead Ox flat are 240 acres in orchard and 40 acres to peas by the Miller Bros., 40 acres in fruit trees by Geo. Windele, 40 acres in orchard by W. S. Brundage, 80 acres in wheat and barley by Herman Miller, 40 acres to Orchard by George Lattins, and 40 acres in grain by his brother Elmer Lattigg. Ralph Anderson and his father have 80 acres in grain, have built a large barn and this last spring drilled a fine well. The Crystal improvement company has 3000 acres along the river front under water, their system having just been completed.

As the result of a petition a school will be started this fall on the upper flat for the benefit of the 16 children in that section.

Mr. Higby has drilled a number of wells for the homesteaders of the flat during the past six months and in every case fine pure water has been found.

Architect Jaquith, who designed all the Moore buildings in Ontario, was in Vale Thursday on business accompanying Mr. Higby.

SUICIDE LEAVES MONEY TO SISTER

Note Found in Anderson's Overall Pockets Addressed to T. P. Worsham--Tells all Goodbye

That James Anderson, the young man of Malheur City, whose body was found last week on the banks of the Willow Creek, had planned to kill himself has come to light through the note written in a note book found a few days later in his overalls.

"In some manner the overalls had not been searched at the time of the inquest," said Dave Worsham while in town Tuesday. "The doctor had taken the clothes from the body and had already prepared it for burial when the Coroner arrived and the overalls were forgotten until the next day when I found this note book."

The note book shown by Mr. Worsham indicated three attempts of the young man to write something. On the first two pages he had started to write, but on account his nervousness failed to make it clear and so scratched part of the writing before completing. On the third page he wrote a note to T. P. Worsham asking him to pay to his sister, Mary Anderson, \$220, and then signed, "James M. Anderson." At the bottom of the page he added in very plain writing, "Goodbye all and every body".

CONSTRUCTION MEN INVADE INTERIOR

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construction company, and during the past two weeks their large number of laborers have accomplished much work.

Good progress is reported at the big tunnel at Mile post 39, especially on the west end, while on the east end considerable delay and trouble has been caused by slides.

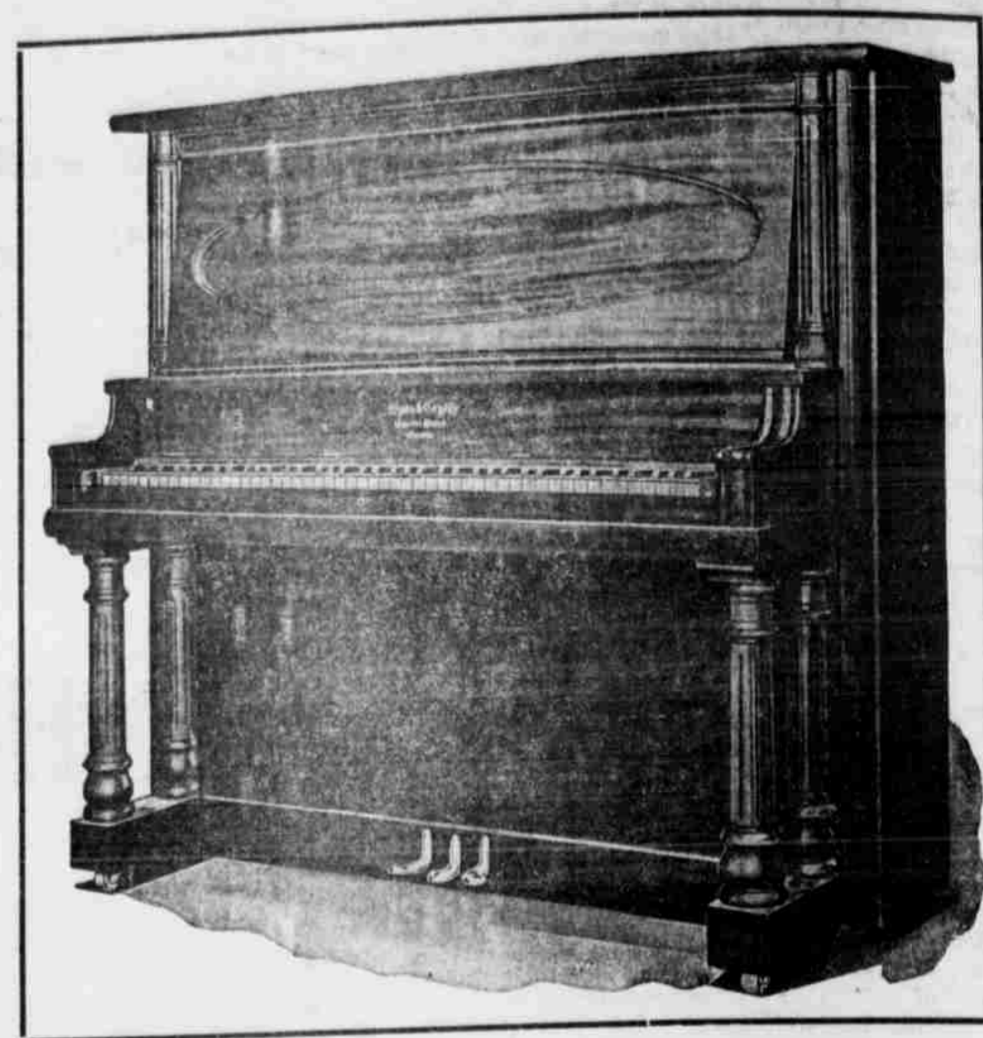
The big compressor is on the ground and soon will have been installed for the generating of electricity for the operating of the air drills when night shift can be put on as well as the day crews.

The Wasatch Construction company have three large camps east of this tunnel and they are increasing their forces every day.

On the Horn ranch, 35 miles west of this city, Contractor O'Neil is working large number of men and progressing rapidly with his sub-contract, while Mr. Goldsmith is making excellent progress on the Harper flat, between mile post 25 to 30. From this on east into Vale the roadbed is practically completed and ready for the rails, bridge men putting bridges and temporary spans across the river and creeks. The big piers are being put in for the Malheur River bridge but it is understood that temporary spans will be used in order not to delay tracklaying.

According to one of the complaints filed in the circuit court the past week J. S. Edwards of this city is seeking to recover from H. N. Ford a wife a note of \$1,000 with 10 per cent from August 28, 1911. The papers also pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The machinery

How Would This Look in Your Home?



We paid \$350 for it. Yours for nothing. Want this piano? It belongs to the person receiving the greatest number of votes in our FIRST VOTING CONTEST. Fill out the coupon below, and nominate yourself, or a friend. It will cost you nothing, or the friend nothing.

Act Quickly, \$1330 in Prizes, Five Lyon-Taylor Piano Prizes

- First Prize To the person receiving the highest number of votes, a Lyon-Taylor Upright Piano, worth \$350
- Second Prize A due bill for \$260 to apply as payment on a Lyon-Taylor Piano
- Third Prize A due bill for \$250 to apply as above
- Fourth Prize A due bill for \$240 to apply as above
- Fifth Prize A due bill for \$230 to apply as above

Each candidate will have five chances to qualify for a Piano Prize

How to Obtain Votes

Make your purchases at the Vale Trading Co's store and get your friends to do likewise. Every dollar purchased in general stock means 500 Votes. And every yearly subscription to the Malheur Enterprise, new or renewal at \$2 per year, means 1000 Votes, or six months subscription, new or renewal, at \$1 for six months, means 500 Votes. Malheur Enterprise subscriptions taken at Vale Trading Company or at Malheur Enterprise office. Be sure to get your votes.

Ballot Box Open

and sample Prize Piano on exhibition in our bargain department. Contest officially opened with this announcement and will run without interruption until 10 p. m. December 24, 1912. Watch the Enterprise for further announcements.

Who Do You Think Ought to Have the Piano?

Fill out the coupon and send it in. It will not cost you anything and will count 1000 votes for your candidate

COUPON Good for 1000 votes when used to nominate a new candidate.

I VOTE FOR _____

Free Piano Contest

VALE TRADING CO. MALHEUR ENTERPRISE

PORTER ADMITS HAVING CONTRACT COOS BAY LINE

Has 82 Miles Beginning Where Towyh Bros. Leave off, 23 Miles West of Eugene

A representative of this paper interviewed R. B. Porter and Grant Smith of the firm of Porter Bros., railroad contractors, who were on the bay Monday, says the North Bend Harbor.

Mr. Porter admitted having the contract to construct 82 miles of road for the MacArthur-Perks Co., beginning at the Notti tunnel, 33 miles west of Eugene, to and including the big tunnel south of Gardner, which is 4200 feet long. He said that work would be commenced just as soon as possible, and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The machinery

and camp supplies will be shipped from Portland direct to Gardner and the Siuslaw, headquarters being probably at the later place. He hoped to have a great deal of work done on the grade before the rainy season, but proposes to keep at the tunnel work all winter.

The gentlemen were royally entertained while here, being piloted about the bay by A. L. Powers, mayor, and Captain Simpson and others. They expressed themselves as being confident that Coos Bay was on the verge of a most healthy growth, and predicted many things for our town. They left Tuesday afternoon for Portland, overland.

Saturday MacArthur-Perks Co., with headquarters in North Bend, sent out the first scow load of camp material for the first camp, which is located on the D. M. Reyley ranch on North Inlet. The scow was loaded heavily, and its cargo consisted of several tents, mattresses, a complete cooking outfit, a large supply of provisions, lumber, axes, saws, etc. The camp is in charge of the general

foreman, E. H. West, who will stay at the camp until he gets other camps opened up. The first load of material was photographed as it started from the wharf and seated on the scow were Thomas Dixon, acting general manager; J. H. Cook, financial agent; Frank Webber and Henry Wieck, of the McArthur-Perks Co., and others.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS ARE FILED

Right-of-way agreements on the Dead Ox Flat have been filed during the past week and show that the Snow-Moody Development Company has secured right for the running of irrigation ditches through the property of J. E. Putman, Mattilda T. Campbell, Samuel W. Applegate and wife, Minnie Saffan, Angus McDonald, Gilbert Stave and H. H. Hambley.