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Greatest Soil Expert of the United States Says Dry Land of this Section Will Grow Most Abundant Crops Every Year If Proper Methods of Conserving Moisture in the Rich Soil Are Carefully Followed

PLANT CROPS IN FALL SAYS PROF. T. SHAW

Winter Rye, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Speltz, Vetch Dry Land Crops

BIG HARVEST CERTAIN

No Question of Success on Summer Fallowed Land Says Director of Forty Experiment Stations—Hill Soil Expert Getting Data for Second Report

That there are very few places in the Eastern Oregon country that cannot be made to produce abundant crop harvests every year is the opinion of Prof. Thomas Shaw, the great soil expert of the Hill railroad system, who was in Vale Tuesday. "There is no question of success in the farming of the dry land of this section if the proper methods are closely followed," added the dry farming expert. "Of course, the moisture must all be retained in the soil and the land must be summer fallowed."

Prof. Shaw was in Vale on Tuesday for a short visit while on an inspection trip over the holdings of the Oregon & Western Colonization company whose chief owners are Louis W. Hill of the Hill railroads, and Pres. W. P. Davidson of St. Paul who is well known by the residents of Eastern Oregon. Prof. Shaw will go as far as Burns on this trip and will gather data for a second report. (Continued on page 2)

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DIES IN UTICA, N. Y.



JAMES S. SHERMAN

Vice-President James Schoolcraft Sherman of the United States died in Utica, N. Y., at 9:42 o'clock Wednesday night of uremic poison caused by Bright's disease.

Mr. Sherman had been ill for a long time as his doctors on Wednesday morning announced to the world that his death was only a question of a few hours.

There was a slight relief shortly after 7 o'clock caused by an apparent improvement in the condition of the kidneys, but it did not prove real or lasting and at best gave only temporary hope. At 9 o'clock the patient's

temperature rose to 106. From that time his condition rapidly passed from bad to worse until the end. All the members of the immediate family were witnesses to the final scene.

Vice-President Sherman was born in Utica on October 24, 1856. He was married in 1881 to Carrie Babcock at East Orange, N. J. They have three sons, Sherill, Richard U., and Thomas M., all living and in business in Utica.

Utica, N. Y. — James S. Sherman will be buried today. Funeral services at First Presbyterian church at 2 P. M.

IS HILL TO MAKE A MOVE?

Traveling over the Eastern Oregon country this week with Prof. Shaw, the famous soil expert of the Hill railroad system, is Engineer A. J. Wiley who says he is looking over the country with a view of future developments. Outside of this explanation Mr. Wiley's mission is a mystery.

However there is every reason to believe that he is connected with the Hill railroad system, at least whatever little information he dropped pointed out in that direction.

He expected to go on to Burns with Prof. Shaw and from Burns on over the remainder of the road land grant, owned by Louis Hill and W. P. Davidson, as far as the Deschutes country where the Hill railroads have already invaded the Central Oregon country.

When questioned as to whether he was on a mission connected with the irrigation of some of the land in the road land grant Mr. Wiley replied that he was not. When asked whether his trip had anything to do with Hill railroad plans he evaded the subject. His trip to the Deschutes country indicates that there may be something doing soon in the way of railroad building by the Hill system.

WILLOW CREEK WATER USERS FILE APPEALS

In Local Circuit Court Against Award of the Board of Control

AWARD MADE SEPT 30

Appellants Seek Court For Minor Changes in Decree of Board of Control in Determination of the Relative Rights of Various Claimants.

Several appeals from the recent award of the Board of Control of Division No. 2 in the matter of the determination of the relative rights of the various claimants to the waters of the Willow Creek were filed in the local circuit court the past week.

Lawrence Faulkner, Pat Faulkner and D. F. Boggs versus Frank O'Neill, W. J. Scott and the Willow River Land & Irrigation Company is the title of the first appeal filed with County Clerk Morfitt on Tuesday afternoon. (Continued on page 6)

ASKS HELP FOR DESTITUTE FAMILY

Salem, Oct. 27.—Governor West has received a letter telling of the pitiful plight of a family in Eastern Oregon. The communication was from a disinterested person who asked whether it would be possible for the executive office to assist the family.

Mrs. Hubbard Walters of Owyhee, the author, enclosed the letter from the destitute woman, a Mrs. Brunt, who lives near Ironside in Malheur county. The woman is the mother of fourteen children the youngest of which was born last month. They have been burned out of their little home, and without a change of clothing are subsisting on the charity of the neighbors.

Those willing to help relieve the situation with donations of any kind are requested to communicate with Mrs. Walters through the Governor's office.

J. W. Thomas, of Nyssa, transported business in Vale Thursday. F. L. Johnson, of Malheur City, has been in town this week.

WASATCH CO. TO COMPLETE CONTRACT IN TWO WEEKS

Enormous Cut in Malheur Canyon Near Mile Post 38 on Which Company Has Been Working Since First of Year to Be Completed Next Week.

The roadbed of the Oregon Eastern railroad through the Malheur canyon is practically completed as far as Mile post 38, or rather up to the east portal of the 2500-foot tunnel. This was the statement made a few days ago to an Enterprise reporter by G. H. Chaffin of the Wasatch construction company.

Since the first of the year the Wasatch company has completed about five miles of roadbed grading and next week will complete an enormous cut when two big cuts containing 7000 yards of dirt and loose rock will have been finished. This done tracklaying can be rushed as far as the big tunnel.

Mr. Chaffin reports that the two long piers are being put in for the two long steel bridges which are to be built between Mile post 36 and 37. These spans are 200 and 300 feet long.

Mr. and Mrs. William Skinner, of Jordan Valley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Tapp in this city Thursday and Wednesday. Mr. Skinner is a cousin of Mrs. Tapp.

RAINFALL COMES IN TIME FOR PLOWING

As the result of the rain storms of the past week this section of the country has enjoyed a rainfall of 1.09 inches and ranchers and stockmen are now rejoicing for the fall plowing can now be done while the range will be greatly benefited.

During the month of October there were 23 clear days, 5 cloudy days. The highest temperature was 76 and the lowest 12.

MALHEUR IS THE GREATEST SHEEP COUNTY IN OREGON

Salem, Or., Oct. 30. There are 2,000,000 sheep in the State of Oregon. The total valuation of Oregon sheep is placed at \$9,639,200, or an average value of \$4 each. Oregon sheep produced 18,500,000 pounds of wool the past year.

These figures were prepared by Herbert Boylen, secretary of the Board of Sheep Commissioners, for the biennial report of State Labor Commissioner Hoff. The county in the state having the largest number of sheep is Malheur, with 380,000, and Umatilla, Lake and Morrow are next, with 200,000 each. Eight thousand and twenty-two men are employed in the industry annually by 5830 firms.

Future Looks Bright for the Towns of the "New Empire of the West"

Every thing is on the move in the town of Westfall since construction work started on the Lamberson dam of the Bully Creek irrigation project, and prospects were never better for the making of the finest and busiest state town in the interior country, said D. H. Lamb and Jack Napton, two prominent Westfall residents while in this city on Wednesday afternoon.

There are a number of big tents stretched on the lower end of the Lamberson field just above the dam site, and there is about 60 men engaged in preliminary work. However, so far as I could learn, there will be no big work started until the

36 MILES OF O. E. RAILROAD NOW COMPLETED

Track Can Be Extended From Mile Post 20 To the Harper Ranch

WILL GO ON TO TUNNEL

Grading Contractors Expect to Have Roadbed to Mile Post 39 Completed Within Two Weeks and Ready for the Tracklaying --Will Resume Work From Little Valley on November 1st



"It thirsts and burns for distinction; and, if possible, it will have it. It is unreasonable, then, to expect that some men, possessed of the loftiest genius, coupled with ambition sufficient to push to the utmost stretch, will at some time spring up among us? And when such a one does, it will require the people to be united with each other, attached to the government and laws, and generally intelligent, to successfully frustrate his design. "Distinction will be his paramount object, and although he would be willingly acquire it by doing good as harm, yet nothing left in the way of building up he would sit down boldly to the task of pulling down. Here, then, is a probable case, highly dangerous."—From Mr. Lincoln's Speech Before the Young Men's Lyceum, Springfield, Ill.

—From the Omaha Daily Bee, March 19, 1912.

NOVEMBER 9 LAST DAY FOR APPEALS IN WATER CASES

November 9th is the final date set for the filing of appeals from the award of the Board of Control in the matter of the determination of the relative rights of the various claimants to the water of the Willow Creek which was made by that board on September 30th.

During the past week ranchers along the Willow Creek interested in the recent award of the Board of Control have been busily engaged in looking up their rights and the amount of water apportioned to them as the result of the recent adjudications held here by Water Commissioner Cochran. Few appeals are expected.

Water Master Ivan Oakes, of this city who will have charge of the distribution of the water of the Cottonwood and Willow creeks under the award just made by the Board of Control, states that the time for filing of appeals on the Willow Creek adjudication will be up on November 9th. As soon as the appeals are settled he will appoint a number of assistants who will see that the water users receive the claims awarded them.

MAYOR OF NYSSA PAIRS VOTE WITH JUDGE W. R. KING

Through an agreement closed Wednesday over the wires between Robert van Gils, the Mayor of Nyssa, and Judge Will E. King, a former resident of this county who is located at the Chicago headquarters of the Democratic National campaign committee while directing the campaign throughout the Pacific coast states, the latter will not have to return to Oregon to cast his ballot for his candidate, Woodrow Wilson.

In fact, Judge King will not have to vote at all for the reason that through this agreement he has not only paired his vote for a Presidential choice with the Mayor of Nyssa who happens to be the leader of the "Bull Moose" party in Malheur county, but has also paired his vote with a prominent "Taft" man of this state whose name has not yet been learned.

This bit of news was brought to this city Wednesday by Mayor van Gils, who is not only a "Progressive" but who leaves nothing undone if it will gain a little publicity for his home town.

Marion Poole and wife have returned to Vale from their 5-acre ranch west of Astoria. They have arrived a neat langston on their place.

BANKS BROS. WILL WORK ALL WINTER ON O. E. RAILROAD

Ben F. Banks, of the Banks Brothers Construction company, a subcontracting firm on the roadbed grading of the Oregon Eastern railroad in the Malheur canyon about 60 miles west of this city, reported on Wednesday while in this city that their contract was progressing rapidly toward completion and that all the earth work would be finished within a few weeks. There remains much heavy rock work for the winter.

The Banks Brothers have been working on the Oregon Eastern roadbed since the early part of the year, their first work being the boring of the 300-foot tunnel at Mile post 59.

TO APPEAR BEFORE EQUALIZATION BOARD

The Board of Equalization is in session and this far a few complaints have been filed, and in fact those that have been brought up are of small importance as to valuation.

The Eastern Oregon Land Company,

FRONTIER WALLINGFORD ALSO "STUNG" PORTLANDER

Information received from Portland concerning H. R. Lester, the frontier Wallingford, who is being held in the county jail here in default of \$1500 as the result of his operations among the Red Putte ranchers as previously given by the Enterprise, states that Lester was a former resident of Portland and that before coming to Malheur county he lived with his wife at 647 1/2 First street.

The information further says that Lester was employed for a few months last spring by several concerns dealing in suburban property as salesman, and for a while was in

business for himself. Previous to that he followed the machinist trade.

The latter part of last July he hired an automobile from Charles Winters, who has cars for rent, with a stand at Sixth and Stark streets. Harry Kipple, one of Winters' chauffeurs, was to drive the car. Lester said he was going through eastern Oregon to buy horses and mules. He also told his story to the owner of the house where he resided. It was understood he was to pay about \$40 a day, and also the expenses of the chauffeur.

On July 27 Lester left the place at (Continued on Page 2)

VALE ALFALFA GROWERS FEAR THE WEEVIL PEST

Urging that investigation be made of the condition of hay in Idaho, alfalfa growers of Vale to the number of 50 have sent the following petition to Governor West:

We, the undersigned alfalfa growers, of Vale, Ore., beg leave to call your attention to the following conditions:

Alfalfa weevil has been found to exist in the alfalfa hay of the States of Idaho, Utah and Wyoming and the States of Washington and California have declared a quarantine against the hay from these affected states.

Given to the fact that considerable construction work is being done in

this county, a great deal of hay is being shipped from parts of Idaho, a part of which we have reason to believe is affected with the weevil. We ask that you look into this matter and, if necessary, declare a quarantine against Idaho and all other states affected. It would really be to the best interest of the alfalfa growers of Eastern Oregon to have a temporary quarantine declared until an investigation could be made.

John Wagner of Brogan was in town yesterday for the first time in two years and says Vale has grown wonderfully in that time.