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XMAS IN VALE AND MALHEUR COUNTY, 1912

Business Will Be Suspended and the Occasion Duly Commemorated.

FESTIVAL OF REJOICING

Special Services at Churches In Remembrance of Savior's Birth More Than Nineteen Centuries Ago, Trees for Children, Holiday Everywhere for Everybody

Christmas in Vale will be a day of general rejoicing. All the churches will give Xmas trees to their Sunday school scholars Christmas eve, Tuesday December 24, and there will be special services commemorative of the Savior's birth either the coming Sunday or the following Sunday the church observances being strung out so as to make the anniversary at once impressive and comprehensive in its scope.

All houses of business will be closed Christmas afternoon, and most of the stores will remain closed all day on the 25th. The schools closed Friday, as reported elsewhere in this issue. The United States Land office, the local banks and the postoffice will be closed all day, the day will be a legal holiday wherever the American flag waves, be it in Malheur county, New York or the Philippines. Announcement of the church services appears elsewhere in this issue.

XMAS TREES AT ALL VALE CHURCHES ON NIGHT OF THE 24TH

A majority of the children of Vale will experience the annual delight this year of enjoying Xmas trees. It is, in fact, easy for every child in Vale to participate in this pleasing privilege, as each of the churches will hold a Christmas tree celebration the evening before—Xmas eve. So that, if there be no Xmas tree at home, there will be one at whichever church the dear children elect to attend.

Children of Holy Trinity Episcopal parish will meet in the parish hall Tuesday at 5 o'clock and receive gifts while the candles burn merrily on the green boughs of the tree. Children of the First Methodist church will be given a Christmas treat Tuesday evening, with a program consisting of songs, recitations and tableaux. Gifts will be stowed.

"Santa Has the Grippe," a humorous Christmas cantata, will be presented by the children of the Sunday school at the Christian church next Tuesday evening. The characters are as follows: Santa Claus, Harry Beeler; Mother Claus, Mrs. C. C. Mueller; 10 fairies and 6 brownies; Little Nicholas, Jack High; Uncle Sam, Frank Mulkey; Columbia, Lois Cook; King of England, Clifford Harland; Queen of England, Mrs. Clifford Harland; Emperor of Germany, Clifford Wilson; Empress of Germany, Constance Brichoux; Christmas Eve, Evangeline Kendall; St. Valentine, Millard Nelson; Angela, Pearl Glover, Nettie Palmer, Iva Harland, Edna Misenhimer and Eva

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KEEP ICE OFF WALKS CITY COUNCIL RULING

WATSON IS ANXIOUS TO GET QUICK MAILS

Direct mail service and direct telephone connection from Vale is sought by the people of Watson, with the establishment of post offices and telephone exchanges at Twin Springs and Cow Lakes, also, says Lawrence Palmer of Watson, who was in Vale Thursday to make final proof on his homestead at Watson.

The matter will be taken up by the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting Monday night, as well as the telephone and mail service to Malheur. "It takes too long, now for a letter to reach Watson from Vale, the county seat," truthfully declared Mr. Palmer while here this week.

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Judge Officiates at 294 Weddings During His Time

During the 8 years in which he had been county judge, B. C. Richardson of this city has united in marriage 256 couples, which added to the 38 couples he joined in wedlock as a justice of the peace, prior to 8 years ago, brings the total number of weddings at which the Judge officiated up to 294.

"Just six more between now and January," declared Judge Richardson, and "I'll be satisfied."

WILL R. KING IS BACKED UP BY WHOLE COUNTY

Ontario as Well as Vale Adopts Joint Resolutions Endorsing Oregon Jurist For Important Position of Secretary of the Interior In the Cabinet of Wilson.

The Ontario commercial club and the Ontario city council have passed resolutions strongly endorsing Judge Will R. King for Secretary of the Interior. These resolutions were adopted unanimously and are conclusive evidence that this section regardless of party is strongly in favor of the man who managed Wilson's western campaign.

Following are the resolutions adopted by the Ontario Commercial club and endorsed by the mayor and city council of Ontario:

"Whereas, Will R. King of Portland, Oregon, is being prominently mentioned for appointment as secretary of the interior under the incoming administration; and

"Whereas, Mr. King is practically a native son of this county, having moved to this county with his father when a small boy, growing up among the people here and afterward spending a number of years in this city in following the practice of law, in which profession he built up a large and lucrative practice exceeded by none in eastern Oregon and gaining for himself a reputation as an able, conscientious and fearless advocate of the law; and

"Whereas, Mr. King has ably represented this district both in the state legislature and state senate thereby proving himself a fearless advocate of the rights of the people and a progressive and constructive statesman, and

"Whereas, Mr. King was called from the bar at Ontario to the supreme bench of this state and there

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PRODUCING OIL WELL BEING SOUGHT BY FIVE COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE VALE FIELD; BAKER-MALHEUR COMPANY IS PUSHING WORK

This week is the second in which active operations have been resumed by the Baker & Malheur Oil Company on their property about 2 miles south of Vale, and the steam drilling outfit is working daily. The operators have gone through one oil strata at a depth of 290 feet, and there is now 11 1/2 feet of water in their well. The water is greasy, a

"Merry Christmas"



OREGON EASTERN RAILROAD CAMPS BUSIEST SPOTS IN EASTERN OREGON

Hundreds of Men, Housed In Tent Cities, Racing Strenuously for Tunnel Mouth Ere Frost King Bottles Up Operations For the Winter; Four Construction Trains Daily Haul Carload After Carload of Material Out to Little Valley.

Tent cities, puffing locomotives, long trains of construction materials and hundreds of busy men mark the daily progress of new railroad work from 10 to 80 miles west of Vale. All efforts of the engineering department of the Oregon Short Line are being focused on a race with old winter, for the men who are bossing the big job intend to finish the track to the tunnel, at Mile Post 37, before snow flies fast enough, and ice jams hard

enough, to compel surcease of operations until spring. Nor is all the life and action confined to the construction camps up Malheur canyon, for everything which goes to Little Valley and the camps between and beyond, must first pass through Vale. The Vale yard is about 3,800 feet long. It contains one main track and four long sidings—five tracks in all—not including spurs to the various warehouses. Besides the passenger depot, express office and freight sheds, there are the water tank, coal chutes, private and public warehouses, Utah Construction company offices, supply house and commissariat, and the offices and supply houses of the Oregon Short Line—Oregon and Eastern engineering department. When the construction trains come in at night, or just as the locomotives are ready to depart

for the "front" in the morning, the great Vale yard and division headquarters resembles the New York Central yards at East Buffalo, the allied railroad yards at Blue Island, or those at Omaha, Portland or Seattle. Car after car of 75-lb. steel rails, Oregon fir ties, and structural steel, with here and there several cars of dressed beef, groceries from Ogden,

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Six Inches Snow Covers Apex Of Cedar Mountain

Six inches of snow on Cedar mountain, between Vale and Cord, is reported by D. C. Brichoux, who returned here Monday with a party of Boise people whom he took in to locate on homesteads. The party traveled in Mr. Brichoux's car, which had some hard going over the wintry road. He said the summery weather in Vale made one feel good after experiencing the boreal blasts of the interior.

VALE CITIZENS PLAN WELCOME TO WOOL MEN

Delegates to Be Introduced Into Local Hospitality By Human Dip In the Hot Springs Plunge; Melody By the Mendelssohn Glee Club; Speeches; Banquet.

Committee reports from the citizens in charge were submitted to the joint meeting of the citizens and members of the Vale Chamber of Commerce held Monday night.

The report submitted anent the entertainment of the visiting wool-growers at the convention of January 2-3-4, from the committee appointed by president Davis, is as follows: "Your committee met with Mr. Hoke, secretary of the Oregon State Wool Growers Association, and had him explain as fully as possible at this early date what would be expected in the way of entertainment.

We find that the convention will be called to order by its president, Friday, January 3, at 10 a. m., and that the regular hours for meeting will be from 10 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. each day.

Some of the delegates will arrive on a special train from Ontario on the evening of the 2nd, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the railroad company. The transportation committee has this matter in charge and we hope it will be able to report without delay, as final arrangements cannot be made until we know about the train service. In this connection, we suggest that the transportation committee also arrange for a train to leave here Sunday morning in time to catch the morning pony for Boise. The reason for this request will be obvious after we present to you our outline of the program. We suggest a program similar to the following:

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EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT BY HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS IN AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF "MOSE;" PACKED HOUSE PAYS \$109, NET PROFIT \$85

It might be said that the female of the species surpassed the male at the production of "Mose," a college comedy in three acts, by pupils of the Vale high school last Saturday night in the Vale opera house. But while the girls acted faultlessly, thereby deserving this special mention, it might also be said, and with equal truth, that the boys participating likewise excelled themselves in their portrayal of the rather difficult parts assigned.

The opera house was crowded, to the doors. Standing room only could be bought after 7:45 p. m., and those who applied later than that hour for tickets had to stand up. It was an audience representative of Vale. The whole town was there, generally speaking, and dollars and delight commingled in making everybody feel good. Applause was frequent and deserved, and everybody went home feeling that the evening had been a profitable one, both for pupils and public.

The complete cast was published in last week's Enterprise, and all of

these young men and women did very well, indeed; in fact, the entertainment provided was far above the average.

Ushers were Miss Bertha Roberts, Miss Eloise Brichoux, Miss Evangeline Kendall and Miss Eva Neely. Miss Hill was pianist. Receipts of the evening were \$109

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272 PERCENT INCREASE AT VALE LAND OFFICE

Total area of land in the Vale land district on which final proofs were made and final certificates issued from March 1, 1912, to November 30, 1912, is 18,796.43 acres. The district includes small portions of Baker, Grant and Harney counties, besides Malheur county.

The proportion of the land which is located in Malheur county is approximately 15,000 acres. This is more for the 7 months than for the entire year prior to March 1, 1912.

The increase is due to the passage of the 3-year homestead law, enabling many entrymen to prove up at once who would otherwise have had to wait two years longer. Final proofs made at the Vale land office under the 3-year homestead act of June 8, 1912, for the 5 months from July 1 to December 1 show 90 applications filed in that period in 1912 as compared with 28 applications filed in the like period of 1911, an increase of 214 per cent.

STRAWS SHOW DIRECTION THE ZEPHYRS BLOW

Indirect Confirmation of Story In the Enterprise Comes From Burns.

HILL LINE IS CERTAIN

Porter Bros., Contractors Who Built Railroad Up Deschutes, Massing Horses, Grading Outfits, Steam Shovels and Other Things for Trans-Oregon Road.

The best railroad news received here for a long time, says the Harney County News, of Burns, was a few days ago brought by a citizen who is intelligent and reliable, but he does not wish to be quoted for personal reasons.

This man assured the News that Porter Brothers, the well known contractors who had the principal work up the Deschutes river for the Hill line, have brought into Bend quite a number of work horses with the ostensible purpose of wintering them there, but when one considers that country will be recognized that nobody would think of accumulating a lot of horses there for such a purpose.

It is evident, then, that they are there for use and it is surmised that building operations on the Hill road eastward from Bend through Burns will start some of these days with

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MASONIC CEREMONY BY TWO VALE LODGES ON ST. JOHN'S DAY

Joint installation of officers will be had by Vale Lodge No. 142, A. F. & A. M., and Golden Chain Chapter of the Eastern Star the evening of St. John's day, December 27. The local Masonic societies have elected the following officers for the occasion:

Masons
Worshipful Master—J. C. Kelley.
Senior Warden—H. A. Parke.
Junior Warden—V. B. Staples.
Treasurer—Paul Freeman.
Secretary—J. P. Duniway.

Eastern Star
Worthy Matron—Mrs. C. C. Boswell.
Worthy Patron—L. W. Hope.
Associate Matron—Mrs. H. G. Guild.
Secretary—Miss Ella Raymond.
Treasurer—Mrs. I. W. Hope.

HARK, YE! ON THIS DAY, WINTER BEGINS

Today, December 21, at the hour of 11:37 p. m. Washington mean time, winter begins. Incidentally, this is also the shortest day in the year.

There was no snow in Vale until December 20, but aside from Ontario and Nyssa, Vale was about the only place in Malheur county where snow had not yet fallen up to yesterday. However, the frost king pays little heed to the calendar, at times, though during the winter solstice, from December 21, to March 21, there is more winter than at any other time in the year in these latitudes.

FORSAKES CONCRETE JOB; WEDS, RETURNS

Resigning his position as concrete foreman with the Oregon Short Line six weeks ago, H. C. King, always popular, hid himself away to Salt Lake, presumably on business or pleasure, and present results show an admixture of both.

For, he it knows, that Mr. King, while in the Utah capital, took unto himself a charming bride, with whom he returned to Vale this week prepared to begin housekeeping in the good old fashioned way. And, it is also stated that when he returns to work for the railroad in a day or two he will assume a better position than he had before.

WHITELAW REID DIES IN LONDON

WHITELAW REID, United States ambassador at the court of St. James, Great Britain, died during the week at his official residence in London, England, after about one week's illness. He had been the American ambassador there since 1905, and his death is generally lamented, alike by his home government and the British crown. Whitelaw Reid was a distinguished journalist and diplomat. He owned the New York Tribune from the time of Horace Greeley. The body will be brought back to America aboard a United States warship for burial.