

PHILADELPHIANS INVADE OREGON; DOUBT NO MORE

Party of Four, Representing Eastern Capital, Journey to Brogan and Vale and Secure Affidavits of Acre Yields of Fruits, Onions, Corn, Potatoes, Alfalfa.

A party of investigation on irrigation, agriculture and fruit-raising methods in eastern Oregon, consisting of Mrs. Martin Lane, Clarence Lane, George F. Joslin and Dr. Thomas Thurston, all of Philadelphia, Pa., have returned home not only more than satisfied with conditions in Malheur county, Oregon, but carrying samples of fruit, corn, potatoes and alfalfa, and irrigation data, the yield and possibilities of which are substantiated and certified to by affidavits sworn to by the Oregon irrigationists who raised the products. These affidavits and samples will be shown to other eastern capitalists who until this time have been skeptical as to what the soil of Malheur county can produce when under sufficient water. So skeptical were the four persons mentioned regarding the possibilities of what the land would actually produce that the journey from Philadelphia was made expressly for the purpose of a personal investigation at first hand. The party spent twelve days inspecting the lands around Brogan and Vale, and also in going over the lands of the Bully creek irrigation project now building for the watering of 20,000 acres in 1914, and 20,000 additional acres several years later. Samples of corn were secured at Lenoir, together with an affidavit from the grower, Emil Lenoir, certifying that he raised 726 bushels of corn on 7 acres and sold the same for 70c per bushel.

Another affidavit was obtained from Mr. Peterson that he raised more than 1,000 bushels of onions to the acre, and one from Robert Lockett that he grew over 600 bushels of onions to the acre this last year.

Another affidavit was obtained from Isaac Reid, showing that he raised over 600 bushels of potatoes to the acre, and one from C. M. Cole certifying that, on new ground more than 90 bushels of oats and over 70 bushels of barley were grown to the acre.

Samples of fruit were obtained from Melvin Kelly, and several samples of fruit from the younger and newer orchards.

Samples of alfalfa seed go back to Philadelphia with them from the fields of Mr. Thomas Logan and Mr. Derriek, with affidavits that their seed crop alone netted them more than \$70 to the acre.

Noteworthy as an exhibit for their eastern friends is the large assortment of ribbons and other prizes which the fruit-raisers and apud raisers and corn-raisers of Brogan and Vale were awarded at the 1912 Malheur county fair, held this year at Ontario, Oregon.

But what impressed the Philadelphians as much as anything else was the fact that they picked fruit from the trees at Brogan, as late in the year as December 7 and 8. The lands investigated by the party

Milligan Predicts Rise of the Nyssa School District

B. L. Milligan, outgoing superintendent of schools for Malheur county, predicts that it is only a question of a few years ere district No. 26, in which is Nyssa, will be the most populous school district in the county. At the last census, Nyssa school district (not Nyssa) had 254 children of school age, Vale school district (not Vale) contained 338 children, and the Ontario school district (not Ontario) 721 school children. The Ontario school district embraces 46 sections, all agricultural land, the Vale district 80 sections, and the Nyssa district nearly 100 sections of some of the very best land in the county.

MRS. C. C. BURROW A XMAS EVE HOSTESS

Mrs. C. C. Burrow entertained Tuesday evening with a novel Christmas tree party, the term "crazy" being applied to the gifts, which were of the oddest possible designs. Music and cards concluded the festivities. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Houston, Ralph and Dale Hoyt, Phil Ashford, Miss Edythe Neely, Miss Edna Loveland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones and Miss Lela Jones, Miss Maurine Jones and "Snookums" Burrow.

READY FOR WOOL GROWERS.

Chamber of Commerce and Citizens' committees got together Monday night, and laid final plans for the entertainment of the wool growers in Vale, Jan. 2, 3 and 4. All gentlemen as well as all shepherds, are invited, a number of Idaho people will also be asked to attend.

ENGINEER SCALDS EYES.

Robert Bacon, engineer on the daily freight to little Valley, on locomotive 727, got his face in direct contact with a hot jet of steam from the cab hose Monday, and as a result is laid up with a pair of very sore eyes. He left Tuesday for Boise, to consult a specialist and spend the holidays.

Heeds the Enterprise

Ossco, Mich., Dec. 19, 1912. Malheur Enterprise, Vale, Oregon. Gentlemen:

Please discontinue sending the Enterprise to Michigan, as we leave here at once for Oregon. Thanks for your paper and the interest you have taken in us. Wishing you success in the future, I remain,

Respectfully,
E. E. OSMUN

Miss Emma Nelson, who is a teacher in the school at Weiser, spent Christmas in Vale visiting her father, J. M. Nelson, who also had as his guests his son-in-law and other daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cummock, of Boise. All of the visitors returned to Idaho Thursday.

from the East adjoin the lands which are to be irrigated by the Vale-Oregon Irrigation company, more popularly known as the Bully creek project.

NEW OIL LANDS SOLD AT PRICE OF \$937 ACRE

Fair Idea of What May Be Expected In Event of An Oil Boom at Vale Taken, By Way of Example, from Transfer of 160 Acres in Coalinga Petroleum Area.

The following extract from The Oil Age is indicative of land values in a newly developed oil field— "W. P. Hammon, who entered into contract about two years ago to purchase several properties in the Coalinga field, including the holdings of the Republic, Empire, De Luxe, Silver Tip and others, has recently made another payment on account of these purchases this payment, it is said, aggregating \$150,000. We understand that this includes the final payment on account of the purchase of 160 acres in section 12 20-15, near the town of Coalinga, upon which drilling has been progressing for more than a year by the Syndicate Oil Company."

MISS LELA JONES IS XMAS MORN HOSTESS

Christmas morning, Miss Lela Jones entertained at breakfast, her guests being her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones and Miss Maurine Jones, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Burrow and "Snookums" Burrow, Ralph and Dale Hoyt, Phil Ashford, Miss Edythe Neely, Miss Edna Loveland.

ZERO TEMPERATURES IN VALE.

Temperatures the early part of this week hovered around zero, the cold being accentuated somewhat by early morning mists but during the day the sun brought the thermometer well up around 32 degrees. The temperature at sunrise Christmas morning was 2 above zero, Thursday 17 above and Friday 9 above.

CROWBAR FRACTURES SKULL.

Nick Gribich, an Austrian, was struck across the face Thursday afternoon, at Mile 20, by a crowbar, and sustained a compound fracture of the skull at the right temple and had his nose shattered by the force of the blow. He was brought in to Vale by two attendants and put to bed at the local hospital. He will be sent to the railroad hospital at Salt Lake City.

Stone's Christmas Message

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 26, 1912: John Rigby, Malheur Enterprise, Vale, Oregon. Prosperous New Year to Valeites and faithful supporters of Enterprise. Numerous inquiries about Malheur county. Keep boosting Vale and watch her grow.

THE CHRISTMAS DANCE AT THE RINK WAS WELL-ATTENDED, AUGURING WELL FOR THE OTHER HOLIDAY DANCE TO BE HELD AT THE SAME PLACE NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Christmas Spirit Pervades Recess of Kerfoot Hotel

The following "Christmas Greeting, 1912," was composed by Richard Campbell, who with other souls is awaiting trial in the Malheur county jail:

'Twas the day before Christmas at the Kerfoot hotel, Each inmate therein had a story to tell; The first, a bright youngster, who had gone astray Raising checks was the cause which brought him this way.

"Say, boys, I've a mother, home, loved ones and all, And I've never before been behind a stone wall. Believe this or not, you can take this from me, A real goody-goody boy hereafter I'll be."

Then up spoke Green, a lad we call "Red"— This is because of the bright hue of his head— Saying, "The charge against me is stealing three guns, Supposed to be worth various sums; Of the theft, I know nothing, though they have me in jail, Three long dreary months; yea, it makes my heart quail."

Wallingford "Second," though Lester's his name, Then told us of how he had gained his fame. An automobile, at \$40 per day, Took him gaily along, gave him prestige that way;

Buying horses and mules, and for them he gave Checks they claim worthless—even call him a knave. Concluding, he said, with his blond head held high, "They may think me a fool; they don't know a 'wise guy.'"

Next comes "Curly" Sholtz; dark, handsome and tall— Being used to the range, had a cowboy's gait— Just borrowed a saddle, which surely he'd need;

Without it, he could not mount his noble steed; Return it, he intended; he said, next spring; We believe him, because his voice has a truthful ring.

The Dash of "Sagebrush Annie," The "Dean" of the inmates, bald-headed and grave, Smiled whimsically as this story he gave:

"Though a hard-working man I always have been, For whisky I've passed up many a 'ten,' The fumes of which has oft' made me glad; But the last time, I swear, they sure drove me mad.

A 'steel monster' appeared in my vision that night, Making my soul a-shudder with fright. I can not tell how, nor do I know why, But the feeling o'erpowered me to 'conquer or die.' A lever I pulled, then a shriek and a wail! 'Sagebrush Annie,' locomotive, was headed for Vale."

The author, of course, trembled with fright! As they asked him to tell of his present plight, For the sensitive soul of the "poet" well knows Apollo won't stay, unless truth freely flows; Yet bravely he looks at these innocent men.

Some, of course, are thinking of the Oregon "pen," The crime, boys, I think, was a rather raw deal, A suit-case they claim I was trying to steal. Of clothes I have plenty, a trunkful or two, But, of course, it's unnecessary to plead innocent to you.

The truth is oft' told in a gay, merry jest, Let us all forget crime and sing with the "Blest"

Ring out! ye Christmas Bells! There is joy today! For a savior to the world is born. See the Angels gather joyfully and say, Happy is the world this Christmas morn.

Ring out! ye Christmas bells! Sound the glad, triumphant song! "Peace on earth, good will to men." Blessed news—peal merrily along A Savior to the lost is born.

USE TELEPHONE FOR FIRE OR THE POLICE

For the benefit of 'phone subscribers, the telephone company is installing a new police and fire alarm bell on the outside of the Nielsen building under the window in which is the telephone exchange in Vale. The bell is 12 inches in diameter, and will be rung by the operator whenever a fire is reported by telephone from any part of the city.

For a police call, central will turn on a light near the bell, which when seen by the marshal will call his attention to the fact that his services are needed, possibly in some remote part of town heretofore without police protection.

GROW RICE SUCCESSFULLY IN GREAT SACRAMENTO VALLEY

That rice can be grown successfully, on a commercial scale, in California and on the Pacific coast has been demonstrated by the first crop now being harvested near Richvale in the Sacramento valley. From officials of the Southern Pacific company, it is learned that the 1500 acres planted early last spring are yielding 5,000 pounds per acre, or 3,750 tons for the district. This crop is a new one for California and adds an important product to the already long agricultural list of the West.

TOBACCO SALESMAN DECLARES TRADE WAS NEVER SO GOOD

James A. McCool, with the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., of St. Louis, and district manager for this end of the nation, who paid a commercial visit to Vale Wednesday, says business in his line was never better.

"Whether more election cigars were smoked this fall than ordinarily, or because of the underlying feeling of confidence in the new administration, it is the fact that business throughout the West is exceptionally good," he said; "and I look for a steady continuance of prosperous conditions."

FORSAKES HIS WIFE AND FIVE WEE CHILDREN

These Allegations Are Made In Divorce Suit Filed by Gertrude S. Wallace In Circuit Court This Week. Family Left in Abject Poverty, Pleads Plaintiff.

Gertrude S. Wallace has filed suit for divorce in the circuit court against Harry G. Wallace, on grounds of desertion and non-support. Robert M. Duncan is attorney for Mrs. Wallace.

Five children were deserted besides the mother, the defendant having abandoned his home and family, according to the allegations, in November, 1911, immediately after their home burned down on the homestead which the wife and children still occupy and cultivate, as best they can. The children are aged 10, 9, 7, 3 and 1 years, respectively, three girls and two boys.

The plaintiff asks not only for a complete legal separation, but also for the custody of all of her children, alimony of \$30 per month and individual title to the homestead.

The couple were married April 1, 1901, in this county. Wallace is believed now to be in Canada. At the time of desertion, it is alleged by Mrs. Wallace that her husband left her and the children without shelter other than a dug-out, and without sufficient food or clothing for either herself or the family.

ENTERPRISE QUOTED BY 29 NEWSPAPERS IN 30-DAY PERIOD

Few, if any, county seat newspapers in Oregon, outside of Portland, are quoted so widely as the Malheur Enterprise. That this is true is attested almost beyond dispute by the following list, which shows the number of exchanges quoting from the Enterprise during the past 30 days:

Silverton Appeal, Monmouth Herald, Lebanon Advocate, Ashland Tidings, Clatskanie Chief, Brownsville Times, Rainier Review, Hermiston Herald, Heppner Gazette, Dufur Dispatch, Gresham Outlook, Arleta News, Sheridan Sun, Stayton Mail, Springfield News, Stanfield Standard, Bonanza Bulletin, Bend Bulletin, Burns Times-Herald, Harney County News, Burns; Eugene Guard, Albany Democrat, The Dalles Chronicle, Ontario Argus, Gate City Journal, Nyssa; Jordan Valley Express; Huntington News, Emmett Examiner, Drwsey News; 29 in all. Twenty-nine in 30 days, and the Enterprise is published only once in 7 days.

Papers mentioning Vale, or quoting indirectly, included the Oregon Journal, Portland; Morning Oregonian, Portland; Idaho Daily Statesman and Capital News, Boise; Capital City Journal, Salem; Weiser Signal, Weiser American, Parma Herald, Baker Herald.

MAKES SOBEREST MAN IN THE TOWN LAUGH

S. PLATT JONES

in his 8th year with the Britt Lyceum bureau, is always invited "back" they say, wherever he gives his entertainment. He comes to Vale next Tuesday. He is an entertainer and delineator of character.

Opera house, Dec. 31, doors open at 7:30 p. m., program at 8. Reserve your seats at the Drexel Drug Store. Admission 50c. Under auspices Vale Entertainment Course. F. L. C.

MUST REMOVE SNOW AND ICE.

The City Council, at its adjourned meeting Monday night, passed the ordinance making it compulsory for all property holders in Vale to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks after each storm. An emergency was declared to exist, and the ordinance is now in effect.

Christmas will be commemorated, somewhat tardily because arrangements could not be made in time, next Sunday at the First Christian church. At 11 a. m., F. L. Cook will preach on "The Birth of the Shepherd King," and at 7:30 p. m., on "Back to Work with Joy." Music will be a feature of this service, with a baritone solo by M. Cook.

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3 SALOONS IN VALE YIELD \$7,800; 418 AT PORTLAND, \$32,000

Vale, through its city council, will receive approximately \$7,800 from the sale of three liquor licenses for the ensuing year. Portland, from 418 saloons, will receive \$16,000 for the next six months, or about \$2,000 for the ensuing year.

Taking the census of 1910 as a basis of comparison, though each city has grown considerably since that time—Vale is shown to have a population of 992 as compared with 270,214 persons in Portland. Thus, the metropolis, with more than 200 times the number of people to be found in the Malheur county capital, receives only \$400 more than four times as much money from the liquor business than Vale.

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F. D. Stark, formerly of Vale, who is now conducting a successful meat market at Winona, Wash., in renewing his subscription to the Malheur Enterprise, writes that he is glad to hear from Vale each week by reading the Enterprise, and that he does not see how anyone interested in Vale can get along without it.

Miss Mattie Hoffman, trained nurse at St. Alphonso's hospital, Boise, who has been spending Xmas with F. M. High and family, returned Friday to the Idaho capital, Miss Geraldine High accompanied her as far as Ontario.



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