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## THE NAME "BARREN VALLEY" IS AN EMPHATIC MISNOMER

This Great Malheur County Mesa is Furnishing Homes and a Competence for a Large Colony of Homesteaders, who are Producing Fine Gardens, and Big Crops of Many Kinds without Irrigation

### ABOUT 15,000 BUSHELS WHEAT THIS YEAR

#### Fruit Trees and Shrubby Planted and Doing Well

L. D. West of Barren Valley was in town Tuesday on his way to Elk County, Kansas, his old home. Mr. West took a homestead in Barren Valley last May, and is well pleased with his location. He has received many letters from Kansas friends relative to this section of the state, and is taking back with him samples of grain grown in his section by dry-farming methods. He informs us that there will be harvested this year, in Barren Valley, about 15,000 bushels of wheat.

On the McCoy homestead, Blue Stem wheat averaged better than 40 bushels to the acre this year. Some of the wheat heads had 5 to 6 grains to the mesh.

Garden stuff grows well, and Mr. West says some of the Barren Valley dry-land gardens are to beat anywhere. He hopes to induce some of his old Kansas neighbors to come back with him, and help develop the Barren Valley section.

From his claim Mr. West can count 15 houses and tents on as many homestead locations. There about 100 settlers now in the valley and others are dropping in nearly every day.

Many fruit trees have been set out in addition to small fruits and shrubs, and they grow rapidly. He thinks the name "Barren Valley" is a misnomer as it is improving to be one of the most fertile new sections in Eastern Oregon. The soil is a deep rich black loam, and it looks anything but barren where the homesteader has been at work.

Water is found at a reasonable depth in the valley, and excellent in quality. A majority of the settlers are satisfied, and are busy reclaiming the lands so that they will yield returns. Several big sacks of mail find their way to the local postoffice every week. Slowly but surely the big county of Malheur is settling up with an intelligent and industrious class of citizens.

Edgar Luther Larkin in the Los Angeles Examiner, says that the incomprehensible four words are: NOTHING EXISTS BUT ELECTRONS.

Optimistic crop reports are not so plenty. The potato crop is 100,000,000 bushels short.

The tariff bill is now a fact and the country is ready for the trial.

### MORE JORDAN VALLEY LANDS TO BE IRRIGATED--33,200 ACRES

#### Tract Along Jordan Creek West of Town of Jordan Valley is Selected.

The State Engineer, John H. Lewis has filed in the local land office an application for the temporary withdrawal of a tract of land along Jordan Creek, west of the town of Jordan Valley, with a view to the filing of a Carry Act selection. The law provides that upon the application of the State, showing that a proposition to reclaim the lands has been submitted to it, the lands be withdrawn from entry for a year to give them opportunity to complete the surveys, determine what lands are irrigable from the proposed system, and complete the selection.

The application filed by Mr. Lewis shows that a proposition has been submitted by Mr. Herbert G. Wells for the reclamation of the lands. The list includes 33,200 acres, located in townships 29 S., R. 42 E.; T. 30 S., R. 41, 42, 43 and 44; T. 31 S., R. 41 and 42.

Elva St. Clair, was in town Thursday, from Creston, where she has taken a 320 acre homestead. Miss St. Clair made entry on the land in the local land office.

Mrs. E. P. Keineth, mother of Mrs. Ed. Hamilton is in Vale on a visit with her daughter and will make an extended stay.

### VALE YOUTH IS MASTER OF HIGH FINANCE.

Vale has a youth who is on the road to high finance and should later be at the head of some manufacturing trust like the sugar coterie.

This master of high finance purchased several bottles of lemon pop from one of the dispensers of such liquids, with the idea of reselling, and gaining a fair commission.

A short time after purchasing the boy returned and stated that he thought that a colored pop would sell better and exchanged the lemon for ginger ale.

In disposing of the returned lemon it was found that the boy had sold it and refilled the bottle with water and then exchanged it for the ginger ale. Thus Vale has an assured representative of the captains of industry.

#### OBITUARY

Mrs. Jennie Lucinda Davis, wife of Hiram P. Davis, died at their home southwest of Vale, on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Davis has been sick all summer, and the most of time has been a great sufferer. She was born in the state of Iowa in the year 1866. At the age of sixteen she came to Eastern Oregon, and lived close to where Brogan is now located.

In 1886 she was married to Mr. H. P. Davis and has always lived close to Vale.

Four children, a husband, two brothers and four sisters are the near relatives who mourn the loss of a mother, wife and sister.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Helman Thursday afternoon, and a large number of friends and neighbors who were present was an evidence of the respect the departed merited in this community.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, and the order attended in a body and assisted in the services. The bereaved certainly have the sympathy of the people of the community.

Mayor William Jay Gaynor, of New York, died on the Steamer Baltic, Wednesday afternoon. His system was weakened by the wound received in the hands of an insane man.

Boise and Payette valleys have shipped 192 cars of prunes and peaches to date this season.

Japan sends ultimatum to China. Demands apology and indemnity and punishment of offenders.

### QUIET WEDDING OF AN IDAHO COUPLE

Today at high noon Mrs. Annie Bradley and Wm. Ball, of Parma, Idaho, spoke the vows which unite them as husband and wife. The glad ceremony was performed by Judge McKnight.

The wedding was modest and quiet. Both parties to this contract are well known and highly respected citizens of Canyon County.

The bride is a lovely woman, whose kind deeds and loving kindness are appreciated by all who know her. She is loved and respected by the best people in her community, where she has lived for twenty years.

The groom is a man who is capable and industrious, he is full of honor and integrity, he stands well in the community where he has achieved an enviable place in the popular esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances.

May God's choicest blessings go with them through life.

### VALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

Public schools open Monday Sept. 15. Professor Ruring wishes the people to understand that those children who are entering for the first time must commence on this date. Those who will be six years of age or before February 1 may commence now.

## THE FARMERS' COLLEGE

Don't forget the farmers meeting Monday. At the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 2 p. m. for agricultural subjects and at the Odd Fellows Hall for Domestic Science and kindred subjects. At the court house in the evening.

The college professors will be on hand to answer all questions, and give all an opportunity to gain some kink in the business that will be of benefit to them in some department of their work. Information will reach from chickens to cows and from seed time to harvest. Give the College encouragement and they will soon come again.

### A BAD MAN IS UNDER ARREST

#### Much Wanted for Alleged Horse Rustling in Several States.

#### HOW HE WAS FOOLED

Cheriff Kerfoot returned Tuesday bringing Charlie Cook, wanted in four states for horse stealing. The sheriff captured Cook at Challis, in Custer county, Idaho. Cook is an old offender and well known in the west. He is spoken of as a bad man by some, although it is doubtful if this appellation is deserved, at least as it is generally understood.

It is related that at one time Cook held up a Jap restaurant and secured a box containing a large amount of silver. Desiring to make an opportunity for proving an alibi, he quickly concealed the box under a broken sidewalk and ran into a neighboring saloon.

Meanwhile he had been watched by another party, who immediately substituted iron washers for the silver and then stood guard with a gun, expecting to get Cook when he came for the box. Cook shortly appeared and the guard fired but missed. Cook opening fire with his pistol drove the other way and, grabbing the box, leaped into the Payette river and swam across with the box of washers.

His feelings may be imagined when he opened the box and found iron instead of silver.

After a tremendous battle the republicans elected Peters to congress in Maine.

### COURT HOUSE CROWDED WHEN BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MET

Protesting Taxpayers from Various Portions of the County, Demanding Lower Valuations, Thronged the Court House Monday, Mingling with Those Who had Come to Protest Mortgage Taxation

### MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR OPENS ITS GATES THE COMING WEEK

#### O. B. JOHNSON RAISES GOOD CORN

Indicating what can be done in Malheur county O. B. Johnson, a brother of engineer John E. Johnson, and who is farming on the lower Bully Creek brought in to the Enterprise office some of the best looking corn shown in any country.

Ears over 12 inches in length and 3 in diameter completely filled to the tip with perfect grains and without a blemish or worm.

This corn was grown on dry land, and demonstrates that there is absolutely no use in sending to Nebraska for corn or corn meal; that it just as well be grown at home and thus gain the freight and cost for home circulation.

#### MR. KINGMAN EXHIBITS FINE GRAPES

There was put on exhibition in the U. S. Bank windows, a sample of Concord, Sweetwater and Seedless Sultanas grown at the Kingman Colony.

The grapes are perfect and in perfect bunches well matured showing that the soil and climate is capable of producing the California product.

#### A Week of Splendid Entertainment--Ample Accommodations for All.

The Malheur county fair will be on the coming week and it will be a success. The Ontario people are centering every faculty to make it the best held and to prove to the people that their judgment was not wrong in assisting them.

County fairs do more to bring the people together and inform them of what others are doing than any other thing.

Ontario is well provided with hotels and accommodations for a crowd and they have thrown open the grounds for use of those preferring tents.

The management have provided a fine program and good prizes for competitors in all of the fair events.

It is to be hoped that the people of the county will patronize the fair and help to make it a grand success.

#### THE WINANS BROTHERS COMPLETE WELLS

Messrs. A. Winans and L. Winans arrived in Vale from Sunrise Valley where they are developing a large tract of land. They have four wells completed with a flow of water that they cannot exhaust. These wells they will case and put pumps thereon for the purpose of irrigating the land as required by the government.

Messrs. Winans are now preparing to build some dwelling houses on their property and will procure their lumber from a mill about 65 miles from their property. They find the freight rate too great to permit hauling from Vale.

As soon as these wells are in operation and houses erected, work will be commenced on the other property and continued until the entire tract is under cultivation.

### TAX ROLL THIS YEAR \$19,000,000.00

#### Last Year's Roll Showed only \$11,000,000.00

The storm broke over the heads of the board of equalization Monday and it now appears that there is general dissatisfaction with the tax roll that far exceeds, and goes deeper, than a perennial sore subject.

The people are getting to understand that they cannot stand the heavy burdens, which are yearly increasing, that public affairs bring to them. The state is far behind this year and that tax promises to be very heavy. All expect to pay their share of the taxes but are determined that they shall be equally distributed. There is no question but much of the talk leads towards a modified single tax in order that those who hold an enormous amount of land for speculation may be made to stand their proportion of the burden.

In this connection however attention is brought to land that is above the old high line survey and impossible of reasonable irrigation under any system, some 350 or 400 feet above the river, being taxed at \$40.00 per acre.

That there should be an intimate knowledge of the exact amount of land that each farmer has under cultivation goes without saying. This would entail considerable work on the assessor and his deputies but is the only possible solution of equality of assessment as between the farmers. On the matter of personal property, there still exists the old trouble that only that which is in sight is assessed and that great inequality in valuation is in evidence, which is unavoidable when each individual gives in the valuation on his own property.

The present roll with the same addition for public service corporations that was made last year will aggregate in the neighborhood of \$19,000,000 as against \$11,000,000 in 1912.

There seems to be complaint, generally, regarding taxation of mortgage notes. Not so much the actual fact of the taxation as against the method used to reach them.

One good that will result from the agitation in this respect, is the clearing up of the books of the county clerk. A large number of chattel mortgages that have been standing unsatisfied for years have been cleared up and the notices sent out by assessor Hill will have the effect of clearing up many more.

Concrete instances were submitted showing the fallacy of judgment in attempting to get even a near correct

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### FRUIT INSPECTOR WANTS A LAW

#### Some Orchardists Refuse to Care for Diseased Trees; Should be Compelled to.

J. A. Lackey, county fruit inspector, was in town early in the week attending the equalization board. Mr. Lackey looks for a prosperous year in fruit. The inspector is not pleased with the working of the law regarding spraying.

"There is great difficulty," says Mr. Lackey, "in enforcing the proper care for diseased trees. When there is one or two that refuse to abide by the law and the requests of the authorities, every orchard in the vicinity is jeopardized. The orchard lands are so scattered that it would take a big plant and many men for the county to care for the isolated trees that need immediate attention, and therefore there should be a specific penalty that would operate to induce recalcitrant orchardists to properly care for their trees."

"That there are men who will not listen to us is strange and unfortunate. It has, however been one of the main troubles of all districts."

#### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Teachers' Institute convened Wednesday as scheduled and the city was filled with Malheur county educators. The belated train brought some 80 visitors who were quickly bestowed by the committee and exercises as indicated on the program were carried out.

The meeting was an earnest and successful one from every standpoint. It looks well for the coming year to have so great an interest taken by the teachers in the discussion of their work, and earnestness with which they took hold of the matters before them.

Of the addresses, of which all were excellent, that of Dr. William J. Weese, of Ontario, entitled: "Hygiene as applied to School and Home" was exceptionally excellent in character and showed careful study and knowledge of the subject.

Prof. Ruring has demonstrated his fitness so ably at Vale that his handling of the subject: "Are Our Schools Giving the Best Possible Education to Our Children," was exceptionally able and to the point.

Owing to the illness of the county superintendent, when most needed in making preparations for the program, it was not exactly as intended, but quick action and earnest endeavor made up for the omissions.

The programs were printed on beautiful paper and were a work of art. Altogether the meeting was one to be long remembered and all were in excellent spirits and well satisfied with their work and with their treatment by the openhearted citizens of the city on the Malheur.

### NORTHWEST TOWNSITE CO. BOOMS VALE.

We are in receipt of a Vale folder issued by the Northwest Townsite Co., which is a work of art and well illustrates what others think of our city. In fact it is just such work as the Vale Chamber of Commerce, (now extinct) should be doing.

The Northwest Townsite Co. are interested in Vale to a large degree, as well as in many other towns in Oregon and Washington.

Geo. M. Bailey is President with offices in Portland and Philadelphia.

#### DRY LAND RAISES OATS

When N. H. Suittter tells a dry land story he brings the proof with him. Mr. Suittter called at the Enterprise office Friday with a sample of oats grown without water on Pole Creek, a tributary of Willow River. The oats were 5 1/2 feet in height, with heads 12 to 15 inches in length.

There were 58 stalks grown from 3 seeds. The people who are going at dry farming in a careful and scientific manner are making a success of it.

Duncan McRae, from Riverside came in Friday to find out how the assessor treated him. Mr. McRae says that other peoples troubles do not bother him much, but "I am at times sorry for a poor sheep man because he cannot protect himself," said Mr. McRae. "They don't have a chance to scout across the border and therefore get caught every time."

### SAGE BRUSH ANNIE'S RECORD OF 1913

#### Enterprise Receives Telegrams that Show the Indifference of Railroad Men Toward the Best Paying Station on Their Line.

Special to the Enterprise—It is rumored that the A-T-Co. has contracted with the managers of Sagebrush Annie for carrying the mail between Ontario and Vale. Owing to the amount of switching to be done near Nysa and Payette, the engine cannot get the mails through on a four hour schedule.

Passengers will be sidetracked as usual. If they do not like it they may walk. Their money is taken before they get aboard.

REAR END COLLISION

A jackrabbit ran into Sa gebbrush Annie as she rounded a curve. The rabbit was under full headway when he hit the rear car and is not expected to live. Annie lost her breath.

Vale—Great excitement on the streets. Oldest inhabitant suffered a collapse. Train arrived from Ontario only four hours late.

Wonder is expressed at the success of management in keeping the train back for so long. No one ever expects to live to see it again.

The following telegrams were discovered in the sarcophagus of the editor of the "Bonheur Gazette" apparently exchanged in ancient times between that paper and the managers of some railroad long since extinct:

Bellevue Pond, Ha-tu, Sept. 8, 1913.—Editor Bonheur Gazette, Bonheur, Oregon: Owing to your cessation of

### COSTUME PARTY IS A GREAT SUCCESS

The "Tacky" party given by the Civic Club was one grand success. Everyone and his cousin and aunt were there. There were some costumes that would have taken a prize in a band of Plute Indians, others that would have made the Gutter Snipe look ashamed of himself.

Most of them would have filled a jail had they been caught astray. The ladies were dressed in more kinds of costume than one would see on a Washington street in Portland on a rainy afternoon. We venture to say that Fifth Avenue in New York never had such an exhibition in its best day. True, the East side might have found a few to match the best.

At 9 p. m. the grand march was played by Mr. Wacker and the the guests and members of the Civic Club presented a wild and weird scene. The Oregon Eastern was ably represented by conductor Heaton in a slashed skirt effect in red presenting the appearance of a charming Miss of 47 weighing 300 pounds. Attorney Wheeler appeared partly clad in a diaphanous X ray gown and he is somewhere in the sagebrush going yet.

Wearily Willie was well personated by C. C. Mueller, so well indeed that it seemed that it must be natural. Mabel McLaughlin represented something or some one so well the first prize of a beautifully decorated pumpkin was presented her. Mrs. Rigby was clad in a 32 year old gown which was "tacky" to a certainty. Fifth Avenue was well represented by Miss Hayes a niece of Ernie Hayes, wearing a hobbie skirt that certainly did hobbie. Mrs. Tom Jones should have had a prize of a squash or something for she resembled tackiness personified.

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### TARIFF BILL IS PASSED

The new tariff bill passed the senate Tuesday by a vote of 44 to 37. LaFollette, of Wisconsin and Fuldstone, of Washington, voting with the democrats.

The currency bill will now be taken up and passed.

Matters financial are expected to improve.

### COURT WORK IS LIGHT

The week has been taken up in the trial of civil cases.

McGill vs. Houb, verdict for McGill.

Horn vs. Davis, verdict for Davis.

Ontario Nat. Bank vs. Blackburn, verdict for Blackburn.

Dreadful Hotel vs. G. W. O. Co., verdict for hotel.

Blain vs. Hancock, verdict for defendant.