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O. E. FORCES REDUCED

Workmen on the Oregon Eastern Railroad are Discharged and Re-hired at a Less Wage.

The Oregon Eastern laid off all of its men and paid them off Saturday. This does not mean, however, a complete cessation of work as there are about 100 re-hired to keep up the track and work in connection with the bridge contractors.

The rails are laid nearly to the first crossing beyond Juntura where stop will be made until bridge contractors have completed their contracts.

Concrete work is going forward as rapidly as possible and steel will be placed on the bridges as fast as the concrete is made ready for it.

There will not be more work done on the road toward Riverside until spring at which time it is expected that the entire road will be rushed to completion.

The next material yard will probably be at Riverside, though some rumors are afloat that a change will be made and the yards put in at Juntura.

SENATOR HARRY LANE, of Oregon, made a record speech for good sound sense regarding seamen on ocean going craft handling boats in bad weather.

BARREN VALLEY SETTLES UP

J. S. McCumsey, of Mooreville in the Barren Valley country, was in Vale the last week on business before the local and office in connection with I. W. Dayney.

"Our country," said Mr. McCumsey "has been pretty well taken up the past season by various parties and we now are quite a community. The season has been a good one in our country. The sheep are going into winter quarters in splendid condition and we are hoping for another good season next year."

Mrs. McCumsey is still with her mother in Pennsylvania and will likely remain all winter, as Mrs. McCumsey, the mother, is in feeble condition.

ADOLPHUS BUSCH, the St. Louis brewer, has been eulogized in congress, and the eulogy printed in the Congressional Record; whereupon there is a great cry of disgust from the temperance people.

CHAMP CLARK'S sister in law, Mrs. A. B. Pitzer, is making a run for congress at Colorado Springs, Colo.

A FEDERAL LAW controlling bond issues of railroads such as in force in Massachusetts is now proposed.

THERE IS A RAILROAD strike on the Sumpter Valley road.

GOOD NEWS FOR VALE MAN

George S. Mills, oil prospector of this city, has received some cheering news from his old home in Kansas.

It seems that about 15 years ago promoters came into that country and obtained leases on many of the farms. The promoters drilled a number of holes and left, plugging the wells first.

Meanwhile the elder Mills died and left the estate to his family and a short time ago parties came into the country from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and have succeeded in bringing in a number of flowing wells in the immediate vicinity of the Mills property, which consists of over 500 acres.

The result is that every one in that section is happy and prosperity reigns. George Mills has received this information from his brother now at the farm.

The highest determined point in Florida is Mount Pleasant, 301 feet above sea level, according to the United States Geographical Survey. The approximate average elevation of the State is 100 feet above the sea.

Referendum Election

Incomplete Returns Indicate a Strong Sentiment Against the Measures in the Country Precincts

Indications from over the state are that all of the referendum acts are upheld except, perhaps the sterilization act.

An extremely small vote has been cast, probably not more than 18 per cent of the vote cast at the last election.

In Malheur county the result will not be known for some days, but the indications are that the only measure that has received the support of the voters is the repair bill of the University.

In the cities and larger towns the bills all carried with good majorities but the country people voted no in almost a solid mass.

The campaign was indifferent and it is doubtful if the people in the country paid any attention to the merits or demerits but took the opportunity to vote no on everything that might be in any way construed to mean a tax, large or small.

This county has reversed itself and would probably reverse themselves again if the measures were strongly put before them, but it is not to be denied the farmers are against taxation increase.

The result so far is shown below: University Repair Bill

Vale—Yes 71, No 33; Ontario—Yes 95, No 43; Cairo—Yes 12, No 57; Westfall, 2 precincts—Yes 3, No 39.

University Building

Vale—Yes 66, No 36; Ontario—Yes 89, No 48; Cairo—Yes 10, No 59; Westfall—Yes 3, No 39.

Sterilization Act

Vale—Yes 60, No 43; Ontario—Yes 74, No 59; Cairo—Yes 20, No 49; Westfall—Yes 3, No 39.

County Attorney Act

Vale—Yes 57, No 46; Ontario—Yes 79, No 51; Cairo—Yes 17, No 49; Westfall—Yes 3, No 39.

Workmen's Compensation Act

Vale—Yes 60, No 42; Ontario—Yes 94, No 38; Cairo—Yes 29, No 38; Westfall—Yes 3, No 39.

TOTALS FOR FIVE PRECINCTS

University Repair—Yes 181, No 172. University Building—Yes 168, No 182. Sterilization Act—Yes 157, No 190. County Attorney—Yes 157, No 185. Workmen's Compensation—Yes 187, No 157.

Indefinite reports from Nyassa are that all of the bills carried by good majority.

24 precincts yet to hear from.

C. F. BOSTWICK, who manufactured the cannon for the celebrated Monitor of civil war fame, died at Atchison, Kansas, Oct. 31.

PROMINENT MEN VISIT VALE

A large delegation of Ontario elect were in town Wednesday on matters connected with the county commissioners. They were a committee appointed to confer with the board in re the proposed election to take over the county fair.

The committee consisted of Mayor A. W. Trow, Ed Fraser, W. H. Doolittle, W. J. Pinney, J. A. Lackey and attorney J. W. McCulloch.

SCOTT JOSEPH VISITS VALE. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Joseph, of Baker, paid the Enterprise office a visit Friday. It was Mrs. Joseph's first visit to Vale and she expressed surprise at the metropolitan appearance of the town.

Mr. Joseph is interested in oil lands near Vale and has been a frequent visitor, having great faith in the ultimate outcome of the field.

G. W. CATER PAYS VALE A VISIT

Manager of Rapidly Growing Inland City Enthusiastic Over Prospects for Continued Advancement of New Town.

George W. Cater, manager of the Juntura Townsite Co., was in Vale recently enroute to Boise for the purpose of placing his daughter in school.

Mr. Cater is a veteran townsite manipulator and expresses himself as more than pleased with the outlook at Juntura.

"Juntura," said Mr. Cater, "is the most promising townsite proposition that I have ever had the pleasure to be connected with. Its situation is ideal for a great center for the stock industry. The country tributary to this place has unbounded possibilities for the raising of oats and barley and rye. In the Barren Valley section as well as in Drawsey there may be quantities of wheat raised, but the whole country will produce vast crops of the above named cereals."

"In the main," said Mr. Cater, "the land is not well adapted to dry farming though in some sections wonderful crops can be produced by the Campbell system. Harney county is one of the most wonderful cattle sections in America and with intelligent management can raise beef and mutton in enormous quantities."

"We discovered, through the assistance of Mr. Huffman, one of the finest stone quarries in the west. As the stone hardens after being placed in the building and is soft when taken out and therefore easy to work, it makes an ideal building material, and at some future date will be shipped to other sections. Using as a rubble in wall cast can be handled at Juntura at a cost equaling brick at \$6.00."

"The railroad company," continued Mr. Cater, "has given us splendid facilities for handling our resources and will build a fine depot, equal in every respect to a division depot, though it is hardly possible that Juntura will be the division point, but, unless money is easier the road is likely to end at this point for some time."

W. Cottingham, P. M. Boals, O. C. Miller and W. A. Ayers were in town Wednesday on business before the county commissioners. These gentlemen are of a committee from the Dead Ox Flat country and desire a new road district set apart.

Developments in that section have assumed such great proportions that the people feel that they must have better roads and therefore have had a survey made by county surveyor Miller who attended the meeting with them.

There is little doubt but that the board will allow the petition.

Interlineal Connotations Concerning Assessments

Dear Editor:—I would like to say a few words in regard to the article headed "Reasons for Change", written by Mr. Houston, Clerk of the Board of Equalization in regard to the assessment of Sections 25 and 35 in Township 28, South, Range 39 E. W. M.

The land was assessed at \$20.00 per acre on the statements of four disinterested men and taxpayers of this County, who claimed the land was practically level and well worth \$20.00 per acre, as it was under the reservoir and could be easily cultivated and irrigated, and while the land adjoining these two sections was good land, there was no possible show to irrigate it as the company owned and controlled all the water in that section of the country.

Now, the Star Mountain project should not be compared with the Malheur Live Stock and Land Company's irrigation system, more than a whirlwind should be compared to a cyclone. As the assessment now stands, the cultivated land in Section 25 is the only cultivated land in the county which is assessed at \$6.40 per acre.

In his conclusion, he says they found the following:

"1st, That the land in question was not assessed in proportion to other lands adjoining same."

"2nd, That the company had not sufficient water to irrigate these lands." (Montie Gwinn said so.)

"3rd, That the company was discriminated against as to the other two companies and settlers around there."

(No other land around, close to them was possible of irrigation.)

"4th, That the Assessor did not act in good faith when he failed to make a personal examination of the premises as was his duty in the case."

(The Assessor did not act in good faith when he sent four reliable men to examine the land and report on their findings? The judgment of four reliable citizens is certainly of as great value as that of one man.)

"5th, That beyond a doubt the Assessor was prejudiced against this company and did not give them a square deal."

Those who are ready for water the coming season will likely have all they need and there will doubtless be enough to prove up on such desert claims as are ready for water.

Mr. Sutter, on the bench has almost his entire tract ready and some of the others are well prepared. In the main, however there will be little water need in 1914.

County Court Inspects

County Judge McKnight and Commissioner Weaver Acquaint Themselves with Road Conditions

County Judge McKnight and commissioner J. R. Weaver, returned Friday last from a swing over the eastern portion of the county. Their trip lasted 10 days and they inspected the roads and country of the Owyhee, Big Bend, Kingman Colony, Three Forks, Jordan Valley and Watson.

As a whole they found the roads in excellent condition considering the amount of work done on them. There is opportunity for an expenditure of a large sum in every district but the cost would be too heavy a burden at present.

In all sections there were found great improvement in the farms and production and a large number of new people coming in.

Kingman Colony has the appearance of soon being one huge garden, and is a wonderful change from the sagebrush and knolls of a short time ago.

"The Jordan Creek irrigation system now under construction by Maney Bros. and Wells will add a vast amount of magnificent land to the already fine country under cultivation in that section," said Judge McKnight, "and will cover some of the best land in Malheur county. Outside people do not appreciate the improvement that is going forward in this section of the county. The banks there hold over \$250,000 in deposits from the cattle industry. Feed is splendid in the hills and cattle are fat and looking well for the winter season coming on."

"The trip has been a revelation to us," continued the Judge, "and we now understand the enthusiasm of the citizens of that entire portion of our great county."

On account of illness, commissioner Kelly did not take the trip. Weather permitting, immediately upon adjournment of the present session, the court and commissioners will take a trip over the southern end of the county.

SENATOR CLAPP has introduced a bill preventing the sending of campaign funds from one state to another. Next thing will be a bill preventing public speakers going from one state to another. Secretary Bryan take notice.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Monitor asks: What becomes of the tin cans? If they will send a correspondent to Nome and Dawson they can answer the question.

ONTARIO MAN SELLS APPLES

Fruit grower Greame, of Ontario disposed of a carload of his apples Saturday last at an exceptionally high price with the understanding that the remainder of his fruit should be delivered to the same parties.

"Apples," said Mr. Greame, "have been of excellent quality the past season and the price far better than 1912. Around Ontario and on the Payette bench the crop has also been first class. We are all satisfied."

DEATH OF MRS. VINA DICE. Mrs. Vina Dice, mother of Miss Raymond, who is teaching in the Vale schools, died at 11 A. M. Thursday. Mrs. Dice came to Vale last May and shortly after her arrival suffered a stroke of paralysis of the effects of which she passed away.

Mrs. Dice was born in Pennsylvania, in 1844 and was married to Mr. Z. Raymond in 1863. In 1895 they made their home in California removing to Moscow, Idaho two years ago.

There are three children, Miss Alma Raymond, E. J. Raymond, living at Des Moines, Iowa, and Irving C. Raymond, principal of schools at Quincy, California. Mr. Irving Raymond arrived at Vale Friday.

Miss Raymond will accompany the body to the old home in Rochelle, Ill.

Mrs. Dice was a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah societies and also a member of the True Light Church of San Jose, Calif.

The funeral services will be today at 1 p. m.

DIED ON THE O. E. TRAIN

Ray Hubbel, for many years in the employ of the Malheur Land & Live Stock Co., died on the train between Juntura and Vale Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Hubbel was suffering from what appeared to be an attack of appendicitis and was placed on the train to be taken to the hospital for an operation, but it appears that he had formerly been operated upon for appendicitis and his trouble was an acute bowel disturbance.

Montie Gwinn, president of the company, was notified and notified Mr. Hubbel's mother.

DEAD BODY FOUND

H. L. Zutz Falls from R. R. Bridge and Perishes of Exposure Before Recovering from the Shock.

Henry L. Zutz was found dead near the railroad track between Payette and Ontario, Saturday night. He seemed to be unhurt by any train and a post mortem examination failed to disclose any reason for his demise.

Mr. Zutz came to Malheur county in 1895 and has been actively identified with county affairs since.

He was born in New York March 20 1854 and removed to Polk county Minn. in 1881. Was married to Miss Mary Porter in 1878. There were three children, Ferdinand, now a resident of Vale, Lillie and a son Henry who died in Ontario.

Mrs. Zutz died in 1896 and Mr. Zutz married Annie Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Long of Vale in 1898.

Mr. Zutz was a well known active citizen of the county and favorably known throughout the eastern part of the state. He was living on a ranch at Washoe about one mile from Payette. Being in good health and active no reason has been ascertained accounting for his death. His son, Ferd, thinks that he fell from the bridge and became chilled before help arrived.

ATTORNEY HAYES RETURNS

Geo. W. Hayes spent some days in Portland last week returning Thursday night. While Attorney Hayes' shoulder had apparently healed from the broken bones received last summer when thrown from an auto, his collar bone has pained him very much of late, and he took the opportunity to have an examination made by surgeon McKenzie of Portland.

Dr. McKenzie pronounced the setting perfect and the shoulder as well as could be expected. Dr. Hoople attended Attorney Hayes and was complimented by the Portland physician.

Mr. Hayes was in attendance on the supreme court during his visit.

He presented the case of I. W. Sharpe vs. C. C. Catron, on appeal from the Malheur county circuit court, as attorney for Catron, the appellant.

Messrs. Hayes, Cochran and Aiken, attorneys at supreme court, were appointed a committee to examine applicants for admission to the bar, four being examined and all admitted, and among whom was E. I. Brogan, son of D. M. Brogan, of Vale, who is now a full-fledged Oregon barrister.

THE STREET CAR strike in Indianapolis has reached a dangerous and acute stage. State troops have been ordered out and the city put under martial law.

NOTABLE R'Y MEN VISIT VALE

A special train pulled into Ontario Tuesday evening with all the notables of the Union Pacific System on board. Judge Lovett, chairman of the board of directors; Mr. Harriman, son of E. H. Harriman and one of the directors; Mr. Bancroft, of the Oregon Short Line; and Carl Stradley, chief engineer of the O. S. L.; continued on their way east.

A car was switched out at Ontario containing President Farrell, Sup't. O'Brien and Geo. H. Boschke, chief engineer of the O. W. R. N. Co., and was immediately taken to Juntura.

The train was met at Ontario by Engineer Osborn, of the Oregon Eastern, with a special engine.

The party came back to Vale Wednesday and proceeded to Brogan. It is expected that President Lovett's trip coupled with the fact that Messrs. Bancroft and Stradley accompanied them east means that action will be at once taken in settling the affairs of the two roads which now meet at Huntington.

There are rumors of some important developments in the near future, which will mean much to Ontario and the inland country.

FINE MALHEUR CATTLE

G. A. Newman has returned from a trip into the southern portion of the county reaching to the Nevada line. Mr. Newman was on the errand of distributing the ballot boxes and ballots to the various precincts in the county. "In all my travels," said Mr. Newman, "I have never seen so many fat and sleek cattle as on this trip through Malheur county. Clear to the Nevada line I met with great herds of splendid looking steers and it seemed as though every one in that country ought to be rich at the price beef is selling."

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