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SPEEDER WRECKED ON O. E.

Four Men in Wreck, Three of Whom are Badly Injured.

ALL NARROWLY ESCAPE

H. C. Smith of Hotel Drexel Cut in Head and Seriously Hurt.

Sunday afternoon, there being some fume needed at bridge 7 on the Oregon Eastern R. R., the speeder was taken out and Francis Hagg driver accompanied by H. C. Smith, chief clerk for the Drexel Hotel, F. H. Eisenhard and William Baxter started out for a pleasure ride as well as to deliver the fume. Rounding a curve well out on the line the speeder hit a rock that had rolled onto the track and the speeder was dived and the riders scattered over the country. Eisenhard suffered a broken arm; Francis Hagg, a badly strained knee and Smith, a bad cut on the head and a serious shaking up generally. Baxter went into the air and landed on his feet without a scratch. Thinking the others were killed he ran three miles for help and is very sick and sore from exertion. Mr. Smith will be laid up for some time.

ELBERT HUBBARD IN LOS ANGELES EXAMINER

The chief business of the old-time philosopher was to philosophize. To philosophize as a business is to miss the highest philosophy.

To do a certain amount of useful work every day, and not trouble about either the past or the future, is the highest wisdom.

The man who drags the past behind him, and wears his future for a bustle, spreads the present out thin.

The highest philosophy consists in keeping your health, preserving good cheer, and doing that which is useful.

Health is the most natural thing in the world. Nature is on our side—she is trying to keep us happy and well, because she needs us in her business. When we disobey the laws of health we suffer; when we obey them we are well.

And so here are a few simple facts about health—things which we should all know:

Ninety-nine people out of a hundred who go to a physician have no organic disease, but are merely suffering from some result of wrong living. This disability we call a functional disorder. Functional disorders continued may evolve an organic disease.

Most individuals who have a disease are suffering from the evil effects of medication, the medicine having been taken to relieve a functional disorder.

Many diseases are the result of medication which has been prescribed to relieve and take away a beneficent and warning symptom on the part of Nature.

And on these points all physicians are fully agreed.

The people you see waiting in the lobbies of doctors' offices are mostly suffering through poisoning caused by an excess of food.

Nature is forever trying to keep people well, and most so-called "disease," which word means merely lack of ease, is self-limiting, and tends to cure itself.

The one theme of Ecclesiastes is moderation. Buddha wrote it down that the greatest word in any language is "Equanimity." William Morris said that the finest blessing of life was systematic, useful work. Saint Paul declared that the greatest thing in the world was love. Moderation, Equanimity, Work and Love—you need no other physician.

But to put it in another way, here's the recipe:

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NOW GIVE IN YOUR THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR INCOME

The income tax law is now in full force. Advices have been received from the Internal Revenue office at Portland that blanks are now to be had upon application to that office.

Returns must be made and filed on or before March 1. The penalty for failure to make proper returns within the time specified is \$20 to \$1000, with various penalties for fraudulent returns and refusal to make returns.

Section one of the instructions reads: This return shall be made by every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and by every person residing in the United States, though not a citizen thereof, having a net income of \$3000 or over, for the taxable year, and also by every non-resident alien deriving income from property owned and business trade or profession carried on in the United States by him.

MALHEUR CO. MAY HAVE IT

Prospectors of Malheur county as well as elsewhere should be on the lookout for "Carnotite" which carries Uranium oxide and is now the most prolific source of Radium.

"Carnotite" is a yellow powdery or waxy mineral found in the SANDSTONE of the high plateau between the Rocky mountains of Colorado and the San Rafael Swell of Utah. That this is where it is now found is no certain indication that it may not be found elsewhere and is no indication that Uranium Oxide or Pitchblende may not be found elsewhere.

From a bulletin of the U. S. Geological department we quote the following: RADIUM ONCE EXTRACTED CAN BE USED FOR GENERATIONS

The effort of the Federal Government should be, and Secretary Lane states that he believes that it will be, directed to the promotion of all mining of radium ores in Colorado and Utah, in any and every way conducive to the protection of America's interest in the product. Early exhaustion of these deposits in the sense that we speak of exhaustion of other mineral resources is something which need not be feared. The radium once extracted from the ores becomes available for continued use without appreciable loss and becomes a permanent addition to the needed supply. The same radium that is placed at humanity's service to-day may be used by our children for many generations.

A prominent feature of uranium and vanadium production during the year was the change in method of payment by American buyers, who no longer paid for the vanadium content in the ore but bought it on the basis of the uranium oxide content alone, though they received payment for the vanadium abroad. However, the miner received more or less compensation in a higher price for the uranium oxide he sold. Prices varied greatly and returns to the Survey show that the price per pound for contained uranium oxide ranged from \$1 for ores carrying 0.6 per cent uranium oxide to \$4.60 for one lot carrying 3.15 per cent uranium oxide and 4.82 per cent vanadium oxide.

The demand for carnotite at increasing prices caused a large amount of prospecting, and the carnotite-bearing area was shown to extend from the Paradox country westward into the Dry Valley region of Utah, lying between Monticello and the La Sal Mountains. Farther west and south deposits of carnotite were found on Crescent and Trachyte Creeks, in the Henry Mountains, and also southwest of the mountains.

THE PROGRESSIVES are worse calamity howlers than the most hide bound standpatter in the country. Everything is ruined unless they are put in power.

COLONEL GEORGE W. GOETHALS has been appointed first governor of the canal zone. It is expected that Col. Goethals will construct the Alaska railroad for the government.

RUSH FOR THE MALHEUR COUNTY DRY LANDS

Enlarged Homestead Act Enables Settlers to Increase Their Valuable Holdings.

NEW INDUSTRY ADDED IN VALE

Vale has a new industry which should prove profitable and a convenience to cigar dealers throughout the county. Messrs Neuens and Sheffer have started a cigar manufacturing business. They have already made over 1,000 and have plenty of orders in sight. They are using fine tobacco with best Sumatra wraps. The business should be well patronized.

MILLARD NELSEN WINS LAURELS

When the youth of Vale starts at anything something happens.

Millard Nelsen heard of a poultry show at Boise and taking his beautiful Golden Wyandottes under his arm he hied him to that Idaho city and seized upon the five dollar first prize and a silver cup sweepstake.

There was nothing to it. The Vale birds under the skillful management of the young man outclassed everything in sight and shows what industry and good sense in management will do. Now that the state is offering prizes it is likely that Vale will be heard from in no uncertain tones. Millard is proud of his birds and success and certainly he should be, for the Boise show is a big one and a bird that wins must have some class. Good for Millard and good for Vale.

BUSINESS IN CIRCUIT COURT

Monday and Tuesday of the circuit court was occupied by the two cases of E. M. Greig, Receiver vs First National Banks of Vale and Ontario. Cases in equity growing out of the failure of the Ontario Garage operated by H. N. Ford.

D. K. WORSHAM GIVES ADVICE

D. K. Worsham, of Malheur, has just returned from Chicago and is anxious for something to be done to advertise Malheur county in that city.

"There is plenty of money in Chicago for investment in this country," said Mr. Worsham, "if our advantages were properly set before the investors. What this country needs more than anything else is organization and advertising. We have good land, good range, plenty of water going to waste, and undeveloped mining prospects, which would all be developed if we would only tell them about it. One man can do but little. The community can do much."

Malheur County has 1,000,000 acres of irrigable land with water sufficient to irrigate it.

FORMULA FOR GETTING RID OF THE RABBIT PEST

Ray T. Jackson, representing the department of agriculture has been in Malheur county some time and is investigating the rabbit pest, giving the latest method of poisoning them. Following is the formula:

One ounce of Strychnine dissolved in 1/2 pint of water and 1/2 pint of acid vinegar, add 1 tablespoonful gloss starch dissolved in cold water and cook until clear. Take off and add two teaspoons baking soda dissolved in 1 pint of water, stir and add 1 teaspoon Saccharine. Stir the above mixture in eight quarts or ten pounds of oats and after drying add ten pounds of clean oats mixing well.

This distributed in runways and trails made by the rabbits to and from feeding places will soon decrease the numbers of the pest. Great care should be used to see that the poison is so distributed that stock cannot pick up the grains. Care of the vessels in which the poison has been cooked is necessary.

ONTARIO OPENS NEW LIBRARY

A meeting indicative of the value of concentrated work and persistent industry was shown Monday night at Ontario.

The Carnegie Library Association of that place held a reception attended by at least 350 people, in their new quarters. Their beautiful building and the 2000 books with which it is started on its road of education and pleasure is the outcome of steady effort and is really the growth of a labor of love.

Many years since the following ladies organized the Work and Win Club: Mesdames L. Adam, E. A. Fraser, W. S. Lawrence, A. A. Brown, J. A. Lackey, G. A. Pogue and J. R. Blackaby. They put up \$20 each, out of which has grown the fine building and 2000 books. The present library committee is made up of Dr. H. H. Whitney, Ed. A. Fraser, Mrs. E. M. Greig, Mrs. L. Adam, and Mrs. E. B. Clements. Miss Marie Pinney is the librarian.

The cost of the present institution is \$8,500 and Ontario people are justly proud of the result.

Vale ladies have in the meantime built a fine hall which they own clear of all debt and the Ladies Civic Club has accumulated a library of about 800 volumes which will later develop into a Carnegie library. The towns of Vale and Ontario have certainly a live population of women who never get tired and never quit on doing something that will be a benefit to the community.

SALEM CORRESPONDENCE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 26—An end was put to Carey Act Irrigation projects in this state, so far as the present state desert land board is concerned, by action taken by the board last week.

The board adopted a resolution, presented by Governor West, which provides that no temporary withdrawals of land for new projects will be made, no further permanent contracts will be entered into where preliminary contracts exist unless an ironclad guarantee is forthcoming that the lands will be speedily and fully reclaimed, that no further extension of time be granted upon contracts unless it can be shown that work is being carried on in a faithful, business like and satisfactory manner and assurances can be given that the work will be fully completed at an early date, that all such projects should be handled only by the state and federal government.

The policy for the board was adopted by the votes of Governor West, State Engineer Lewis and Attorney General Crawford, while State Treasurer Kay voted against it, and Secretary of State Olcott was not present. Kay strongly opposed the resolution, as he said he was against anything that committed the board in favor of state and federal cooperation in reclamation work. He said he was opposed to the state taking any hand in any such development enterprises.

Following the adoption of this resolution, the board voted down another

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DRY LAND SHOWING RESULTS

Settlers Demonstrate Productiveness of Unmoistened Soil.

NO IRRIGATION NEEDED

Alfalfa, Potatoes and Garden Truck Raised on Dry Land.

That the dry farming possibilities of this section of Malheur county will be thoroughly tested the coming season, is a foregone conclusion.

The men who are rapidly taking up the land as homesteads are staking their all that it can be successfully done, and each one realizes that cultivation through the entire season is the whole secret of dry farming.

The bench lands north of Malheur Butte, have had such a large measure of success during the past year as to cause all to get a large acreage ready for spring seeding.

Mr. O. A. Koschnick, who has 320 acres near the Butte, seeded 27 acres in alfalfa last spring, and cut two crops of a 1 hay, making two and one half tons to the acre, and the second crop was so heavily loaded with seed pods, that they caused the alfalfa to fall, and made it much harder to cut.

Mr. S. A. Ball, living in the same locality had 15 acres with about the same result. His brother Albert had ten acres.

This has convinced the entire population on that bench that alfalfa will pay well, and 250 acres ready for seed is the result.

Mr. L. Crocker, another neighbor, planted 3 acres to Kaffir corn and harvested 100 bushels of seed, and had several large loads of fine fodder. He sowed this broadcast, and harrowed it in, cultivating with a harrow.

Mr. Ralph Griffith, who also lives on this bench, planted one half acre in potatoes, and dug one hundred and fifty bushels. He sent several to the Malheur fair that weighed six pounds each.

Each resident planted all kinds of garden truck and raised all of it in abundance.

Mr. Koschnick sowed three acres in millet, and pastured two cows and three horses on it all summer, and had plenty of fine green feed when the snow covered it.

He also set out forty choice fruit trees, and all but three thrived. Out of 100 raspberries, lost six, and all of his fifty dewberries lived. He said that they were making as good growth as anything of the kind was doing in the valley.

This has all been done without one drop of water, for it is all that they can do to haul water for domestic use, and the depth of from three to four hundred feet to the water underground is too big an expense for the settler now, so the one or two wells serve for them all.

The upper Dead Ox flat project will reach them sometime, but the settlers refused to sign their lands, after the demonstration of the past season.

The next season will put this colony on the map, and with the added experiments of the Washington colony to the southwest of Vale a few miles, we will probably hear of greater things being done with the rich bench lands, and will find large assets in our so called dry hill sides.

LITTLE MORE THAN HALF of the of the farms in the United States are operated by the owners. The number of rented farms increased by 324,000 the last ten years.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE is preparing plans for farm houses which will increase their convenience and not increase their cost.

CALIFORNIA IS FLOODED from Sacramento to Los Angeles. Damage has not been serious to date.



COUNTY COURT DEFENDS POSITION

Shows in a Brief Statement of the Facts the Utter Absurdity of the Contentions of the Ontario Democrat in Its Attack upon the Court.

To the Public: In the procedure of selecting a county paper having the largest circulation to be designated as the county official paper, the Ontario Democrat, in its issue of January 22 claims to have been willfully robbed by the county court and that the judge thereof is a thief and the commissioners fools. We feel it a duty to place before the public the proceedings in full.

At the regular term of court, and upon a day designated, and in the presence of all parties interested, the court proceeded to open the sealed envelopes containing the verified copies of circulation and found as follows: Ontario Argus 762, Ontario Democrat 840, Malheur Enterprise 1172.

The Democrat immediately claimed fraud and promised if given a reasonable time, would furnish proof of same. After consulting all parties it was mutually agreed that a week would be ample, and the court granted the Democrat the time asked for, or until the

16th day of January when it was announced a decision would be made. Upon this day named all parties again appearing, Mr. Gregg, editor of the Democrat appearing without witnesses other than himself, claimed to have found on the list of the Enterprise 225 fraudulent subscribers, leaving 107 majority for the Enterprise over his entire and untouched list. Mr. Gregg admitted in the presence of the court that some of his own list were dead and some had left the county. At each of these hearings Mr. Gregg moved the court to award the Democrat on the above showing of having the largest circulation. He says in his "County Official Steal" article that his attorneys advise him that it will take 400 witnesses at a cost of \$5000.00 to prove his case in the circuit court, yet the county court is a thief for not giving the same or his individual naked statement. The judge was not alone in the findings but the court was unanimous for which it offers no compromise and makes no apology.

GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION of the Alaska railroad is looked upon as the entering wedge for government ownership of railroads, by anti Bryanites. The administration, however, seems to consider the Alaska proposition along the same lines as the Panama canal. "Necessary but not attractive to private capital."

VICTOR MURDOCK attacks the president's message as being of no constructive value in regulating the trusts. He walls loud and long because the big business of the country is to be allowed to go forward. Anything that will permit prosperity is objectionable to the alleged progressives. Malheur County is the greatest sheep producing county in the United States.

Book Shower--'Spellin Skule'

The third annual book shower for the benefit of the Vale Public Library will revive the merriments and predicaments of the old fashioned "spellin skule". It will be held under the auspices of the Ladies Civic Club at the Guild Hall at eight o'clock, Wednesday evening, February 4. Every one is invited to compete in the spelling match and a prize will be awarded to the one who "spells the others down". The library already contains a large

number and fine assortment of books, largely due to the former showers and it is hoped that this one will be a record breaker. The ladies are asked to dress in the costumes of "ye olden times". There will be music, a play by pupils of High School and refreshments will be served. Admission, one book, or its equivalent in cash. The public library will be closed that evening so that all may attend the shower.

Exam. Papers are Excellent

Mrs. Olive Sweitzer, who examined the eighth grade examination papers, is very much pleased with the character of the work. "The papers," said Mrs. Sweitzer, "are in a class by themselves and fully 80% better than the same grade last year. It is very gratifying to us all to be able to record so great advancement. Progress of this kind shows studious care on the part of everyone and puts Malheur county in the front rank on educational lines." As with other modern affairs, the

school life is becoming more strenuous and constant improvement necessitates constant change. While there are some who are inclined to move backward to the older and more laborious methods, less numbers of studies and more abstract drilling, the modern method is to crowd all work possible into a few short years, giving students variety; leaving them to specialize later. Heavy yields of corn, barley, oats and alfalfa make Malheur county a great hog raising country.