



VALE COUNTRY IS A COUNTERPART OF THE GREAT NORTH YAKIMA

After a Visit to That Famous Fruit, Alfalfa and Gardening Country, President M. G. Hope of the United States National Bank of This City is More Enthusiastic Than Ever With Vale and Its Surroundings.

SMALLER FARMS AND INTENSIVE FARMING

With this the Vale Country will Quickly Double Both Its Population and Land Values.

President M. G. Hope of the United States National Bank of this city returned home the first of the week from a trip to North Yakima.

In speaking of his trip Mr. Hope said: "I rode over the country immediately adjacent to the city in an auto, and was surprised to note the exact similarity of the country to that surrounding Vale. The climatic conditions and elevation, too, are very similar, and the crops and the orchards are grown by irrigation, exactly as is done here.

"The great difference, however, arises from the careful and intense cultivation of the soil in the North Yakima country. The land is divided into small tracts and the country districts give one the impression of being in the suburbs of the city. The ranch houses are of a better order than is usually found in the towns in this country.

"The prices paid for orchard lands there—not the prices asked, but the prices that are actually being paid—are almost unbelievable. Orchards in full bearing sell for \$2,500 per acre, and I was assured that they pay a good interest on that money. Farm lands sell at from \$200 up, that class of land bringing an average of twice as much as the same quality of lands sell for in this country.

"Irrigation ditches are for the most part lined with cement, and there is practically no waste of the water.

"I was on the streets of North Yakima last Saturday afternoon, and every business house seemed crowded with customers, and was doing an excellent business.

"The bank deposits show about \$6,000,000, which, for a town of only about 18,000 inhabitants, is a splendid showing for the thrift and wealth of the people.

"Vale and the surrounding country is just as good as North Yakima, and can be brought up to that standard." Mr. Hope concluded, "by dividing the land into smaller holdings and cultivating with the care and intensive methods used by the people of North Yakima. This would increase the population of this country many times, and the prices of land would increase in a like proportion, just as they have done there. I am glad I visited North Yakima, for it makes me like the Malheur country better than ever before."

PERKINS HOTEL NOT AT ALL DAMAGED

The management of the New Perkins Hotel at Portland writes to correct an erroneous report that the hotel had been damaged recently, and stating that there has been no impairment of their splendid accommodations; that they are enjoying their usual good patronage. Extensive improvements in progress the past two months have placed the hotel in better condition than ever before.

Mr. C. H. Shafer has associated himself with the Perkins Hotel Company and will hereafter be the active manager of the New Perkins. Mr. L. Q. Swetland, the president, will retain his financial interests and continue improvements.

COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED

The Enterprise wishes to call attention to the fact that all unsigned and anonymous communications coming to a newspaper office are invariably consigned to the waste basket. All matters for publication must be signed by the writers. The names of news correspondents are not published, except when so requested, but this is the only exception, and their names must be on file in the office.

MALHEUR FARM BRINGS \$24,000

J. W. Russell, a gentleman from California, has purchased the A. S. Fields ranch of 320 acres, at Jamieson, for \$24,000.

Mr. Russell arrived and took charge of his newly acquired property some ten days ago and will proceed with the improvement of the ranch.

Mr. Fields took over an orange and lemon orchard in California in the deal, valued at \$15,000, and has gone to California to look after the same. Mr. Russell is well pleased with his new property and will develop it into a stock farm as rapidly as conditions will permit.

VALE BOOSTER IN PORTLAND

Vale people always boost, at home and abroad, and they always manage to put the beauties of Malheur county to the fore whenever an opportunity offers. The following from the Portland Live Stock Reporter, refers to our fellow-townsmen, R. E. Weant, and shows the proper spirit of local pride: R. E. Weant, of Vale, brought up a car of hogs and cattle Monday. He says old Malheur county can't be beat on weather; that from the last week in February till the latter part of March they had the most perfect days he ever saw. The farmers are all flourishing and able to get their three meals a day, and he wouldn't swap counties with anybody. Some booster, that! Mr. Weant told us to send a sample sheet to his brother, I. C. Weant, at Crawford, Idaho, who is a prominent stockman and will market here later on.

BALL PARK IN CONDITION

The Vale base ball park has been put in the best condition for this season's games that it has ever been. The grounds have been leveled and smoothed, the grand stand repaired and put in comfortable condition, and a wire netting stretched across the river front to prevent batters of the Texas League variety from knocking balls into the Malheur. It is whispered that this latter precaution was taken after trying out the home team for the present season, and was done to save money on lost balls in practice games. The heavy stickers on the team just couldn't help knocking the pill into the river.

CANDIDATE MUST HIDE, LET OFFICE SEEK HIM

In speaking of the "woes of the poor candidate," the Oregon Journal relieves itself as follows:

Pity the sorrows of him who seeketh after public office. Of truth his tribulations are many and great.

According to a recent opinion by the attorney general he can not join a lodge or other organization to which he may pay dues.

To do so is to violate the corrupt practices law.

Presumably, in the attorney general's view on tag day, when intercepted by a fair maiden, he cannot buy a tag. Mr. Corrupt Act stands by and warns, "Nay, nay, it is forbidden."

On the day of the picnic a babe held aloft by a proud mother invites a kiss. "It is forbidden."

At a meeting at Newport Tuesday last the question of obtaining legal advice came up. The mayor announced that he could obtain this free from some of his friends who were among

TWO WAGONS LOST IN RIVER NEAR HARPER

Walter Caviness telephoned down from Harper Tuesday to his father, Wes Caviness of this city, that he had lost his wagon and a load of seed grain while trying to ford the Malheur river at that point, and that it was only by the most strenuous efforts that he saved his team from drowning.

Hennis Hart met with a similar misfortune at the same place a few days ago, when he attempted to cross the river with a four-horse team. He, too, lost his wagon and contents, but saved the team by cutting the harness away and letting them swim out.

This is at the point where the new wagon bridge has been ordered in by the county court, and those who are compelled to ford the river there will be greatly pleased when the structure is completed, for when the water rises as at the present time there is much danger and great loss in attempting to cross the stream.

There are no bridges on the river between Vale and Drewsey, it is said, and at high water season many of the crossings that are in continual use are very dangerous and often impossible to ford.

The new bridge will not only be a great convenience, but it is an actual necessity to large numbers who are forced to make the crossing at Harper, and all are anxious to see the work completed at the earliest possible time.

MEN FROM OIL BELT TALK

Not Here on Oil Business but are Positive Oil Exists Here.

J. L. Hodges, of Lincolnville, Kansas, accompanied by his son, L. M. Hodges, of Eugene, Oregon, arrived in Vale the first of the week to look after some business matters, and also to prospect for some farm land in the Malheur valley.

The elder gentleman, in speaking of the oil prospects in the Vale field, stated that in the earlier days of prospecting for oil in Oklahoma and Kansas the prospectors were hampered by the knackers, who insisted that the oil sand brought up from nearly all the wells was dry sand and no indication of oil. "But," said Mr. Hodges, "when a gusher was finally brought in, everybody became boosters, and those prospectors who had given up in disgust because of the knocking, went back to their 'dry sand' wells and shot them, and nearly all became producers.

"This country, as far as I have seen," continued Mr. Hodges, "is an exact counterpart of that country before it became covered with derricks and producing oil wells.

"There is nothing more exciting than an oil discovery," he concluded. "I would rather be in a community when oil is first discovered than to be in a new gold mining camp."

FIRST BIG LEAGUE GAME SUNDAY

SAM SMALL VISITS VALE

The lecture delivered by Sam Small at the Bungalow Theatre Tuesday afternoon was well attended and highly appreciated, as are all of Rev. Small's lectures. He talks in the lingo of the hour, uses slang and speaks in a language that all can understand, cracks jokes and glides from common-places to grandeur in a manner that keeps his listeners fascinated every moment.

He clothes great truths in oratorical splendor that would grace our senatorial chamber, his flights of fanciful speech and glorious gift of eloquence carrying his audience with him, regardless of their private convictions upon the subject of his discourse.

He is a national character, a southern orator of the old school, and with the old accent, a great and good man, going about the country without pay, doing what he honestly believes to be the best thing for his fellow men.

ALEXANDER SELLS STORE AT JUNTURA

The Alexander Clothing company store established at Juntura recently, was sold last week to J. J. Levy, who has been in the grocery business at that place, and Sam Johnson, who was in charge at Juntura, has returned to Vale and resumed his former position in the store here, much to the delight of his many Vale friends.

WIN OUGHT TO WIN

Win Brown, editor of the Nyssa Journal, was circumambulating the municipality Thursday. He said he had no particular nor important business to transact at the county seat—just strolled over to see about contracting with a few of the candidates as campaign manager and press agent. That looks like a good deal for any old candidate. If Win can't win, who can win?

The candidates for governor. It may be, however, that he will not be able to do this. "It is to be forbidden."

Under the ponderous decisions of our attorney general it may, in a few days be forbidden to announce that he is a candidate for the suffrages of his fellows. He can only signify his desire to retiring to a secret place and shut himself away from all communication with the sons of men. In these days it can be truly said that the office seeks the man.

Wm. W. Harris Buys Ranch

Wm. W. Harris bought the A. J. Sney ranch on Cottonwood Monday, the consideration being \$2,500. Mr. Harris, who has been living on

Vale Team Goes to Payette and Excursion Train will Carry Many Fans.

The opening games of the Idaho-Oregon base ball league will be played tomorrow, Vale at Payette and Ontario at Weiser, after which the following schedule will obtain:

- April 19—Payette at Vale, Weiser at Ontario.
- April 26—Vale at Weiser, Ontario at Payette.
- May 3—Weiser at Vale, Payette at Ontario.
- May 10—Ontario at Vale, Weiser at Payette.
- May 25—Vale at Payette, Ontario at Weiser.
- May 31—Payette at Vale, Weiser at Ontario.

Under the conditions of the agreement entered into by the four clubs of the league each will be permitted to secure outside talent to fill their teams at the beginning of the season, but the teams with which the clubs start must remain during the season.

All the clubs have strong teams, and a most interesting series of games is promised throughout the entire season. Great interest centers in the games to be played next Sunday, and the fans will have a chance to size up the various players and estimate the comparative strength of the clubs.

RENO OF THE WEBFOOT STATE

Recent records seem to indicate that one of our Oregon towns has taken up the high art of divorce business where Reno left off, and Oregon City has the reputation of being the Reno of Oregon. During last month 39 divorce suits were filed in the circuit court of Clackamas county, but only 10 licenses to marry were issued by County Clerk Mulvey. It is no unusual occurrence to have twice as many divorces as marriages. Most of the divorce suits were filed by Portland attorneys.

A total of the money taken in during the past month in Recorder Dedman's office shows that \$796.35 was received for filing deeds, mortgages, contracts and other instruments. This is an exceptionally large total for the month. There has existed a friendly rivalry between Recorder Dedman's office and Clerk Mulvey's office as to which would take in the largest number of fees during the month. Heretofore the two offices have run close but the number of fish and game licenses issued during March placed Clerk Mulvey's office somewhat in the lead. A total of \$313 was received for game licenses, and \$548.75 for other fees received by the county clerk.

Malheur County is celebrated for alfalfa and alfalfa seed.

BUSY SESSION VALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At the regular meeting of the Vale Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening, the question of a rock breaker for breaking the lime rock on the bluff, to be used for repairing and building roads in the city and vicinity, was discussed.

It was proposed that the city and county join in the purchase of the necessary machinery and furnish the residents the broken stone free at the quarry, they to haul and put in place. All farmers who will, may also have the broken stone free of charge, and may thus improve their own roads at a nominal cost. The machinery would include a roller attachment to the present road machine now owned by the county.

By use of a blower to carry away the dust a splendid clean sand can thus be obtained for concrete work as a residue from the broken rock.

The committee on irrigation reported progress.

Rev. C. E. Helman earnestly invited the members to attend special services at the M. E. Church, on Sunday, April 19th, promising to have the way to the church prominently marked out to the end that some of the members might find the church.

Judge Davis being absent, Bruce R. Keeter, Vice-president, presided. There was light attendance on account of the big doings at the Castle Hall by the K. P.

PHILADELPHIA LADY HIGHLY PLEASED WITH BULLY CREEK LANDS

Being a Heavy Investor in Bonds of Bully Creek Project, Wanted to See the Lands Proposed to be Reclaimed.—After Tour of Inspection, She was Enthusiastic in Praise of Both the Enterprise and the Land.

20 FAMILIES WILL LOCATE

Steve Dombey, who founded the Hungarian colony near Malheur City, was in Vale Wednesday and reports that some 25 or 30 of his people had come down to Vale and filed on additional homestead land under the ruling recently made by the department extending the enlarged homestead act to the lands in the Malheur section.

Mr. Dombey further stated that a colony of 20 more families will arrive from Pittsburg in about thirty days to seek locations in Malheur county, and that they will have money to buy and develop lands.

ROSEBURG MAN BUILDING HOME

D. R. Shambrook arrived in Vale last Saturday from Roseburg, and on Monday went out to his claim on the Harper Basin lands.

Mr. Shambrook states that he will remain about three months this trip, will build a home on the land and begin clearing for cultivation. His sister, Mrs. Robert Evans, who has a claim near his, will arrive in about ten days.

Mr. Shambrook will be remembered by the readers of the Enterprise as the gentleman who, on his former trip, ran a coyote down, caught it and beat it to death with a club. He had a wagonload of witnesses, all of whom vouched for the truth of the story, and the Enterprise published it, so it must be true. At any rate Mr. Shambrook is a jolly good fellow, a wide-awake booster and a very welcome citizen of the fat lands of the Malheur.

CEMENT WALK TO COURT HOUSE

The old board walk leading to the front door of the court house from the street has been replaced this week by a substantial cement walk, M. H. Cooper doing the work.

The water pipes have been extended to the sides and rear of the grounds, and the remainder of the public square plowed for seeding to lawn. The lawn set last year is in excellent condition, and the court house grounds are becoming a beauty spot of the city, the shade trees having made a luxuriant growth, giving the grounds a park-like appearance that is most pleasing.

SIXTEEN AUTOS FOR THE BURNS COUNTRY IMPROVED PUMPS REDUCE WATER COST

Because of improvements in pumping machinery—especially in internal-combustion engines—water can be pumped at less cost now than formerly, and on account of improved methods of irrigation and agriculture and better adaptation of crops to water supply the value of pumped water has been increased. Hence pumping for irrigation is practicable to-day in localities where it was not practicable 10 or 20 years ago. With good management pumping for irrigation is now generally feasible where the water level stands within 25 or perhaps 50 feet of the surface, and water for the irrigation of vegetables and fruit can be pumped where the depth to water is even greater.

WILL GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Mendelssohn Glee Club will give an entertainment at the high school auditorium on the evening of May 1st, at which time the people of Vale and vicinity are assured of a rare musical treat.

Ellis Home Nears Completion

J. H. Ellis now has his new nine-room residence all enclosed and the roof on. When completed this will be one of the neatest and most commodious homes in the city. It has a basement extending beneath the entire building, and the house will be fitted with all modern conveniences.

WILL INCREASE PROPERTY HOLDINGS

Mrs. Lane's Visit to This County was for the Purpose of Looking into Additional Investments.

Mrs. Martin Lane, who arrived in Malheur county a few weeks ago from Philadelphia to visit her son and family at Brogan, is one of the heavy purchasers of Bully Creek irrigation bonds.

Mrs. Lane was anxious to look over the Bully Creek project and see for herself what class of land and what kind of a country was proposed to be reclaimed with the Bully creek waters.

On Monday last Cashier C. O. Nelson, of the First National Bank of Vale, and George S. Mills took Mrs. Lane for an auto trip over the entire project, going over from the Willow Creek side and returning via Vale. They were taken across the top of the dam by Superintendent of Construction Chas. Ashford, who gave them a minute description of how the works would appear when completed, the construction and strength of the dam, capacity of the reservoir and the volume of water at floodtide from which the reservoir would be filled.

Mrs. Lane was delighted with the Bully Creek project in its entirety, and most especially so with the beautiful body of land that is to be reclaimed with the waters stored.

After seeing the effects of placing water upon the lands at Brogan and Jamieson, and then driving over the vast tracts of level and fertile acres under the Bully Creek system, which only await the magic touch of the liquid to make them produce golden harvests, Mrs. Lane will return to Philadelphia an enthusiastic backer of the great Bully Creek irrigation project.

In addition to her investments in the Bully Creek irrigation project bonds, Mrs. Lane is one of the owners of the mercantile establishment at Brogan, and will probably increase her Malheur county property holdings in the near future.

K. of P. Have Big Meeting

The Knights of Pythias Lodge of Vale had a notable gathering Wednesday evening. There were about fifty guests from Ontario by special train and auto. A large number of new members were initiated and a splendid collation served late in the evening. Some 150 or more were present.

GOOD ROADS DAY HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED

County Judge McKnight is in receipt of the following letter from Rufus C. Holman, president of the association of County Judges and Commissioners of Oregon:

"Saturday, April 25, is to be All-Oregon Good Roads day, by the Governor's proclamation. All Oregon, all citizens and all organizations are requested to cooperate in this movement. If every county does its share, it will be of inestimable benefit to the roads and state, to say nothing of the excellent advertising the state will receive from the publicity that will result.

"The promoters of this scheme expect that at least 10,000 men will each give a day's labor to the roads, and that in addition thereto that the day will be observed in all the public schools of the state.

"I have been requested to address you in the hope that you will take the management and direction of this movement in your county, and that you will do whatever you can to get the men to cooperate and make the day a success.

"In every county a banner will be given by the Portland Ad club to the organization doing the most work. If you will call upon your road supervisors and appoint voluntary assistant supervisors for every section of road in your county and see that the preliminary organizations are perfected, the publicity which will be given the state, will undoubtedly do the rest."