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MORE LAND FOR DRY FARMS

Enlarged Homestead Act is Extended to Additional Malheur Lands

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH OF RANGE 36

Newly Opened Territory is Southwest of Vale

The following letter was received by the register and receiver of the Vale land office Tuesday, designating additional Malheur county lands under the enlarged homestead act. The letter is from the general land office, dated at Washington D. C., April 7, and reads as follows:

Register and Receiver, Vale, Oregon.

Sirs: Pursuant to paragraph two of circular of December 14, 1909, under the Act of February 19, 1909 (35 Stat., 639), the following list of lands designated under said act, by the Secretary of the Interior on April 1, 1914, is sent you, and you will at once follow instructions contained in said circular. Under this designation these lands will not become subject to entry prior to May 1, 1914. Enlarged homestead designation No. 320. Oregon No. 40. Willamette Meridian:

T 20 S, R 36 E, Sec 1 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$; Secs 6 and 7, all; Sec 9, SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$; Sec 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$; Secs 12 to 15, inclusive; Sec 18, N $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec 19, NW $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec 20, SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Secs 21 to 28, inclusive; Sec 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$; Secs 33 to 36, inclusive.

The above listed lands will be entered under the provisions of the enlarged homestead act, in so far as they may be vacant, public, not timbered and non mineral, and unaffected by any special provision of law, withdrawal or reservation, inconsistent with the provisions of said act.

The surface of coal lands may, however, be entered subject to the provisions of the act of June 22, 1910.

You will observe that this designation does not become effective until May 1, 1914.

Should any applications be filed under this act prior to said last mentioned date, you will reject the same, subject to the right of appeal, advising the parties that no rights are gained by the filing of applications prior to the date on which the designation becomes effective.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) C. M. BRUCE,
Assistant Commissioner.

WORKING FOR BLACK CANYON

With the Caldwell commercial club and every state officer of Idaho, from governor on down the line, bringing their influence to bear upon the completion of the Black Canyon irrigation project, something will undoubtedly be done this season.

This great agricultural and fruit belt just across the bridge from Nyssa, will add millions to the wealth of Idaho, and incidentally be a great source of wealth to the town of Nyssa on the Oregon side.

That these lands will be watered there is no doubt, but there should be no further delay in starting the work.

ATTENTION, SCHOOL CHILDREN!

The Civic Improvement Club asks every child to help rid Vale of flies. They offer a first and second prize to the rooms making the highest score. Each pupil shall bring to his or her teacher, on Friday, a card properly signed by parent or guardian showing the number of flies killed during the week. Contest ends May 1st, when beautiful plants will be given to the rooms catching the largest number.

NEW LEAGUE FORMING

(Special to the Enterprise)

April 12.—Jamieson defeated Brogan at the latter's grounds today by a score of 31 to 8.

For the first two innings the game promised to be a close one, runners were at their best, but with Mayberry in the box and Fotheringham with the big mitt for Jamieson, the Brogan runners began to quiet down and take notice.

Jamieson expects to play Cow Valley next Sunday. There are expected to

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Judge McKnight has had many improvements added to the court house during the past week, not only adding to the general appearance of the building and grounds, but making it more convenient for the county officers and the public having business with the various departments of the county service.

A new office room has been formed at the end of the north hall up stairs and one at the end of the east hall. The former is occupied by the county school superintendent and the latter by the county surveyor. A new cabinet for the books has also been constructed and placed in his new office room.

With the addition of these new office rooms, all the county officials, except the county attorney, are housed in the court house, and are where the public having business with any department can easily find the official in charge.

New noisless swinging doors have been hung at the entrance of the circuit court room, and down stairs new swinging doors for the front entrance have been added. A new and much larger bulletin board replaces the old one, the Judge remarking that the increasing number of road petitions could not be accommodated on the old board, to say nothing of the other documents that must be posted.

On the court house grounds the lawn has been extended on both sides of the fence, and the remainder of the ground filled in the same as the front portion was last year.

SETTLING RAPIDLY

Mrs. B. Schlupe, of White Cliff, was in Vale Thursday and made the Enterprise a visit. She states that their section is still settling up rapidly, the latest arrival being a lady, Mrs. Swenson, who has taken up a homestead near Harper.

BROGAN FRUIT NOT INJURED

A telephone message from Brogan yesterday morning states that no injury was done to the fruit by the heavy frosts of the night before, which did considerable damage to the fruit in the lower valley.

The peach, apricot and pear crops at Brogan are reported uninjured, and will make the normal crop if no further injury occurs.

NEITHER WATER NOR BOOZE

They can neither get drunk nor take a bath at Copperfield now. First, Governor West closed their saloons, and now the state water board has taken their water supply from them.

The state board has cancelled a permit for the use of the waters of Hunsaker creek for municipal purposes, because of the failure of the city to construct the water system.

MRS. RUTLEDGE PASSES AWAY

Mrs. A. F. Rutledge, who in company with her husband and daughter moved from Vale to their homestead in Cow Valley ten days ago, died Tuesday, and the remains were brought to Vale for burial Thursday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Cook of the Christian church, of which the deceased was a lifelong member.

The family left Illinois for the west two years ago, coming to Walla Walla, and last October moved to Vale. Besides her husband she leaves six children, Lennie and Gwendolyn, in Illinois, Ben and Mollie, in Walla Walla, Adrian and Mrs. Opal Yensen, of Vale.

TO TRADE—Almost new Regent piano. Will trade for span of well-broke mares or for cows. Address Box 77, Jamieson, Oregon. Apr. 18.

VALE GETS RURAL ROUTE

VALE HIGH TOOK GAME FRIDAY

The Vale high school baseball team won the second game of their series with the New Plymouth high school team. The game was played at the Vale ball park last Friday and resulted in a victory for the local school team by a score of 7 to 6.

The boys are quite evenly matched, and the advantage of playing on the home grounds seems to be of sufficient weight to bring victory to the home team, as New Plymouth defeated Vale in the game played at New Plymouth.

NOT YET ON THE FREE LIST

The Enterprise is being deluged with reading notices from candidates for the various state and district offices, setting forth the merits of individuals for official preferment. These are advertisements pure and simple, and unless accompanied by the cash, they will not find place in these columns.

The country newspaper is expected to shoulder the burden of the candidates' campaign expense because of the alleged prohibition placed upon the office seeker by the Corrupt Practices Act.

However, up to the present writing the Enterprise advertising space has not been placed on the free list, and until such action is officially taken, we shall continue to abide by the U. S. Postal Laws, which forbid us publishing reading notices of an advertising nature without attaching the words "paid advertisement." And we cannot comply with this requirement unless the cash accompanies the order.

The convention of western governors will meet at Seattle next year.

PROMINENT COUPLE WED

John A. Morton and Miss Rosa Lamberson, of Westfall, were married at the Arlington Hotel in this city last Sunday, Rev. C. E. Helman officiating.

Mr. Morton has been vaquero foreman at the Harper ranch for several years, and Miss Lamberson is the daughter of J. G. Lamberson, formerly county judge of Malheur county.

Both of the young people are very popular and have a large circle of friends who will join the Enterprise in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

Vale Loses First Game by an Eyelash

The opening games of the Oregon-Idaho baseball league last Sunday were won by Ontario and Payette. The score of the Ontario-Weiser game being seven to 0 and that of the Vale-Payette game 2 to 3.

The game between Vale and Payette on the Payette grounds was lost through errors in the field caused by the rough and unkempt condition of the grounds.

Vale took the lead in the first inning batting out two earned runs, Moody and Wheeler making the scores. This was the last of the score getting for the Vale team, for while they hit often and hard, the hits were scattered and no one scored.

Payette got a man across the plate in the second inning. Everybody drew blanks after that till the sixth when the home team tied the score. The winning score for Payette went across the rubber in the eighth on an error, and the Vale boys were forced to accept defeat for what under any ordinary conditions should have been a victory from the first inning.

The showing made by the Vale team, however, was very satisfactory to the big crowd of fans that went from this city, and especially are they loud in praise of Gouch, the new pitcher, who besides fanning 12 Payette players was in the game every minute, having the scalps of 20 men to his credit in put outs and assists at the close of the game. In fact, the work of the entire team was satisfactory, the errors through which the game was lost being excusable on account of the condition of the grounds. The team did excellent work for men who have never played a game before this season.

The Payette umpire's work was very unsatisfactory and he will not be permitted to pull off another stunt of the

Mails to be Delivered to the Farmers on Both Sides of the River, East and West of City

WILL START ABOUT THE FIRST OF MAY

Patrons Should Establish Boxes and Notify the P. M. at Vale

Vale Rural Route No. 1 will be established about May 1st. Postmaster Staples informs the Enterprise.

Examinations for rural carrier were held in Ontario April 11th, and six applicants took the examination, four from Vale and two from Ontario, and the result will soon be made known.

The route extends from Vale up the river to the McLaughlin bridge and down the river to the Halliday bridge, covering all the territory on both sides of the river.

Patrons of the local office who wish their mail delivered on the rural route should have their boxes placed and notify the Vale postmaster that they want their mail delivered.

Hereafter drop letters in the Vale office, going to points on the Rural Route will take two cents postage instead of one cent.

HUPMOBILE MEN ARE BUSY

Sell Five Cars in last Thirty Days and Open Machine Shop and Garage

Howard G. Norton of the firm of Norton and Markham, agents for the Hupmobile, has rented the big brick warehouse near the depot from Frank O'Neill, and is fitting it up for a garage and a machine shop where all kinds of automobile repair work will be done.

This agency has made record-breaking sales of the Hupmobile, having disposed of five machines within the past thirty days, and several other deals are now on the tapis.

Their agency includes Malheur and Harney counties, in Oregon, and Canyon county, Idaho.

DISEASED HOGS SERIOUS MENACE

Ranchers living along Snake river complain that hogs dying with cholera are thrown into the river, and the diseased carcasses finding lodgement all along the river banks will spread the disease most dangerously.

The same dangerous methods have been practiced on the upper Payette river of late to such an extent that the ranchers on the lower river have decided to investigate and have the practice stopped, adopting legal process if necessary.

BECKER SHIPS FINE STEERS

Chas. Becker shipped two carloads of cattle from his Indian Creek ranch last Saturday. They were as fine a lot of steers as has ever gone out from Malheur county, averaging 1320 pounds per head, and going as high as 1800.

They brought \$100 per head, being handled by Henry Blackwell, the stock buyer, and shipped to the Portland market.

Heavy Frost

A heavy frost visited the Malheur valley Thursday night, and considerable damage was done to early fruits. No data as to the extent of the damage was obtainable at the time of going to press, the Enterprise forms being closed Friday.

The report from Brogan is encouraging, however, and it may be that the injury generally is not as bad as the first reports would indicate.

Miss Grace Covey, of Portland, who has a homestead under the Star Mountain project, arrived from Portland Thursday, and will go out to look after her land.

OX BOW TO BE COMPLETED

The great Ox Bow electric power plant is to be completed, the court having granted permission for the issuance of \$250,000 of receiver's certificates for that purpose.

With the completion of this big plant the entire Malheur country will be in a position to get all the electric power needed for all purposes, and there will be no danger of pumping plants running out of juice in the middle of an irrigating season.

WOOL PRICES STILL ASCEND

Malheur county wool growers are looking forward to a much more prosperous year for 1914 than for several years past. Advance contracts for wool on the sheep's back have gone as high as 19c per pound in the western states, and offers range from 14 to 18 cents generally.

In a communication from John G. Hoke, sheep commissioner at Medical Springs, Ore., Mr. Hoke says that "it looks as though a better price will rule this year than that which governed last year. Since January 1, the market has had an upward trend and nobody knows where it will go. Many prominent wool growers are refusing to sell at present offers."

"The world's market," says Mr. Hoke, "is short, and London sales opened with a strong advance on fine and coarse grades, the former 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and the latter fully fifteen per cent above January, and the situation still very strong. Shipments to the United States continue heavy."

"Wool buyers are eager to mortgage the wool on the sheep's backs. Fully 15,000,000 pounds have been contracted in the west, prices ranging from 14c to 18c, with a few sales at 19c. Wyoming is selling around 16c."

"A wool boom is on," he continues, "and I predict that the man who contracts early will be kicking himself before the season is over. Unless a great change happens, domestic wool will be several cents higher per pound than last year. Wool growers be careful. Don't be flimflammed out of your wool crop. Eastern manufacturers have advanced the prices on staple goods from 10c to 12c per yard. It is too early to estimate the shortage of the American clip, but it is bound to be heavy. The wool growers have the situation in their hands. Now is the time to reap the profit."

BROGAN SCHOOL CLOSSES FRIDAY

Commencement exercises at the Brogan school will be held on the evening of April 25th, at which time one of the students, Miss Woodward, will graduate.

County School Superintendent, Miss Clark, will attend and will present the diploma. Rev. Holman will preach the baccalaureate sermon the following day, Sunday.

GRAND JURY MEETS MONDAY

The grand jury for the April term of circuit court will convene next Monday and investigate matters to come before this term, which begins on Monday, the 27th. Following is a list of the grand jurors:

W. S. Rees, Geo. W. Cox, J. N. Thomason, H. C. Cleveland, Arthur Nichols, Ed Neese, C. G. Brown.

INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION

A gas explosion in an old abandoned oil well at New Plymouth last week came near blowing up a venturesome citizen of that place.

The Fruitland Banner states that one N. W. Lewis lowered a lantern into the old well igniting the gas, the flame burning him quite severely about the head and upon his hands. A pressure tank filled from this well has to be opened occasionally to release the gas that collects.

Yet with such unmistakable indications of reservoirs of wealth in oil and gas beneath us, we sit supinely and wait for something to turn up, and some even discourage those who spend their money in an effort to tap these subterranean treasure vaults that mean millions of wealth to the country.

Malheur County is celebrated for fruit with but a trifle of her fruit land developed.

RANCHER IN HARD LUCK

Zeno Littlefield had quite an adventure last Saturday, while trying to ford the river at the notably bad crossing at Harper. He had been to Vale to meet his mother, Mrs. Elliott, who had just arrived from Missouri, and in attempting to make the crossing upon his return his four horse team got into swimming water, and the whole outfit came near being washed away. His load of supplies and merchandise was ruined, and to make matters worse, after ex-

THE DREXEL CHANGES HANDS

Vale's Big Hotel in Charge a Live Bunch of Wide-Awake Boosters

NEW MEN FROM EVRETT, WASH.

H. C. Smith, Popular Clerk, Buys an Interest.

The Drexel hotel changed hands today, J. M. Kenney selling to Messrs. H. C. Smith, V. T. and Kenneth Herrett.

Mr. Smith has been chief clerk at the Drexel and has a wide acquaintance with the traveling public, while the Herrett brothers are from Everett, Wash., and are owners of the Murray ranch near Vale.

The new proprietors of the Drexel will supply their hostelry with fresh vegetables, poultry, beef, pork and mutton as well as milk and dairy products direct from their ranch, and are now equipping the ranch with that end in view.

The Drexel is one of the largest and best equipped hotel properties in the interior country, and under the new management will be conducted on modern lines, bringing its table service and all other facilities fully up to the highest standard of accommodations to be had at any hotel in the west.

The three new men are all wide-awake, energetic boosters and will spare no effort or expense to give Vale a hotel second to none in either service, equipment or accommodations.

BUSY TRIP BY ROAD VIEWERS

Road Viewers F. M. Vines, T. W. Halliday and Surveyor Miller returned home Monday from a week's work in the northern part of the county, where they viewed out a road from Brogan to Mormon Basin, one from Cow Valley to the Little Malheur at the Grant county line and one in Lost Valley, between Cow Valley and Willow creek.

In speaking of the trip Mr. Vines stated that the weather was cold and disagreeable all the way, and it snowed on them a part of the time.

VALE-BURNS LINE IS BETTER

The following shows how much better the Vale-Burns route is at this season of the year than the road from Baker to the interior. While there is much complaint in the early spring of the interior roads, there is seldom a condition existing that works a hardship such as is described in this news item published in the Baker Herald:

A tale of hardship and bad roads is told by three Portland traveling men for big wholesale firms who have just returned after making an automobile trip from John Day to Burns over the Canyon road. They went through mud and snow—at one time attaining an elevation of 6100 feet on Trout mountain and at times had to get out and push their car by hand through mud and soft alkali.

Those in the party were W. H. Burnett of the Hazeltine company, Portland; Hugh Mitchell of the Standard Oil company, Portland. Mr. Burnette, spokesman of the trio declared that the autos were shoved by hand at least 20 miles. The three traveling men at times could not get along without horses. Mud holes trapped them time after time and efforts to dig the car out with shovels made matters only worse as the car would sink only so much deeper. Then they would cut boughs from trees and edge the auto out on these with the aid of horses.

They covered 329 miles on their trip at a cost of \$157 and were a day and a half gone and a day coming back. They suffered severely from alkaline water and had to miss a few meals and came in to Baker last night thoroughly tired out.