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WILL START BIG WORK IN VALE OIL FIELD

New York Capitalist has Perfected the Organization of His Great Company, and Money Enough has been Subscribed to Prospect and Thoroughly develop the Great Oil Field Surrounding Vale

WILL FINISH BULLY CREEK PROJECT PLAN IS A GRAND CARNIVAL FETE AT VALE

Work to be Immediately Resumed on Mammoth Irrigation Project and Continued to Completion.

WATER TO BE ON THE LANDS FOR NEXT YEARS CROP

Seven Miles of Metal Fluming will Connect Reservoir with Canal which is to Distribute to Laterals.

Information has been received by the Enterprise that arrangements have been perfected for continuation of work on the Vale-Oregon Irrigation company's system which will irrigate the great Bully and Willow creek benches.

Great impatience has been shown by many of the land owners under the system at the delay occasioned by the failure of the promoters to proceed with the work. The difficulty experienced by the promoters has not been sufficiently considered. Owing to much agitation in congress on the subject of land reclamation and the failure of numerous companies in Idaho, funds for irrigation have been hard to obtain.

Some \$200,000 has already been spent on the project and that additional funds have been secured spells happiness and hope to hundreds of people on the land and in the town of Vale.

We are informed that work will be commenced immediately to build some two miles of metal flume and that work will be pushed on the diversion dam in order that a start can be made next season to put this vast acreage of splendid fruit and alfalfa land under cultivation.

The result of the completion of this enterprise will be great and prosperous increase of population in Vale and Malheur county. Thousands of acres of land will be added to improved property of the county and the benches will be dotted with homes, the hills covered with trees and the valleys with grain and grass.

Mr. Irving Brogan has just returned from Denver where final arrangements have been completed for the prosecution of this great work. Mr. D. M. Brogan has steadily worked for some three years in obtaining funds and that success has crowned his efforts in a matter of congratulation to every citizen of the county.

The diversion dam situated some four miles above the hot springs on Bully creek will be 125 feet in height and will retain several thousand acre feet, backing the water some four miles up the creek. This dam was practically completed last season. The main reservoir will be located about one mile above Westfall, covering what is known as the "Lamberson" ranch and will hold when completed, some 75,000 acre feet. A ditch line has been located from the north fork of the Malheur which will turn a large amount of water from that stream into the Lamberson reservoir.

The Vale-Oregon company has contracts on some 20,000 acres and upon completion of the system will have water enough for 30,000 acres. The main body of the land to be irrigated lies on the benches of Bully creek and Willow river, reaching nearly to Vale on both streams.

A large portion lies some 450 feet above Vale and has never been touched with either early or late frosts, making it ideal land for the cultivation of fruit and melons. As this section of eastern Oregon has been demonstrated to be perfect in soil and climate for prime production it is expected that some thousands of acres will be set to prunes. The market for this product has expanded beyond all expectation the past few years.

This news will cause renewed activity in the Vale section and be the means of bringing many substantial interests into the country.

ENJOYING OUTING TRIP

W. G. Norton, of the Arlington Hotel, states that the latest word from his wife and son, who are visiting in the north, is that they have reached the lakes and are enjoying the finest kind of fishing.

SOLVES SEVEN ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES

Raid by Deputy Sheriff Ben Brown Gets Two Robbers and Recovers Big Bunch of Stolen Goods.

Deputy Sheriff Ben J. Brown made a capture early Monday morning that clears up the mystery surrounding seven different burglaries and thefts that have taken place in Vale and the surrounding country during the past few months, by the arrest of Ernest Norris and Luther Pruitt at the home of the former west of the city.

Norris has a lease on the Hope ranch near town, and has enjoyed an excellent reputation for honesty and square dealings, and his nearest neighbor, Mr. Gumbert, was shocked to learn that he had stolen his derrick rope and stove, when the officers uncovered this property in the house.

The sheriff's office has been quietly following some small clues for some time, Deputy Ben Brown having the matter in hand. Of the seven different robberies reported to the sheriff and investigated by Mr. Brown, the officer found suspicion continually pointing to Norris, yet there was not the slightest tangible evidence upon which to make an arrest. After the V. T. Co. warehouse burglary Mr. Brown learned that if any of the sugar was stolen it was probably brown sugar, the officer set a watch on the Norris home and learned that there was brown sugar on the table.

At four o'clock Monday morning, taking City Marshal Bert High with him, Mr. Brown went to the Norris home and arrested both Norris and Pruitt. Turning the prisoners over to the marshal, Mr. Brown proceeded to search the house, with the result that a wagonload of stolen property was uncovered. There were saddles, harness, clothing, a sack of sugar from the V. T. Warehouse and innumerable stuff from each of the seven different robberies.

Both the prisoners were given a preliminary hearing before Judge McKnight the following day, and both being caught with the goods pleaded guilty. They were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$1500 each.

SHEEPMEN PROSPEROUS

Charles Carleton, of Watson, was in the city on business Tuesday, and stated that he had recently purchased from A. Venator 2000 lambs, which will be added to his flock of 5000 sheep.

He states that the influx of homesteaders in the Stein's Mountain country is interfering with the former free range of the sheepmen in that section, but that sheepmen generally had a good year, the range grass being fine and the increase greater than usual, while the range has been entirely free from scab.

Special Meeting Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, July 27th, to discuss plans for the Grand Carnival to be held in Vale Sept. 3, 4 and 5. All members are urged to be present.

ALASKA OIL WELL

Backed by Private Capital and with Confidence in the Field, Goes Steadily Down.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Co., which has been sinking a well about one mile from Vale, has completed the shutting out of the water and will have their new string of casing in place in the next ten days.

Through the many petty difficulties of the work this company, composed of James Frost, J. S. Edwards and Mrs. A. M. Rinehart, has gone steadily forward with perfect confidence in the ultimate outcome.

What the work of these people will do for Vale can hardly be estimated. They have not been obliged to go to the public for funds and therefore have made such progress as their deliberations considered advisable, as they were under no obligations to a number of stockholders. The result of this being sure though perhaps slower progress. But to progress all of the time is better than spasmodic activity followed by a season of delay.

The well approximates 700 feet in depth. The company is prepared to go to the depth necessary to find the oil.

ENGINEER IS SERIOUSLY HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

Assistant State Engineer Pinned Beneath Automobile in Accident near Beulah. Condition is Critical

W. W. Caviness, who came in from the Harper country Thursday, reports a serious accident at Beulah, in which Mr. Howland, assistant State Engineer had both legs broken, and the party accompanying Water Commissioner Cochran on his trip to the interior narrowly escaped death.

Mr. Cochran was accompanied by his wife and daughter, but neither were injured. The Commissioner was conducting hearings in the adjudication of water rights on the Malheur and its tributaries, and had just concluded the hearing at Beulah and started eastward, when meeting another auto and turning out to pass, the commissioner's auto skidded and rolled over, catching Mr. Howland underneath.

The driver, it is stated, went straight out through the wind shield, lit running and kept right on till stopped by the party to come back and shut off the motor and assist in extricating Mr. Howland.

The injured man is reported in a dangerous condition.

RANCHER BUYS MORE HOGS

D. C. Wells, who owns and cultivates a big ranch adjoining Vale on the west, bought 50 weaned pigs from the Willow Wood Stock Farm at Jamieson, Wednesday, and also bought a brood sow and nine sows from John Norwood, of Jamieson.

He brought two wagonloads of the pork sprouts down to his ranch and will fatten them for the fall market. He paid \$3 to \$4.50 for the pigs, and they will be worth \$18 to \$25 each by Christmas, being fattened exclusively off the products of the ranch.

The big hog ranch at Jamieson, besides supplying the local demands, ships steadily to Spokane, and still has some 700 pigs on the ranch, with new recruits arriving almost daily.

NEW HAPPY JACK TAKEN

Stockholders and Promoters on Equal Basis.

News has been received from George Franklin Willey, organizer of the Independent Oil and Refining Co., that his company will be at work in Vale during August. There has been enough stock subscribed for, to insure an ample development fund and work will be prosecuted to the ultimate production of oil.

Mr. Willey has evolved a plan for carrying on a work of this character, where the money is to be obtained from the public, unique in this particular, that the stockholder is given an opportunity to participate in the profits on a basis equal to those who promote the company.

The small payments for the stock each month cease immediately a commercial well is brought in and the stock subscribed for is immediately at the order of the subscriber, and moreover he can have an option on other stock for sixty days at the same rate per share.

Vale is fortunate to be the first section where so equitable a proposition is put on foot. The stock has not been offered in Oregon and in the east only to those who are well known to Mr. Willey and who are willing to go with him to the limit.

Their new prospectus shows that they are operating only on property which they own in title complete, all of the property being fully paid for, none of the proceeds from stock sales going towards the payment for the property.

A season of activity will soon open in Vale which no change of administration can affect detrimentally. The Great Western and Eastern Oregon, The Columbia and Malheur wells as well as thousands of acres of other land secured by Mr. Willey will soon be in operation.

The Sunset well keeps steadily and surely at work and its ultimate success is assured by the great care shown in its management. No wild-cattling is being done at this well. All funds are carefully husbanded and great care taken in all the minor details of the work. With this company at work, The Alaska company steadily pressing on and the certainty of work soon being commenced on a dozen other wells is indicative of what will happen in Vale the coming 12 months.

While no stock is being offered in Oregon the Enterprise deems it only fair to the Independent company to publish in detail their plan for securing a development fund. It should be published as an example of the new dispensation in selling stock to the public. It is the primary instance of absolutely fair treatment of the public on a speculative proposition.

The following is the plan:

First: For the purpose of providing a development fund in order to commence and continue operation, erect proper buildings and perform all operations necessary to carry on the business economically, the Independent Oil and Refining Company will accept subscriptions at thirty (30) cents per share, the par value being one (1) dollar fully paid and non-assessable, without preferred stock or bonds, payable as follows: One (1) cent per share at the time of making the subscription and one (1) cent per share on the first day of each month thereafter until the full amount of 30cents per share shall have been paid. Provided, however, that the bringing in of a commercial well by the Independent Co., on any of its properties at any stage of the operations shall fully satisfy all unpaid installments thereto to such development fund, and upon the bringing in of such well, no further payments shall be due thereon.

Second: Upon the payment of any installment the subscriber may have, on his demand, issued to him or to his order as many shares as the amount of money then paid will buy at thirty cents per share, less fractions of shares.

Third: Upon payment of the final subscription installment or by the remaining installments being satisfied by the bringing in of a commercial well.

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HAPPY JACK TAKEN

Sheriff Kerfoot's System Lands Another Bad One with Little Expense to County.

Happy Jack Brown, who is charged with stealing a livery rig and team from the Cole & Smith livery stable in Vale, was captured at Lovelock, Nevada, Tuesday on instructions from the sheriff's office in Vale.

Deputy Sheriff Ben Brown immediately left for Nevada to bring the prisoner to Vale.

Sheriff Kerfoot's organization of the Vale office to work in conjunction with the officers of this and adjoining states is so perfect that it is almost impossible for a man to make a permanent get away after the sheriff has learned the description of the man wanted for a crime.

In the case of Happy Jack and his outfit, Sheriff Kerfoot secured their capture with only a few dollars of expense to the taxpayers. Whereas, if the sheriff had taken the trail and followed them by auto, as he would have to do with the start they had, the cost to the county would have run into hundreds and perhaps reached a thousand dollars.

The careful and accurate work of the sheriff's office in this and similar cases, in accomplishing the results without resorting to expensive grand stand plays, has met the approbation of the people who pay the expenses of the sheriff's office.

GUSHER IN COUNTERPART OF VALE FIELD

R. W. Eames Says That Conditions Were the Same as in Vale, Before the Grand Valley Gusher.

The bringing in of an oil gusher in the Grand Valley oil field in Colorado, after 15 years of prospecting, and after practically all the old prospects had been abandoned, ought to put new courage into everyone interested in the Vale field. This Grand Valley gusher was brought in July 2nd and a great stampede is on.

The elevation and general topography of the Grand Valley country is identical with the Vale field, and R. W. Eames of Vale, one of the best posted oil men in the country, states that there is every reason to believe that the conditions surrounding the strike there will prove true in this field.

The strike was made at a depth of 2010 feet, when it had always been contended that if oil was ever found in the field it would come from about 1500 feet depth. Oil sand was encountered at 1730 feet, and 280 feet deeper the gusher was encountered, which threw the oil 50 feet high, and catching fire from a hot drill point, burned the derrick. The force of men worked all day to put out the fire and the smoke showed for 20 miles in every direction. At the time of the last report, some 15 days after the strike, the gusher was not under control and was flooding the country with oil, and thousands of people were rushing into the country from every point of the compass.

Mr. Eames, who is thoroughly acquainted with conditions in the Vale field, states that conditions at the Malheur oil well, which is not being worked any more, were exactly the same where they quit as where the Grand Valley well was where they struck the oil sand 280 feet above the gusher. Commercial oil sand was abundant in the Malheur well, but they quit on account of the water and a lack of money to continue the work.

A prosperous, intelligent, and contented rural population is essential to our national prosperity. James Willey.

Traders' Day, Pioneers' Re-Union, Malheur County Better Babies Contest, Harvest Home Picnic.

MALHEUR CO. BETTER BABIES CONTEST

Will be Held in Vale During the Three Days of the Carnival, Awards Being Made the Last Day.

The Malheur County Better Babies Contest will be held in Vale, under the auspices of the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Vale, during the First Annual Fall Carnival, Sept. 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Everybody in Malheur county is invited and urged to enter their babies for the examination. If you have a baby that will score perfect in health and physical development, you want to know it, and everybody in Malheur county wants to know it and let the world know it. If your baby will score perfect with only a few exceptions, you want to know what those exceptions are, so you can remedy them and let the little one have another chance next year.

This is not to be a beauty show, although all babies are pretty, but all awards are to be made upon physical development, without reference to beauty. The cards used for scoring will be the standard score card used in all similar contests throughout the United States.

Physicians selected from various parts of the county will constitute the board of examination which will prepare the data upon which the scoring will be based.

A building will be prepared and equipped especially for the accommodation and comfort of the mothers and babies, and the Club members will it their exclusive duty to extend the splendid hospitality for which Vale is noted to every mother visiting the city during the Carnival and Contest.

GROTTO OPEN AT THE MOORE

Saturday, at the Moore Hotel, Ontario, patrons of public hostilities were treated to a grand opening of a "Grotto" fitted up in the most approved modern style.

The entire basement under the main building has been completed and transformed from mere cellar to a delightful underground resort, cool in summer and warm in winter.

The walls are beautifully decorated with splendid landscapes, columns decorated with imitation carved stone, comfortable booths and tables for guests in singles or in parties, where they can be served with anything from soda water to Veuve Clicquot.

One portion is cleared for dancing and later a ladies bowling alley will be installed.

Saturday night last was the occasion of the opening, and about 1500 guests made the hotel look like the Waldorf on a New Year's eve. Some four hundred came from Idaho in 100 autos which crowded the streets as is Broadway N. Y. at five in the afternoon.

Vale was well and ably represented and assisted in the festivities to a marked degree. Imported entertainers gave a truly metropolitan air to the affair. Their work was excellent.

Ontario and eastern Oregon are to be congratulated on having so excellent an hotel established in their midst. Mr. W. U. Sanderson, the proprietor, is conducting the hotel on modern lines and is determined to please the traveling public and, that he is so doing, can be seen from the rapidly increasing patronage shown on the register.

THREE FULL DAYS OF PLEASURE, BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

Men, Women, Children and Babies of Malheur County Invited to Enjoy Vale's Hospitality for 3 Days.

The First Annual Fall Carnival will be held in Vale this year, the dates being set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 3, 4 and 5.

One big special feature will occupy each day of the Carnival, and every minute of time intervening will be occupied in entertainments, sports and educational treats.

The chief feature for the first day will be Traders' Day. Everybody will bring in everything they have for sale or to trade, and a day of jolly trafficking will be enjoyed. A block of ground will be set aside and prepared for the use of the traders, and where everything for sale or trade may be found. An auctioneer will be on hand who will put up for sale all articles, animals or other property that may be desired sold in that way, and every citizen of Vale will constitute himself a committee of one to see that everybody sells everything he has for sale, and gets a trade for anything he has to trade.

The second day will feature the Pioneers Re-Union. The Pioneers Association of Malheur County will hold a meeting in Vale that day, and take in as members every person eligible to membership, and will arrange for regular meetings of the Association, for commemorating historical events connected with the settlement and reclamation of the great Malheur country, and for the awarding of medals as tokens of remembrance to the old pioneers. Adequate preparations will be made for the entertainment and amusement of the pioneers, and a special program for that day will be devoted to the pioneer visitors and their families and friends.

The third and last day of the Grand Carnival will feature a Harvest Home Picnic. Everybody knows what this means, but nobody knows to what extent Vale is going this year to make the biggest and best harvest home picnic that has ever been attempted in any country similar to this. It is the intention of Vale to make this picnic a fitting grand finale to the two days of carnival that have gone before, and to give the visitors to the city an entertainment that will fully justify their coming from the remotest corners of the county to participate in the festivities.

OREGON LOSES; IDAHO WINS

The Idaho ball teams grow better and the Oregon teams worse as the season draws to a close. In last Sunday's games Vale lost to Weiser by a score of 5 to 1 and Ontario lost to Payette by a score of 14 to 3.

The position of the teams has not been changed relatively, and with only three more sets of games to be played, it only remains an effort for Vale to get out of the cellar.

Ontario has been making an effort of late to take Vale's place in the basement, and the three coming games may decide the cellar championship, it is settled now that Payette is to have the bunting.

It is impossible to impress upon anyone that there is dignity in residing upon a farm with impoverished soil, dilapidated buildings, and an environment of ignorance. -Seaman A. Knapp.

THOMPSON BOUND OVER

E. C. Thompson, who was arrested in Lard, Wash., last week, and who is charged with stealing a horse and saddle in Vale, a horse and saddle in Jamieson, and who was brought to Vale for trial, was given a hearing before Judge McKnight Tuesday.

He was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2,000, he having waived an examination.