



CHAMPIONS OF LEAGUE

Male Basket Ball Team is Pennant Winner.

FOR EVERY GAME PLAYED IN SERIES

Champions of Idaho-Oregon League would like to Tackle Boise

The Vale High School basket ball team has won the championship of the Idaho-Oregon league, defeating Boise, Caldwell, Payette and Ontario teams without losing a game of the series.

Vale had one more game to play with the Weiser team, but that team played Vale and lost, and had allowed to the other teams defeated by Vale in the series, and it was a foregone conclusion that Weiser could not stand against the champions, so the game was forfeited by Weiser to Vale, ending the series and giving Vale the championship of the League.

Vale has one of the fastest basket ball teams in the West, and an effort has been made to secure a match with the Boise team. Now that the Vale boys have nailed down the championship of the two-state league, it may be that the Boise team will give them a game.

OLD TIMER VISITS VALE

Fred J. Kiesel, owner of some of the most valuable lands in Malheur county, and one of the stockholders in the United States National Bank of this city, was here from his home in Ogden the first of the week.

As head of the old Oregon Forwarding company at Ontario in early days, Mr. Kiesel was one of the pioneer merchants of Malheur county, the firm being Kiesel, Shilling & Danilson.

Mr. Kiesel was one of the original promoters of the Owyhee ditch, and was personally connected with the construction of this, Malheur county's first big irrigation enterprise, and which is still one of the most important canals in the county.

Though aging considerably, he is a wide awake advocate of everything that makes for the upbuilding of the great inland empire of which Malheur county is the hub.

FEDERAL AID FOR GOOD ROADS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (Special to the Malheur Enterprise.)—That public opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of Federal Aid to good roads, is conclusively shown in the final report of the Joint Congressional Committee which has spent more than two years studying this general subject. In 1913, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Chairman of the Committee, sent to a large number of newspapers, commercial organizations, farmers' unions and granges a circular letter asking them to ascertain the consensus of opinion in their communities on this question.

Replies representing 100,000 individuals came from every state in the Union, and since the requests for opinions were made without discrimination, and without knowledge as to the views held by the persons or organizations addressed, the responses show with reasonable accuracy the attitude of the people throughout the country.

Ninety-seven per cent of the replies favored Federal Aid and three per cent were against it.

Importance of Maintenance. The report emphasizes the importance of maintenance and says: "The permanence of an improvement depends largely upon the character of maintenance. The stone or gravel surface, as well as the foundation of a highway, needs constant attention, similar to the care given the rails and roadbed of a railroad. It is the filling of the small rut, the repair of the small break, that prevents more serious damage.

"In France, road patrolmen are employed to care for certain sections of highway. Their tools consist chiefly of a wheelbarrow and shovel, with which they repair every defect in its incipency.

"These men keep the roads in repair until the harvest season begins and then are left free to seek more profitable employment among the farmers of the community. A road kept in repair until that time will need no attention during the harvest period. The highway patrolmen, therefore, afford a constant supply of labor upon which the farmers can depend for part of their harvest help.

"We believe a very similar system of maintenance should be worked out in this country."

The report is printed as House Document 1510, Sixty-third Congress. In its 315 pages will be found the most complete data ever gathered on this subject.

GOVERNOR SIGNS NEW BRAND LAW

The new "Brand Law" signed by the Governor February 9 provides that the state veterinarian shall be State Recorder of Brands.

Only one person or company shall have the same brand. The recording fee shall be \$1.00. All applications shall be held for 60 days to make certain that brand is not duplicated. In case of two or more having the same brand, that person or company having the brand on record with the county clerk the longest shall be deemed the owner of that brand.

DEATH PENALTY REPEALED

The law repealing the death penalty in Oregon has been signed by the Governor and would be murderers can now work with impunity.

So much of the energy is wasted energy.

Vale High School Secures a Popular Lady Entertainer

The Vale High School has been most fortunate in securing a date at the high school auditorium for Miss Grace V. Bonner, the noted and popular entertainer in monologue, ventriloquism and impersonation.

Miss Bonner not only entertains in a most pleasing manner, but adds a lesson of truth and human uplift. Her entertainment is pleasing and provokes unbounded laughter, while at the same time philosophical truths are presented that will cause the audience to think and feel the necessity for betterment of human conditions.

Her impersonations are the cleverest; as a ventriloquist she could make a fortune on the vaudeville stage; as an electioneer she ranks with the best before the public.

Everyone in Vale should attend this entertainment. To see the best entertainer that has been brought to Vale this season. To encourage the high school in securing the best talent obtainable for entertainments at the auditorium. To show our boys and girls of the high school that we appreciate their efforts in bringing to Vale good, wholesome, humorous, intellectual entertainers of this character.

The admission price will be 25c and 50c, and those who have heard Miss Bonner, assert that any single number on her splendid program is worth the full price of admission.

She will be here next Thursday, February 25th.

RABBITS ARE DISAPPEARING

Harry Anderson was in the city from Crowley early in the week, and says the rabbit pest in his immediate vicinity is almost a thing of the past.

Mr. Anderson and his near neighbors adopted the method of poisoning rabbits with grain soaked in a solution of strychnine, a description of which was published in the Enterprise a few weeks ago.

"At our Crowley ranch," said Mr. Anderson, "where a short time ago there were thousands of rabbits, now one can seldom see one. I do not believe it has all been due to the poisoning, for they have disappeared too suddenly.

"I have been told that along many of the streams large numbers of dead rabbits are being found, and the general belief is that some sort of disease has attacked the jackrabbits and is putting them out.

"This is in line with my experience with the jackrabbit," continued Mr. Anderson, "when they become very numerous in the country they are attacked by a disease of some kind, which nearly exterminates them in a single season, and then for years you will seldom see one."

\$3 BOUNTY NOW ON

Malheur County Now Ready to Cash Coyote Scalps

OLD SCALPS CASHED AT THE OLD PRICE

Three Dollar Rate Applies to Animals Killed After February 4

The legislature having passed, and the Governor having signed the coyote bounty act, trappers and farmers can now cash in their old skins at \$1.50 and newly killed skins at \$3.00.

The act passed by the legislature makes the following prices on skins: coyote pups or coyotes \$3.00; bob-cats \$2.00; gray or black wolf pups \$2.50; gray or black wolf \$5.00; mountain lion or panther \$10.00.

The county clerk advises that all skins killed prior to Feb. 4 will be cashed at \$1.50 and all skins killed since Feb. 4 at \$3.00.

With this bounty it is probable that the diseased animals will be quickly exterminated. The loss has been mainly in valuable dogs and live stock. Several thousand dollars in stock has been lost in Malheur county the past year.

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion as to just what the disease is. While many examiners insist that the indications are positively of rabies, many others claim that the actions of a mad animal are not in accordance with the accepted notions of that disease. That the bite is fatal to stock and dogs and at least dangerous, if not fatal to man, is, however, acknowledged, and therefore their extermination is a commercial necessity. Unprotected stock on the ranges during the coming season would suffer great losses.

There being no bounty on these animals in Idaho, there is some risk that the Idaho trapper may profit by our large bounty, but not to any great extent. Anyway the coyote skin will indicate that the coyote is dead.

G. A. HURLEY RETURNS TO HIS VALE HOME.

G. A. Hurley, formerly a newspaper man of Malheur county, and who owns valuable property in Vale, arrived here last week and will perhaps again become identified with the business interests of this city and county.

Mr. Hurley has been in the newspaper business at Independence since leaving Vale, but recently sold his plant and states that he will devote his attention to other lines in the future.

Loyal Order of Moose to be Organized Here

G. A. Childers, deputy national director of the Loyal Order of Moose, arrived in Vale Thursday for the purpose of establishing a lodge in this city.

Mr. Childers states that Vale taken most kindly to the Moose Lodge and an order will be established here.

"You may say for me," said Mr. Childers, "that Vale is the liveliest town I have found in the northwest, and I have visited all of them."

The Moose Lodge is now the third largest fraternal order in the United States, having some 700,000 members. The lodge owns nearly one thousand acres of land near Chicago, upon which it has established a home for its aged members, for the widows and families left helpless, and where splendid schools have been established for the education of the children of members who may be unable to otherwise secure the school facilities desired.

THE COMPENSATION ACT IS MODIFIED

The Workman's Compensation Act has been so modified that women working in canneries may work longer than eight hours per day.

SCHOOLS ARE SOCIAL CENTER

The Governor signed the bill introduced by Senator Moser providing for the free use of all public school buildings as civic centers for civic use.

NORTH CANAL GETS MONEY

As the House of Representatives refused to pass any appropriation bill for any irrigation project unless said project was specifically mentioned, Secretary Lane recommended the North Canal Unit of the Tumalo Project. Estimated cost is \$900,000. The House appropriated \$450,000 contingent on the state of Oregon appropriating a like amount.

\$1,176 WORTH OF COYOTES

Since February 8 the county clerk has paid for 392 coyote pelts and 50 bob cat skins. This is a large number to come in in so short a time but probably a number of these were killed during the early winter and held until action was taken by the legislature.

When a doctor doesn't know what else to say he says: "Internal injuries."

War always was rough stuff, but it is getting more like football every day; a twenty-yard gain is now considered an advance in either form of hostilities.

HARNEY COUNTY VAQUERO SHOT

As a result of a quarrel between two vaqueros on the Island Ranch at the Square Wells, Wednesday, Pat Mulcare was shot in the face by G Crawford with a 22-caliber pistol. The wounded man came to town and it was found to be merely a flesh wound the ball striking the cheek bone and glancing, coming out near the ear.

Sheriff Goodman went out and arrested Crawford and he had a preliminary before Justice Patterson Thursday afternoon which resulted in his being turned loose. It seems the complaining witness did not attempt to prosecute but rather excused his assailant. However, the fact remains that the man was carrying a pistol which is against the law and it was also admitted he shot the other fellow, in fact according to statements made by the victim, there were more than one shot fired during the fight.—Burns Times-Herald.

KAISER REPLIES TO UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17. (Enterprise Correspondence.)—Count Von Bernstorff, German consul, delivered a note to the United States, in which Germany offered to recede from her plan of destroying enemy merchant ships, if restrictions placed by the allies on shipments of conditional contraband and foodstuffs destined to the civilian population of Germany were removed.

Otherwise, the note announced, Germany proposes to put into effect the original proclamation, adding also the stranding of mines in waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland.

Alleged arming of British merchant vessels is given by the German government as ground for attacking enemy merchant ships without search or previous visit.

It was said that the note received by the ambassador from his foreign office was not a reply to the recent American note to Germany in regard to the war zone decree. A more comprehensive and detailed reply to the communication is expected soon.

The British reply to the American note of protest on neutral shipping, dated December 26, was also received. Besides entering a general denial that there had been any unwarranted interference with legitimate shipments the new note contains a statement from Great Britain that the recent government decree taking over the flour and grain supply in Germany required added precautions on the part of the allies.

TIMES DYNAMITER TAKEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (Special to the Enterprise.)—M. A. Schmidt, object of world-wide search more than four years, in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times, was arrested here. Detective William J. Burns, who, with Detective Captain William S. Devy, of the New York police department, made the arrest, ascertained that Schmidt admitted his identity a few minutes after he was taken into custody.

Schmidt was taken on a fugitive warrant. According to Burns, he is charged with being one of the three men who bought 1000 pounds of dynamite with which the newspaper plant was ruined and 21 persons carried to their deaths.

D. M. BROGAN HAS RETURNED

D. M. Brogan, of the Vale-Oregon Irrigation Co., arrived in Vale Friday morning and with his party proceeded immediately to the diversion dam for an inspection of that work and the condition of the completed portion of the ditch.

Mr. Brogan reports that times in the manufacturing centers are good, but great fears are entertained that the proposed declarations of blockade will have a deadening effect on all industries.

LIQUOR ACT SIGNED

The prohibition act has been signed by the Governor and Oregon in 1916 will be as dry as-as-a-nail, what is the drierst thing in Oregon? That's it. The referendum is threatened against it.

Romans were the original Good Roads fans, and news that in recent years some of the highways built two thousand years ago indicate that they learned their lesson well.

UNION HIGH ASSURED

Big Bend and Owyhee Districts Organize.

STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL TO BE BUILT

Committee from Five Districts will Make Estimate and Report

A meeting was held at the Kingman school house last Saturday night for perfecting an organization looking to the establishment of a Union High School for the Big Bend and Owyhee country.

Five districts are to be included, the two districts of Big Bend, the Kingman, the Warren and the Owyhee districts, representatives being present at the meeting from all the districts except one.

All favored the establishment of the school, and there is no question now of its being constructed. The only debatable matter at this time is the amount to be invested in the building and equipment, as all agree that a standard high school is wanted.

Miss Fay Clark, county school superintendent, was present at the meeting to assist in promoting the first union high school in Malheur county. The organization was perfected and E. H. Brumback, of Big Bend, elected president and R. R. Overstreet, of Kingman, secretary. Three other members constitute the committee, one from each of the districts interested.

This committee will confer with the people of the three districts, and make estimates as to the cost of the grounds, building and equipment. At another meeting to be held three weeks later this committee will report and a site will be selected and final arrangements made.

The Enterprise is informed that they expect to have a sufficient acreage connected with the school for experimental work in agriculture by the students, and that some of the more enthusiastic promoters of the union school have proffered to donate the necessary grounds for all purposes, offering as much as ten acres.

84 HOGS DIE OF HYDROPHOBIA

Noland Curry, who lives in the Steins Mountain country, recently had a hog bitten by a rabid coyote, so the Burns Times-Herald reports, and for the purpose of seeing what the result would be, he kept the hog till it developed hydrophobia.

The animal wrecked its pen, escaped and bit 84 other hogs, all of which died of rabies afterward.

These hogs were valued at some 2,000, and Mr. Curry has decided not to study the results of hydrophobia in hogs hereafter, but to put the infected ones out of the way as soon as possible.

A VALENTINE PARTY.

Friday evening of last week the Vale High School and eighth grade entertained at a Valentine party. A number of outsiders attended and all report an enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served, valentines exchanged and the remainder of the evening spent in playing games and extemporaneous speeches.

152 HOMES SECURED

U.S. Patent to 25,000 Acres of Malheur Land.

Indicating the steady advancement of Malheur county, we learn from Register Jones of the U. S. Land Office, that there has been 152 final proof notices filed from March 1, 1914 to Feb. 1, 1915, aggregating about 25,000 acres.

This adds a large amount to the assessed valuations in land and will make a correspondingly light levy necessary for 1916.

These filings are in the main homestead and mean additional population in the county.



ENTERPRISE CARTOONIST SEES THE FINISH OF THE COYOTE IN THE NEW \$3 BOUNTY LAW

THE RABBIT DISEASE

Spannies Beating Bounty by Dying of Disease.

Word from the Harney country is to the effect that in many places the rabbits are becoming so scarce that they do not pay to hunt them for the bounty. Some disease is killing them off in large numbers.

This will be glad news to the farmers and to the taxpayers generally, if the disease will take care of the pest, crops will be saved and further taxes for paying the bounty in the Harney country will be unnecessary.