



GOVERNMENT MAY HELP THE BLACK CANYON

Payette Attorney, Returning From Washington, Gives Favorable Impression Regarding New Project.

Malheur county is as deeply interested in the completion of the Black Canyon irrigation project, just across the river from Nyssa, as the people of that section of Idaho are.

Large numbers of Malheur county citizens own land under the Black Canyon project, and in the construction of this \$6,000,000 enterprise, Nyssa will be the logical supply point for a greater part of the work.

The Payette Enterprise, in its last number, has the following interesting article in regard to the Black Canyon project:

Attorney J. M. Thompson, representing the directors of the Black Canyon project has returned from Washington after spending several weeks there looking after the affairs of the district. He is encouraged and believes that ultimately the government will push the project through.

The success in getting a resolution passed by the Reclamation Commission for a report on the project by Mr. Weymouth, Boise project engineer, is the first step that offers encouragement. That report is evidently being made ready now and D. B. Long of Middleton says he got a statement last week from a reclamation man who says Mr. Weymouth is finding the project more favorable than he had anticipated.

Mr. Thompson says much depends on Mr. Weymouth's report. Should the report be favorable a complete survey would follow and the way would be bright for the Black Canyon.

Appropriation Pending. The general reclamation appropriation bill now pending, and certain to pass carries a specific sum for surveys and in case Mr. Weymouth's report now being made is favorable, there will be funds for the complete survey.

Mr. Thompson, in speaking of his reception and treatment by the reclamation commissioners, says that everything was cordial and pleasant and he was shown every courtesy. He believes that all the "powers that be" are friendly to the West and that lack of funds is the only block in the way of speedy action relative to the Black Canyon, but that it will finally come out victorious anyway.

CITY ELECTION HELD TUESDAY

Only One Ticket in the Field and All Old Officers Re-Elected.—Park Purchase Measure Fails.

The city election Tuesday was a quiet affair. Geo. E. Davis was re-elected mayor. The old councilmen were re-elected without opposition. J. B. Wheeler, appointed to fill vacancy of Zach Wilson, deceased, was elected recorder.

Purchase of the Chester park tract was turned down by a vote of 144 against to 55 for.

If you average to be right more often than you are wrong you are probably doing as well as your neighbors.

So much depends on the point of view that a henroost robbery is a wave of crime in some localities.

So far as the records show, no farmer was ever listed with the unemployed.

CHAMBER COMMERCE SPECIAL MEETING.

An important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is called for Monday evening, March 8th, and everyone is urged to be present.

Threatened To Set Fire to Residence

For threatening to burn Bill Allen's house and barn, Fred Green was arrested at Junction a few days ago, and is being held in preliminary examination, was

Writes To Learn More About Malheur

J. W. Brewer, of Portland, connected with the Immigration Commission writes the Enterprise for detailed information in re unlocated government lands suitable for dry farming or likely to be under an irrigation system.

This information can only be obtained from those who are investigators of such lands. The U. S. Land office is unable to give such information as is not permitted to enter into details as to value or suitability of specific pieces of land had they the information.

The Enterprise advises those who have this information to register themselves with J. W. Brewer, Commercial Club building, Portland, Oregon, for their own benefit as well as for the good of the county.

The various commercial bodies of Malheur county would do well to take the matter up and give Mr. Brewer all the assistance possible.

349 BILLS WERE SIGNED

Three Measures, Two of Which Create Entirely New Judgeships, Are Signed by Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 5. (Enterprise Special)—Governor Withycombe signed 349 bills, passed by the last legislature. House Bill No. 496, introduced by the committee on ways and means, and making an appropriation for the care of wayward girls, was the last bill signed by the governor, and it made a total of 349 bills signed by him. There were 220 bills passed by the house, and 132 by the senate, and the governor vetoed three.

He vetoed S. B. 288, by Kiddle, creating an additional circuit judge for the tenth judicial district; H. B. 308, creating the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth judicial districts from the second, and providing for two additional judges, and H. B. 357, amending the law relating to the organization of co-operative associations.

After signing Senate bill 312, which empowers the governor and several state boards to recall appointive officers, Governor Withycombe gave out a statement declaring the measure a necessity if the wishes of the people for an economical administration are to be fulfilled.

The executive defends the emergency clause feature of the measure, declaring that it is necessary to obtain promptly the best possible efficiency in the various departments for the law to become effective at once.

GERMANY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC

England's Premier Makes Announcement That Combined Fleets Will Stop All Ships.

LONDON, March 5 (Enterprise Special)—If the combined fleets of Great Britain and France can prevent it no commodities of any kind except those now on the seas shall henceforth, until the conclusion of the war, reach or leave the shores of Germany.

This is England's answer to Germany's submarine blockade and it is to be effective forthwith.

Premier Asquith made this announcement in the house of commons. Studiously avoiding the terms "blockade" and "contraband"—for these words occur nowhere in the prepared statement—the premier explained that the allies considered themselves justified in attempting, and would attempt, to "detain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin."

The premier emphasized, however, that vessels and cargoes so seized were not necessarily liable to confiscation and begged the patience of neutral countries in the face of a step through which they were likely to suffer. He added that in making such a step the allies had done so in self defense.

The tremendous cost of modern warfare, which the premier estimated now at \$7,500,000 daily to the allies alone, and likely to grow to \$8,500,000 or more daily by April, was the theme of that part of the premier's address not dealing with the blockade.

decided under \$500 bond to await the action of the grand jury. Failing to give the bond, he went to jail till the meeting of the grand jury next month.

COLUMBIA WELL STRIKES GAS FLOW

HOMESTEADER HEARS VOICES IN THE AIR BY WIRELESS

Preston H. Bogart, a homesteader on Birch creek in this county, near Huntington, became imbued with the hallucination last week that he was receiving wireless messages from women throughout the country, finally becoming so insane on the subject that it was thought best to examine him as to his sanity, and he was brought to Vale for that purpose.

Judge McKnight, Dr. Williams and Dr. Bailett examined the patient Saturday and he was committed to the mental hospital at Pendleton, the attendant from that institution arriving Monday to take charge of the patient. Mr. Bogart was at the Salem mental hospital years ago because of mind troubles.

SHOULD HOLD ANNUAL CONTEST

Owyhee Rancher Believes in Better Babies.

Mr. T. M. Lowe and wife, of Owyhee, were visitors at Vale the past week. Mr. Lowe reports the water in the Owyhee as the lowest for years at this season. Said Mr. Lowe: "The Baby Show at Vale last September was of great benefit to the mothers who brought their children and they all hope that it will become a permanent affair."

"Blood, like money, is never good unless it is in circulation," says a doctor's book.

THROWN FROM HORSE AND ARM BROKEN

Lucy Morrison, eight year old daughter of Stuart Morrison, had her arm broken and dislocated Tuesday. Lucy and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bridwell were riding to school on a pony belonging to Mr. Morrison. One of the boys jumped out and waved a paper in front of the pony causing him to shy. The Bridwell girl, riding behind, fell off and dragged Lucy down. Lucy's foot hung in the stirrup and she struck the ground with her hand breaking the arm and dislocating the elbow.

W. F. Morrison brought her to town and Dr. Williams arranged the broken arm.

RISES TO TOP OF THE DERRICK.

FLASHES INTO BLAZE WHEN IGNITED

Drillers will Case off When Gas Becomes Oppressive, and Continue Drilling for the Oil Reservoir.—Willey Expected to Arrive Soon and Start Other Work.

The drilling being now carried on by George Franklyn Willey, at the Columbia well of the Independent Oil and Refining company, has encountered a heavy flow of gas.

The gas flows to the top of the derrick and can be lighted. The drillers are continuing down and will continue until the flow becomes oppressive at which time they will case it off and continue for oil.

Mr. Willey is expected to arrive in Vale sometime in April and put the other property in operation.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Enterprise correspondents will please take note of the fact that this is Exposition year, and hundreds of thousands of eastern people will visit the west, many with a view of locating. The Enterprise is making a special effort to direct the attention of these to Malheur county, and each correspondent can aid in the work very materially by keeping constantly on the firing line with a budget of facts touching resources of his community.

Hundreds of copies of the Enterprise are now being sent out weekly for distribution in Portland, San Francisco, and San Diego. Keep this in mind when writing your news letters, and during this season address your communications more to the class unacquainted with Eastern Oregon, its resources and conditions.

Every section of the county is invited and urged to present its claim for public favor through correspondence in the Enterprise

A woman who is getting tired of a man frequently gets over it if she finds someone else wants him.

Economy masquerades so much that some of us spend a dollar trying to save a dime.

DUNCAN McRAE MOVES WITH FAMILY TO RANCH.

Duncan McRae and family passed through Vale Monday enroute to their home at Riverside. Mr. McRae and family have a fine home where they spend their winters at Ontario. They have arranged for their children to have private lessons for a while at Riverside.

Mr. McRae is a large owner of horses and mules and one of the old time developers of the Riverside country, where he has one of the best country homes in Malheur. This successful farmer is one of the best entertainers in the state and welcomes his friends with open hands and warm heart; is a wide reader and student of present day affairs which he analyzes with genuine Scotch wit and acumen.

NEW CLOTHING MAN AT FREEMAN'S

M. G. Stiles Goes East to Purchase New Goods.

M. G. Stiles, who has taken charge of the dry goods and clothing department of Freeman's store, will leave this week for the east to make purchases in this line.

Mr. Stiles is an experienced dry goods and clothing man, and has until recently been in that department of the Vale Trading company.

The Glories of Motherhood may not loom so large to a woman who has just done a washing for a family of six.

ARRIVES TO TAKE UP LAND IN MALHEUR

C. E. Flanery, of Everett, Wash., was among the arrivals in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Flanery was accompanied by J. C. Brishin, of Bellingham, Wash., who came for the purpose of getting a piece of Malheur county's fat land, and they state that there will be more to follow within a short time.

The State of Washington is furnishing a very large proportion of the settlers in the Malheur country, and the Malheur country is glad to welcome them, for they are of the most progressive class of western people, and do not have to be naturalized.

Senate Passes New Law For Homesteaders

WASHINGTON, March 3. (Special to the Enterprise.)—The Senate today passed Representative Sinnott's bill previously passed by the House providing that any person who has made or makes homestead entry on lands segregated under the enlarged homestead law and who has not submitted final proof, or having submitted final proof, still owns land thus entered, shall have the right to enter land adjacent to his first entry which shall not, together with his original entry, exceed 320 acres, provided the land entered has all been designated for enlarged homesteading.

W. Y. Morgan: A constitutional amendment permitting a verdict by three-fourths of a jury in civil cases stands a good chance for success. To my mind this is a fair proposition and it will surely save money that now goes to hung juries and new trials.

GAS OUTPUT TREBLED

Announcement Made by Secretary Lane of Two Important Discoveries Relating to Gasoline.

WASHINGTON, Mch. 5. (Enterprise Special)—Two great discoveries, both of vast importance to American industries and one regarded also as a priceless military asset, were announced by Secretary Lane, of the interior department. They are chemical processes developed after years of research by Dr. Walter F. Rittman, chemical engineer of the bureau of mines.

One is expected to enable oil refiners to increase their output of gasoline by 200 per cent; the other makes possible the production from crude petroleum of toluol and benzol, bases for dyes and high explosives, for which in the past the United States and the rest of the world has depended almost exclusively on Germany.

Dr. Rittman has applied for patents on his processes to prevent the possibility of any monopoly in their use and will dedicate them to the American people.

"These processes," said Secretary Lane, "are fraught with the utmost importance. The Standard Oil company has had a big advantage over the independents in production of gasoline, having a patented process obtaining three times the amount of gasoline from a given quantity of petroleum than the independents now obtain."

ALLIES ACTION IS MOMENTIOUS

England and France Send Notes Forbidding Shipments to Germany, to the United States.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5. (Enterprise Special)—All the commercial intercourse by sea between Germany and the outside world was declared prohibited by Great Britain and France. Identical notes presented by the French and British ambassadors here informed the United States government of this drastic step by the allies in reply to Germany's war zone proclamation.

If this policy is enforced it will no longer be possible to ship cotton, manufactured articles and commodities hitherto of a non-contraband character from the United States to Germany directly or indirectly, and from the latter country the supply of dyestuffs and other merchandise for consumption in this country will be cut off.

It was regarded as practically certain that the United States would reply promptly with an inquiry as to how the step was to be carried into practice, together with a protest against the announcement that commerce between Germany and neutral countries hereafter would be interrupted by the allies.

It is, as the songsmith puts it, a long way to Tipperary, but a greater distance must be traveled to find a man who has no helpful suggestions to offer.

BIG BEND'S BRIDGE BONDS PURCHASED

Hall and Lewis, of Portland, Become Possessors of Valuable Bonds Issued by The County March 1.

Malheur county receives \$31,910 for the \$30,000 issue of road bonds. Big Bend will soon have their bridge. Pursuant to the call made by the county commissioners, bids were received and opened at 10 a. m. Monday, March 1.

Several bidders were represented in person at the time and some telegraphic bids were received from eastern points. The bid of R. M. Small for Hall and Lewis, of Portland, was accepted as the highest bid under the call and conditions, though by no means the best for the county. Several of the firms bid on bonds other than those offered, which bids could not, of course, be considered. It showed however that under some different call the county could have saved money in interest and received as much ready cash.

The legality of the financial side of the question was cared for by Keeler Bros., of Denver, who were engaged by the commissioners to attend to that part of the matter.

The complete bond and authority under which they were issued was published in the Enterprise and Nyssa Journal. The chain of authority and formality of the issue under the law was carefully carried out. The bonds are rather an unusual issue, being straight twenty year 6 per cent bonds which makes them an exceedingly desirable security. The county having no other bonded indebtedness and but little behind in payment of warrants, the securities cannot be excelled, in the state. The bidders and their bids are as follows:

R. M. Small, of Hall and Lewis, Portland, Ore., \$31,910, cash tendered and bid accepted.

N. H. Halsey & Co., San Francisco, Cal., par and accrued interest. This would amount to \$30,600 on March 1.

Fred Glenn & Co., Portland, Ore., \$1,001 for a \$1000 bond drawing 5 per cent interest.

Farnson & Co., New York, 106 1/2 for a 6 per cent bond.

The Hanshett Bond Co., Chicago, \$1227 for 5 1/2 per cent bonds.

International Trust Co., Denver, 102 for a 6 per cent bond or 98 for a 5 per cent bond.

R. T. Holtz & Co., Chicago, \$7.00 premium for a 5 per cent bond.

Keeler Bros., Denver, for the issue \$30,750.

ENGINEER APPOINTED

County Court Appoints Engineer LaPointe of Nampa to Look After Construction of Big Bend Bridge.

Engineer LaPointe, of Boise, Idaho, was in town Monday before the board of commissioners with the plans of the proposed Big Bend bridge to be built immediately, the call for bids in the current issue of the Enterprise.

There will be four spans aggregating 620 feet over all. The width will be 20 feet in the clear and floor load (live) 125 pounds per superficial foot. Panels will be 20 feet. Estimated cost about \$29,000.

Married, Friday, at the Methodist parsonage, Hubert Matthews and Elizabeth Pitnum, both of Boise.

FRANK DAVEY GIVEN APPOINTMENT.

Frank Davey, representative for Harney and Malheur counties, has been appointed chief clerk for the Oregon State Penitentiary, at Salem.

Mr. Davey has disposed of his newspaper interests at Burns, and will be a competent employe of the State for four years.

Returned Home From California Visit

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weant returned home this week from California, where they spent the winter.

They state that while the exposition is good even now, that the better

time to make the trip will be later in the season, perhaps not earlier than June, as at that time exhibits will all be in and all buildings completed and equipped.

Never Mind, They will All Come to the County Fair

