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## A RENEWED INTEREST IN OIL

Will Again Start Drilling Operations in Vale Oil Fields in Spring

### ASKS VALE MORAL AID

Dr. Cartwright, Secretary of Sunset Company, has Bright Outlook.

Dr. R. Cartwright, of Salem, Oregon, and secretary of the Sunset Oil and Gas Company, was in Vale yesterday in the interest of his company.

In speaking of the future of the Sunset, Mr. Cartwright stated that everything is in readiness to start drilling as soon as weather conditions will permit.

"We are not offering to sell any stock to the people of Malheur county, but we do ask the moral aid of the people here. We are going down on our well to make a thorough test, and are in hope of bringing in a commercial well."

"If we can do this, ever person in Malheur county will be benefited, and it is therefore to the interest of everyone to lend his moral aid to every company that expends money for the development of this field."

## OPERATION ON MANSUR SUCCESS

Word has been received from Portland, to the effect that Clarence Mansur, who was compelled to undergo an operation for cancer during last week, is doing well, and is on the way to recovery.

This will be good news to the friends of the young man in Vale, who is very popular with the young folks here.

## NYSSA JOURNAL IS IMPROVING

The Nyssa Journal, the popular weekly, published by the Brown Bros., and which is doing more to boost their section of territory than would be imagined, came out last week with a greatly improved appearance. Following is the cause given by the publishers:

"The Journal this week added a large supply of new type to its equipment, a sufficient amount in fact to give the entire paper a new dress. This is a cause of rejoicing among the printers, who have had to solve the problem of how to make three cap M's spread over a column of names, all beginning 'Mr. and Mrs.' After struggling with such a problem an hour or so the average printer goes out 'to see a man.' He then puts his right foot on the railing, leans his left elbow on the polished mahogany and firmly grasps a glass of his favorite beverage, which is obligingly furnished by the man in a white apron. Disposing of this has a soothing effect and he tries another and several others, after which he can see M's where none exist. But that scheme had its drawbacks, especially with the arrival of the water wagon at hand, hence the new type. Other improvements are contemplated for the near future and the Journal will rank with the best of them. In this connection it may not be out of place to remind delinquents that now is the time to remit, as improvements cost money."

Thos. G. Jones returned from Kemmerer, Wyoming, the early part of the week, where he had spent a few days on a visit with relatives.

## Donald D. Merritt Now A Benedict

Mr. Donald D. Merritt, the son of Geo. Merritt, of Caldwell, and Miss Bertha Sasser, a daughter of D. D. Sasser, a prominent fruit rancher of the Emmett Valley, were united in marriage at Caldwell, Idaho, by the Rev. Wilson, of the Methodist church of that city, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. They returned to make their home in Vale the same evening.

## C. M. Crandall Remembered by The Band Boys

The City of Vale in conjunction with the Vale Concert Band members were instrumental in springing a very unexpected surprise on C. M. Crandall on Christmas Eve.

A business appointment was made with Mr. Crandall by one of the business men and he was held in his office late Friday evening while the band gathered in front and gave him a splendid serenade.

When Mr. Crandall made his appearance he was presented with an order for a \$100 cornet of his own selection, in the name of the City of Vale and the Vale Concert Band, in appreciation of his splendid work as musical director for the band during its organization and growth.

Mr. Crandall is a gifted orator and is ever ready with a gilt edge impromptu speech on most any occasion, but so unexpectedly was this presentation sprung upon him that his oratory was sadly lacking. He thanked them in the true spirit of the gift, but the feeling on both sides was too deep for oratory. There are times when one would rather be alone.

## Ontario Saloon Robbed--Man Makes Escape

The saloon owned by Oliver Nicely at Ontario, was robbed of \$170.00 Tuesday night, and the Sheriff of the county is looking for one Thomas Boyer, a bartender, who was serving in such capacity as an extra at the time. The man left on the eastern train, No. 18, on Wednesday morning, and to the present date has not been located. He was under criminal bond for bootlegging at Payette.

The sheriff's office has gotten out circulars, giving the man's description, and these will be sent over the country. He is described as resembling a Jap, smooth shaven, and a Virginian, about 30 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, and weighed about 140 pounds.

## ENTERTAINS PARTY AT FIVE HUNDRED

Carsten Mueller was host at a "500" party, given at the Mueller home Tuesday evening. A number of young men and women in the city were present, and four card tables were utilized during the evening's entertainment. After refreshments were served, the assemblage listened to reminiscences of Vale High graduates, who were home for the holidays from the University of Oregon.

EDITOR'S WIFE PASSES ON Word reached Vale last week that the wife of Julian Byrd, editor of the Burns Times-Herald, had died. Editor Byrd and his children have the sincerest sympathy of the newspaper fraternity throughout Eastern Oregon.

## FIRST BASKETBALL

The first basketball game of the season was played last Thursday evening at the Vale high school auditorium, between Fruitland and Vale teams. The final result showed a score of 24 to 10 in favor of the Vale team.

The Paramount Feature for Sunday night, according to information sent the Rex Theatre, is to be "Buckshot John" with Hobart Bosworth, who appeared a short while ago in "A Little Brother of the Rich." It is a story of a convict who tried to right a wrong, and effect his own reformation at the same time. This promises to be a fine attraction, as it played to great crowds at the picture houses in New York a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moody of this city spent the holidays with Mrs. A. A. Brown, of Ontario.

## GOOD ROADS THROUGH PRACTICAL METHOD

Reader of the Enterprise Sees Opportunity for Malheur County to Profit by Experience of Eastern States.

VALE, ORE., Dec. 28. (To the Editor)—The subject of good roads is one now being discussed by every state and county in the United States. In many of both, the subject is becoming so well understood that the great problem of "financing roadbuilding" is being solved satisfactorily to the people.

In Malheur county we are using about fifty thousand per year doing work on our roads, the greater portion of which is absolutely wasted. We buy enough machinery to work roads in a dozen counties and have nothing to show for it.

Fifty thousand dollars per year paid in interest will give us eight hundred thousand dollars for the construction of roads which will be lasting and which will double our population within five years.

Let your readers think what it would mean to them to have eight hundred thousand dollars spent in this county during the next three years. Let your business men think what it would mean to have ten thousand automobiles pass through the two hundred miles which Malheur county stretches from north to south. Should they leave only twenty dollars per car in the county it would mean four times the money spent for interest or now paid out in road work.

I would much like your paper to publish the appended speech made by D. W. Norris at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before a convention of engineers. There is meat in every paragraph, and if your readers will place Malheur county in about all of the places where Mr. Norris has used the word—how—our own condition would be well represented. The following is the text of the speech:

Good Roads. Gentlemen: I come from a State which has never financed a road as it ought to be financed; therefore our people in Iowa are paying out more tax money every year for their roads and bridges than any other State in the Union, excepting only the two States of California and New York, and we have less to show for our money in miles of roads improved than 26 other States. Spending more per annum than either Ohio or Indiana we can show barely one-tenth

as many miles of roads improved as can be shown in either State. If any of you road builders want to see what happens to a people's money when roads are not financed as all public improvements should be financed, just come to Iowa. We have more money per capita than the people of any other State save one. We spend more of it upon our roads and bridges than any other State save two. We have more banks and more newspapers than any State in the Union. This year we bought one-tenth of all the automobiles that were sold in the United States. Our rubber-tire tax is greater than our county-road tax, and yet 26 States in this Union have more miles of roads improved than we have in Iowa. You men have your problems of road finance in your own States, but out here we do not have any finance at all. We dig up more money than most any other State ever saw before, and we very promptly bury it in rich Iowa mud from whence it came. If anybody complains to the average Iowa farmer, he thanks God that he lives in the corn belt of Iowa and keeps on buying more automobiles and digging up his road money to the tune of twelve millions per annum.

Financing a road is a simple problem, gentlemen, if we will keep in mind that it is an investment which ought to be paid for by the people who receive its benefits and in accordance with the benefits which they receive from it. Somewhere in every State in the Union now, save in Iowa, and in 41 per cent of all the counties in the United States, but never in Iowa, roads are financed by bond issues, so as to distribute the first cost equitably over the successive generations of taxpayers who are going to use the road. If the road will last approximately 10 years, the bonds run for 10 years. More durable roads are bonded for 20, 30 and even 50 years, the averages being 30 for the best type of roads.

Equity in Bonds. Out here in Iowa the man who began with nothing and now owns a \$30,000 farm believes in paying as he goes when building a road, but he will borrow money from an insurance company with which to buy more land, and he has not yet seen that when he builds a concrete bridge with one

year's tax money he has made a Christmas present of that bridge to posterity for the next 100 years. He says that 30-year paved roads are impossible, because \$10,000 per mile is too much to pay out of one year's tax money, and it has not occurred to him that there will be taxpayers here when he is dead and gone who will be using that road and by rights should have to pay for some of it.

\$10,000 Road Fees. Anticipating public revenues by means of bond issues is the only equitable method for prorating the cost of a long-lived improvement among the generations of taxpayers who are to enjoy its benefits, but it is also highly profitable to the individual taxpayer as well as equitable. Private money in Iowa is worth 6 per cent. It costs the average farmer 8 per cent at the bank, but it can be invested safely at 6 per cent. His county and school bonds have been selling for 4½ per cent. When he borrows road money through his county at 4½ per cent so as to defer the cost of that road over a long period of years the individual is saved a profit of 1½ per cent for each year on all road money thus deferred besides easing his tax burden by passing some of the cost on to the taxpayers who are to follow in the future. This profit of 1½ per cent compounded and invested by the individual at 6 per cent will pay off the debt in 28 years. Let us understand that clearly. The taxpayers who dig up cash this year for a \$10,000 road will have paid for the road and their \$10,000 will be gone forever. If they had kept their \$10,000 working at home upon their farms at 6 per cent and had borrowed the price of the road from some bondholder down East in the name of their county at 4½ per cent interest, the 6 per cent interest earned on the money kept at home in private investment would pay all of the bond interest and also the debt itself in full in 28 years and the taxpayer would have both his road and his original \$10,000 besides. Road bonds offer one of the very few opportunities in life to eat one's pie and keep it, too.

Bourne's Federal-Aid Plan. (Continued on page 2.)



## Former Cashier Now Located in Redlands, Cal.

The friends of C. O. Nelson, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Vale, will be pleased to learn that he and his excellent family have gotten comfortably located for the winter at Redlands, Cal., as will be seen by the following letter received by the editor of the Enterprise during the past week:

Redlands, Cal., Dec. 22.—Mr. Jno. E. Roberts, Vale, Ore. Dear Friend: Now that we are located at the above address, for the winter at least, I will ask you to please send us the Enterprise, as my subscription is paid to next July, I believe. We are all well and are very much in love with this place. We will be glad to get the Vale news through the Enterprise. Give my regards to all, and wishing you a Merry Christmas, I am yours very truly, C. O. NELSON.

## Enterprise Type Machine Still Steady at Work

The Malheur Enterprise Standard Linotype typesetting machine is one year old today. Last year, at an expense of \$3,000, the Enterprise entered the list of all home composed and home printed newspapers, and since that time it has saved nearly double its costs to the office.

The Enterprise invoices show less than \$1.00 for actual repairs during the past year. Job work of various kinds, large numbers of pamphlets and books, an example of the latter being a 60-page, solid printed booklet for Attorney C. M. Grandall of this city, composed and printed in record-breaking time last week.

## BROGAN-TAYLOR

E. I. Brogan, of this city, son of D. M. Brogan, and Miss Betsy Taylor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor, of Ontario, were married last Thursday at the home of Father Campo, of Ontario.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Taylor home. The young couple left on the evening train for Portland and had Christmas dinner there with Mr. Brogan's mother. They will remain in Portland for a week or ten days, and from there will go to Seattle for a week's visit. After about three weeks they will be at home in Vale.

The bride is a very fine musician and holds one of the highest teachers' certificates in Oregon. The groom is a graduate of a law school in Philadelphia and is interested in the First National Bank of this city.

The friends of the young couple wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Staples went to Caldwell to spend Christmas with relatives at that place.

## K. P. DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS

The dance given by the K. P. lodge of this city Friday night, was a pleasant surprise to everyone in attendance. The Isis hall was beautifully decorated with colored streamers and evergreens, the popular Ontario orchestra furnishing the music. A large, light-hearted crowd joined in the festivities of ushering in the new year.

Messrs. Thos. G. Jones, G. R. Ames and Jack Wheeler were chairmen of the respective committees, under which the dance was instituted, and deserve especial praise for their work. It is proposed to make the K. P. dance a more frequent occurrence during the next year.

## Vale Goes Dry Without A Murmur

Those who predicted that death of John Barleycorn in Malheur county last night would be fraught with noisy demonstrations of inebriety, and the accustomed celebrations attendant with such, were greatly deluded, by reason of the fact that reports from various points indicate that few arrests were made, and that the last night of legal drinking was spent in a comparatively quiet manner. Every saloon in Vale was closed for the last time last night at the accustomed hour. It is stated that the new city law in regard to the selling of liquor will be entirely in keeping with the state prohibition amendment, which will eliminate any seekers after loopholes in the law.

## SAMPLES OF NITRATE MINES

Wagonload from New Discovery Brought to Vale by New Locators.

### DEVELOPMENT COMING

Big Capital Now Interested and Thorough Investigation now Sure.

Messrs. Burch and Stickney returned to Vale the latter part of last week with a wagonload of samples from nitrate mines which they have just located in the Watson country on the upper Owyhee.

Local interest is just becoming thoroughly awakened to the possibilities of the nitrate deposits in Malheur county, and everyone who has any knowledge of the country or can get on a location is now getting busy in securing nitrate lands.

With the Secretary of War asking congress to take immediate steps to secure a supply of nitrate at home, without being dependent upon Chili for our supplies in that line, which may be cut off at any time, the eyes of the entire United States will be turned upon Malheur county when it is demonstrated that this section is prepared to produce an unlimited quantity of that most important product.

That capital in abundance will soon be here to investigate our nitrate mines is now a certain fact. Leonard Cole, who has perhaps done more in the way of prospecting and locating nitrate lands than anyone else in the county, is in correspondence with a number of large capitalists, and he is very liberal in his offers to have a thorough investigation made.

There is little doubt that the coming season will see very great activities in this work in the southern part of Malheur, and those who are in a position to know what these mines contain, by a careful and conservative saying of the products, state that without question some great commercial producers will be developed.

## WATSON GIRL IS MARRIED

The following article from the Douglas, Arizona, Dispatch, will be of interest to Malheur county readers, because of the fact that the bride is a former resident of this county.

"J. B. Lawrence, quartermaster sergeant of the Twenty-second infantry, and Miss Maude Daley of Watson, Ore., were married yesterday evening by Judge R. S. Macley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Noble, 1050 Thirteenth street. Miss Daley arrived on the Golden State limited from the east and the ceremony was performed immediately afterward. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony.

"The principal feature of the feast was the wedding cake, which was decorated with two crossed flags and a miniature sergeant with rifle and decorated with sharpshooter medals similar to those worn by the groom. The dining room and parlor were decorated with flags and other military appurtenances in honor of Mr. Lawrence, who is deservedly popular not only in military but in civilian circles as well. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence will reside on Greene street."

Robert Beach, who has been ill for some time, has sufficiently recovered as to be up and around town again.