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Heavy Fire Losses

WESTFALL HOTEL HARDWARE CO. IS TOTAL LOSS HEAVY LOSER

Building Owned By I. P. Hart Is Burned to the Ground. Furniture and Fixtures of Burns Firm Demolished By Flames

The Westfall Hotel, at Westfall, burned to the ground at nine o'clock Tuesday night. Nothing was saved, and the damages have not been learned. The hotel was a two-story frame building, the only one of the kind in Westfall, and was owned by I. P. Hart of that city.

BURNS, Oregon.—The Smith Hardware Store, a two story building which is located on the Main street of this city, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The stock and fixtures of the building, valued at some \$8,000, was a total loss. It is stated that there was some insurance.

ENTERPRISE INTEREST IN PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE

The interests of the Malheur Enterprise and the people of the county are identical and indissolubly united. Unless the people of the county are prosperous the Enterprise must suffer.

ly to the heartbreaking delay of an uncertain money market. The district plan has been carefully and exhaustively examined into and there has been no instance of failure where good land could be irrigated at a reasonable cost.

Ontario Wins The Elimination Contest

At an elimination contest at the High school auditorium between the Vale High and Ontario High Debating teams, to determine which team should debate the Nyssa representatives for a district championship, the Ontario debaters, Ephraim Herriott and Robert Bender, received the entire vote of the judges.

"Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt the Swiss System of Military Training," and Vale was represented by David Ellis and Freeman Kirwin on the affirmative.

Sanitary Schools in Oregon is Object

County Superintendent Miss Fay Clark is in receipt of the following letter from the state superintendent, touching the matter of better sanitary conditions in the schools.

Salem, Oregon, Jan. 29, 1916.—To County Superintendents: One of the best movements in the interests of bettering the sanitary conditions of the schools throughout the State was the giving by the State Board of Education, of a health officer's badge and a little booklet giving the rules and regulations governing sanitary conditions of the school. Repeatedly reports have come to this department from various parts of the State as to the seriousness of many pupils undertaking the work of cleaning up the school house, outbuildings and school premises. This, of course, was more notably true in those counties where the county superintendent emphasized this work. I am sure that you know that Commissioner Claxton of the Bureau of Education at Washington, in his Report of 1915, comments favorably upon this feature of the Oregon schools.

At a meeting of the State Board of Health not long ago I asked that these badges be given out again, provided, the Board had a fund with which to purchase them. This morning I received a letter from the Secretary in which he asks how many badges and booklets we would need for distribution.

If you consider this work of enough importance to justify its emphasis, kindly write me the number of badges and booklets you would like to have for your county. I am enclosing a badge and a booklet of rules.

Very sincerely yours,
J. A. Churchill,
Supt. Public Instruction.

Miss Clark has sent for a supply of the badges and booklets mentioned in the letter, and will supply the schools of Malheur county:

Following is the contents of the booklet of rules and regulations to be enforced by the school health officer:

By virtue of the power vested in you, it becomes your duty to look after the hygiene and sanitation of your school.

Lighting.
Windows should be at least one-ninth of the floor space.
Windows should be to the left and the rear of the building. If this is not done, it is better to change the desks.

The blackboard should never be between two windows. If it is, curtains should be procured to darken these windows.

Eye strain usually begins in the public school.

Ventilation.
The building must be ventilated. Let the bad air out.
Always open windows from the top. Every school should have a board to fit under the lower sash so air can be fitted between the upper and lower sashes.

An open window is better than an open grave.

The windows should be washed at least once each term.

Don't be afraid to let the sunlight in.

Building.
The building should be swept every day and the floor should be covered with sweeping compound or wet paper to prevent the raising of dust.

The windows should be opened while sweeping.

See that the furniture and desks are all wiped with a wet cloth. Don't allow a feather duster.

Water Supplies.
Springs are dangerous unless very carefully guarded.
Don't allow waste water from well to run back into the well.
See that the curb is good and tight and the well cemented around the top.

A Heavy Lumber Transaction is Finished

One of the largest lumber deals ever known in this county was closed this week, by which the various lumber yards at Vale, Payette, Ontario and Nyssa pass to the ownership of the Boise-Payette Lumber Company, which is said to be a subsidiary of the Weyerhaeuser companies.

The Empire Lumber Company of Vale, owned by M. E. Thayer, is one of the companies which will pass into new hands. No arrangements as to the management of the Vale company have been announced as yet.

The Empire Lumber company at Ontario, owned by L. Adam for some twenty years, will from now on be owned by the new company.

WILL HAVE BIG AFFAIR—SCRAP IN NOVEMBER

The republicans are preparing for a big meeting at Vale, February 12. There are eminent and able speakers engaged representing the entire county. It is not to be a local affair.

"We have a splendid program," said Ralph Weaver, secretary of the committee, "and the eagle will scream and flap its wings. All parts of the county will be represented and Malheur republicans will be heard from then and thereafter."

Candidates seem to be conspicuous by their absence from the committee personnel. They do not appear on the program. Judge Wood, of Ontario, will be one of the speakers and it will be a get together meeting of Malheur republicans.

"Things look good for us this time," said one of the committee. "No more psychology for us."

The Enterprise is informed-subrosa, that there will be an answering challenge from the democratic cohorts ere many days. We were unable to run the rumor to any certain authentic source, but it is practically assured that the republican challenge will be accepted and it will be "war to the knife and the knife to the hilt," in Malheur county this summer and fall.

Will R. King was a Vale visitor last week and Will E. is some politician, for things generally hum in politics when he appears on the scene

ALLOFGOOD OPINION

Prominent Men Lend Their Views Regarding the Warm Springs Project

That the citizens of the county are greatly in favor of an immediate construction of the Malheur project is shown again this week. The Enterprise of last week presented the views of a number of prominent citizens and today present the views of a number of equally prominent men identified with the interests of the county.

"The water of the Malheur river is an asset which is unequalled by any natural resource in the west," said James Lawrence, president of the First National Bank of Vale. "It should not be allowed to run to the sea longer without being first distributed over our rich lands and serve to create homes for thousands of people. The storage of 100,000 acre feet of water at the Warm Springs reservoir site means the lifting of mortgages and production of wealth which cannot come to us in any other way. I am sure the farmers of the valley will welcome anything which will reduce taxes and bring people into the country."

A. L. Cockrum, president of the First National of Ontario, said, "Being a comparatively newcomer in the county it has been hard for me to realize that so easily constructed project could be lying at our very doorstep. Ascertaining it to be a fact and realizing the excellent law of Oregon would enable the farmers to manage their own affairs without being at the mercy of promotion speculators, I am desirous of doing all possible to help it along."

"We are all prosperous when land is moving and being put under cultivation. The addition of 25,000 acres of cultivated land to our present acreage in the valley means prosperous times for everybody. People will be attracted to our section and land will move. Those desirous of selling will find customers."

"The construction of the project will scatter a large amount of money throughout the district, which money may now be obtained on such excellent security. The increased prosperity will enable many mortgages to be lifted. In fact the water now wasted by running unrestrained to the sea carry our prosperity along with it. By building the reservoir we can retain this prosperity. By all means let us build."

Bruce R. Kester, formerly register of the land office, president of the Vale Chamber of Commerce and now of the law firm of Davis and Kester, expressed himself as greatly pleased with the present district law.

"The Malheur valley should be one of the most highly developed communities in the northwest. One half the valley is now in sagebrush while all should be cultivated. No further development can be expected without the storage of water."

"Ditches already constructed can be enlarged and carry sufficient water to irrigate some 35,000 acres of land. Government and other agencies inform us that the storage will be exceedingly cheap."

"For the construction of the reservoir the district system appears the only practicable one. Under the district law speculative land will be compelled to bear its just share of the burden."

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SPEAK

Being "reliably informed" is not enough. It may do for a lecturer or a minister but it must be stronger than that for a newspaper and really should be for any man or woman who makes a declaration. Reliable information is often wrong. Facts are not impossible to secure. Your best friends are liable to give you wrong information, yet you would call it being "reliably informed." When your prejudices enter into a subject then you should be even more careful and secure absolute, not reliable, information before you act or talk.

At night a man usually realizes he didn't do so well as he felt he would when he tackled the job in the morning, but he expects to do better the next day.

About the only thing I have learned for certain, is that late in January is the time to buy an overcoat.

As long as his stomach will stand it, a man is inclined to eat too much, and sometimes even longer.

One Liquor Shipment to Vale in Month

Although the prohibition law has been in force in Vale for more than a month, practically no liquor has been shipped into the city from out of state points, according to receipts of the express office. Just one shipment has been made, in spite of the fact that after the state went dry a number of liquor users applied for information as to the correct way of ordering and receiving wet goods.

It is the opinion of the express officials that the publicity now involved in procuring liquor is responsible for the lack of orders.

Heaviest Snowfall For Years

Malheur county has experienced during the past week one of the heaviest snowfalls in her history. Trains have been delayed on the Malheur and Brogan and Eastern Oregon branches, and have brought in but very little mail, on account of delays on the main line.

Beginning with 9 o'clock Monday evening, it snowed continuously until 9 o'clock Thursday morning, only subsiding for an hour Wednesday evening. This covered the country with an additional 20 inches of snow, the average being about 8 inches a day.

In Vale snow plows were brought into use on Wednesday and Thursday, clearing away the drifts on the streets and sidewalks. With the assistance of the snowshovel brigade, traffic was carried on in the city without hardly any inconvenience.

Thursday night, a six inch snow in Vale brought the average depth to from 24 to 28 inches.

The Enterprise is indebted to Mr. Walter Powers, of the Malheur Home Telephone Co., for the following report from practically the entire county.

Vale 24 to 26 inches.
Ontario 28 inches.
Jamieson 28 inches.
Harper 15 inches.
Westfall 25 to 26 inches.
Hot Springs 24 to 30 inches.
Drewsey 25 to 30 inches.

At Riverside the snow is but 3 or 4 inches in depth, while five miles out the depth reaches 12 inches. The groundhog did not locate his shadow, so an early spring is predicted.

Harney Lad of 15 is Shot and Killed

COW TESTING ASSOCIATION

Several weeks ago Mr. Kehrl was in this county with me going over the situation with respect to forming a cow testing association. It was necessary in order to procure enough herds having sufficient number of cows to include several herds on the Canyon County side of the river. The results of our preliminary canvass were very gratifying in that the dairymen were all so willing to enter into the association. We were also surprised to find the large number that understood the nature of this work, showing that the dairymen in this section are keeping abreast of the times so as to get all of the good things that are coming their way.

There may be a few that would wish to join this association, however, that do not understand the way in which it works and so I will here give a brief description of it here. A tester usually tests one herd each day, or where two small herds are near each other he may be able to test them both in one day. From this you can see that it is necessary to have about twenty-six herds in the association. These men contract to test their herds for one year, and then come together and form a simple organization and elect the necessary officers, hire a tester and begin operations. This association can also do cooperative buying and selling if they desire.

The tester calls once each month, weighs the milk night and morning, tests it, figures out the monthly production, balances the feed, and offers and suggestion to the dairyman that he thinks would be helpful. The tester should also be a source of general information along dairy lines.

There are at the present time over three hundred associations in the United States, and twenty-three of these are in Oregon. This large number shows how important they are to the dairymen. The associations show that the average cow gives but about one hundred and fifty pounds of butterfat, and that any herd can be culling out the boarders, and by proper grading up to raise this to over three hundred pounds in three to seven years.

The results of these testing associations are so generally known that I do not believe that it is necessary to dwell further upon this subject. I wish every dairyman to know that next week Mr. Kehrl will return to help me get the dairymen together to form this association, and I wish any one that is interested in this proposition that we did not visit to get in touch with me immediately, for we do not desire to leave any one out of this that it is possible to include.

W. W. HOWARD,
County Agriculturist.

MORE ABOUT THE BOUNTY

To the Editor: In your paper of January 22 I read an article written by a Brogan resident on the rabbit bounty question.

I wish to say that I started this proposition with the idea of getting out petitions for presentation to our county court for a vote of the people at the fall election for the placing of a five cent bounty on black tail rabbits.

Petitions to be signed by farmers, locators and taxpayers. Farmers and business men to work together and thus benefit everybody, as the money paid out for bounties is spent among our own people.

Getting rid of the rabbits will make money for the farmer and he will have money for the traders. He will also be able to feed more stock.

Poisoning rabbits as some propose, is dangerous and will likely kill our own stock and wild game birds.

Now let's get down to business and get these petitions out demanding this bounty.

The Brogan Commercial Club will understand and will give their help. I also understand that some of our large companies are in favor of it. Now Mr. Business man and farmer, the people are waking up to the need of getting rid of the rabbit pest; are you helping all you can?

Just try and boost a little more and get in touch with the Brogan club, with people of Crowley, Cord, Westfall and in fact the whole county.

We want to raise more grain and save it after it is planted. If the rabbits are put down the stock and sheep men will make more money as well as the farmer. Let us all work for a five cent bounty.

Mr. K. W. Dale, I. K. Venator are in favor of it. What is the use of putting off until next week what can be done today. It is high time we get busy.

CHAS. A. CORLISS.

STEPFATHER ADMITS DEED

BURNS, Ore., (Times-Herald).—As the result of a gun shot at the homestead of Ira Bond, some 18 or 20 miles east of Harriman, Thursday, Melvin Bond, a boy about 12 or 14 years old is dead and his step-father claiming it accidental.

The shooting occurred about noon and Dr. Denman was summoned from Harriman to aid the wounded boy but he found him dead upon his arrival at 5 o'clock.

The report of the affair was telephoned to Burns and District Attorney Sizemore began an investigation and from information he secured decided to go to the scene. He found there had been some trouble between the boy and his step-father and matters connected with the affair seemed to warrant a thorough investigation.

Sheriff Goodman, who was at Riverside yesterday morning enroute home from Vale, called Mr. Sizemore over the phone and said he had conversed with Bond over the phone and while he claimed the shooting was accidental, the sheriff advised Mr. Sizemore to look into the circumstances very thoroughly.

Mr. Sizemore, Coroner Clevenger and Dr. Saumman left for the scene yesterday morning to hold an inquest and secure what evidence from eye witnesses they could. There were several witnesses, the mother, a son-in-law and other members of the family.

The party arrived back from the scene of the trouble last night and reported that the boy who was killed had been in a scuffle with a younger brother over a pencil. They broke it and the younger boy told his brother he would have to give him 10 cents to get him another but he refused. Finally Ira Bond, who was lying on a bed in another room called to them to stop their quarrelling or he would whip them. The mother interferred saying he could not whip them as he was entirely too severe on such occasions. Bond is said to have resented this interference and remarked that if she intended to allow the children run the place he would show her what he would do. With this remark he reached up and took down a gun hanging on the wall and as he did so the weapon went firing. The bullet passing through the wall into the room where the boy was and out through the window. The mother called for the boys to look out and as Bond started into the room she followed, together with the son-in-law and all engaged in scuffling with the gun. Bond told them to look out as the gun was not on a safe and might go off. It was discharged immediately after this remark and struck the boy.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of involuntary man slaughter against Bond.

Weiser is Defeated by Vale

At a rousing basketball game, full of "pep" from start to finish the Weiser High School basketball team went to defeat at the hands of the Vale team to the tune of 44 to 26, last Saturday night. The game was hard fought till the end, and the Weiser lads deserve special credit for their tenacity. Basket after basket piled up the score for the home team, but a number of fouls were called on both sides.

The Vale basketball aggregation is conscientiously preserving the last year's record of a clean season, and if good practice, and earnest effort will do it, the home team will succeed.

The College of Idaho team defeated the Vale boys Thursday night by a considerable majority. This was not a regular game, the College team being out of the High School element, so will not count against the home boys.

ENDEAVORERS TO CELEBRATE

The anniversary of the Christian Endeavor association will be observed at the Christian church next Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Special music and special talks have been arranged and a rousing meeting is planned.

The society has been a strong one in Vale, its members being composed of young men and women from the various churches in the city.

Everybody, especially the young people, are cordially invited to spend a pleasant hour with the Endeavorers.

SEEDS GOING—BETTER HURRY

The last week the Enterprise has been flooded with requests from all over the county for government free seeds, and every request has been filled to the present date. While the big mail sacks have a rather depleted appearance, there are still enough to fill many more orders.

All that is necessary to secure a free package of either garden or flower seeds, is to specify the kind desired on a postcard, signing the name, and mail it to the Enterprise.

MEETING AT THE COMMERCE ROOMS

There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening for the purpose of electing officers and transacting routine business.

Members are requested to be on hand at 8 o'clock as there are some important matters coming up.

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