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ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF REPUBLICANS

ENTHUSIASTIC LINCOLN BANQUET MADE THE OCCASION OF REPUBLICAN REUNION IN MALHEUR COUNTY

The banquet celebrating the birthday of Lincoln resolved itself into a rousing launch of the republican campaign in Malheur county, and political unity and good fellowship prevailed.

The Vale Band of twenty pieces entertained the large audience from 8 to 9 p. m. at which time the doors were thrown open and the gay crowd of men and women filled in to enjoy the excellent viands and listen to as fine a program as has ever been provided in Vale on any occasion.

Toastmaster George E. Davis called the assembly to order and Rev. Francis L. Cook delivered the invocation. Several splendid vocal renditions were given during the evening by Rev. Cook and Lois and James Cook. Messrs. Burrows, Schmidt, Williams and Guillian entertained with the saxophone and were encored with great applause.

Judge Davis opened the ceremonies with an historical review comparing the great men and their accomplishments with our own Lincoln. This review was entertaining and an intellectual treat well worthy of study and consideration by all who heard it.

E. M. Dean, of Nyssa, eloquently entertained the audience with a splendid oratorical effort on "Our Martyred Presidents" dealing with the crises which arose and the fortunately able men furnished by a wise providence to meet them. Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley were brought realistically before the gathering and the great events in which they took part were portrayed in choice rhetorical effort as well as their unfortunate removal before completing their great tasks.

Mr. John W. Corson, the speaker of the evening on "Lincoln," gave those fortunate enough to be present a brilliant and entertaining oratorical panegyric which thrilled and held the audience in breathless attention for 35 minutes. Mr. Corson is a facile and able speaker and handled his subject somewhat differently from the usual custom. Portions of this excellent and instructive address follow below.

Mr. H. H. Williams rendered Lincoln's Gettysburg speech in an excellent and able manner very pleasing to his listeners.

George W. Hayes gave an illustration of a ringing and rousing political talk on "The Past of the Republican Party." An orator of ability and thorough master of his subject Mr. Hayes drew many comparisons complimentary to that party and, from his view point, showed the utter incompetency of the Democratic party as well as their extravagance. Portrayed in glowing language the successful constructive efforts of that party and the inability of their opponents to even follow in their footsteps.

Speechmaking closed with a witty and felicitous effort by Professor S. G. Bailey, of Ontario. Professor Bailey said that he had been slated for a speech and upon asking "on what subject" was told about ten minutes. "Just what there was to talk about ten minutes I am unable to figure out. I note however that a probable reason why I was called upon was that candidates having been cut out as speakers there were but few of us left."

The Professor advocated the solid allegiance to the party clear down the line. He showed that the republican party had not listened to the rumblings of unrest; had not properly interpreted them and therefore went down to defeat in 1912. He hoped they had learned the lesson and would meet the people half way in all policies.

The Professor closed with highly complimentary remarks as to the ability of Vale to entertain and was frequently interrupted with loud and vociferous applause.

At the close of Professor Bailey's remarks Toastmaster Davis said: "In our midst we have tonight one of the old heroes of the great strife conducted by Lincoln—Uncle Tom Barton."

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VALE BOYS MAKE GOOD GRADES IN UNIVERSITY

Millard Nelsen and George W. Taylor Receive Fourth of Freshmen Honor Grades.

Vale boys make themselves prominent when away from their home. At the University of Oregon, last semester, George W. Taylor gained 4 hours out of the 25 in the "H" class Freshmen; 8 hours out of 88 in "S" class and 4 hours in "M" class.

Millard Nelsen gained 14 hours out of 88 in "S" for Freshmen and 2 hours "M" class. As 16 hours in "S" class are necessary to pass for a year Millard has only two hours to gain the coming semester.

In this Freshman class there are over 300 students and these two Vale High School boys received one-fourth of the credits of the entire class.

"Buy At Home" Civic Club Slogan

Civic Improvement Club Passes Resolutions to Help Home Merchants.

The Ladies Civic Improvement Club greatly deprecate trading away from home and have inaugurated a movement with hopes of inducing mutual co-operation between the traders and consumers.

It is realized that perhaps the exact article needed or quality desired may not be on hand at all times but they think traders should be willing to go to some trouble to obtain just what is demanded, if unable to carry it in stock and that, on the other hand, consumers should give the traders an opportunity to supply them rather than immediately ordering from elsewhere.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously by the club at their meeting February 10:

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, the development of any town depends upon the development of the contiguous territory, and the development of the contiguous territory depends largely upon co-operation between town and country, and

WHEREAS, a strong civic spirit is essential to the development of any community, and

WHEREAS, it has been our notice that such money is expended by consumers for goods and merchandise from mail order houses and other outside trade centers, and

WHEREAS, it lies within the purpose of Civic Improvement Club, and is to the very great interest of the citizens of Vale that home buying be encouraged, that the strong civic spirit be fostered, and that the best interests of both town and country be considered, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Civic Improvement Club convey to the merchants of Vale a request that they carry in stock a line of merchandise at such prices and of such a quality as will induce the consumer and housekeeper to buy at home; that they maintain on their merchandise a price which is no higher than the prices regularly maintained on similar merchandise by the merchants in our neighboring towns; that in the matter of buying for retail trade, agricultural products such as fruit, vegetables and dairy products, they give preference first to Vale, second to Malheur county, and last to Oregon; that in the event of not carrying a particular style of goods asked for by the customer, they make every possible effort to secure such articles for the customer, rather than to allow her to seek another buying place.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Civic Improvement Club will endeavor, before buying, to examine merchandise carried by the Vale merchants; that they will, in cases where the schedule of prices is no higher, and the quality of goods is the same, give the preference to the Vale merchants; that in the buying of garden vegetables, fruit and dairy products, they will consider first the products of Vale, second, the products of Malheur county, and third, the products of Oregon; that they will, in co-operation with the merchants and business men of Vale, endeavor to make Vale an attractive trading center for the outlying districts.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be furnished to the Malheur Enterprise, and to each of the merchants of Vale, and that a copy thereof be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

MRS. ANNA M. WHEELER,
President.

MRS. G. A. BURING,
Secretary.

It wouldn't be nearly so far to Tipperary if the roads were good.

Suttle Gets Money For Irrigation

Suttle Lake Succeeds In Securing Money Under The District Plan.

The news item following is of great interest to the people of the valley as it indicates what may be done under the Oregon District Irrigation Law.

This district had been unable for years to accomplish the irrigation of their fine lands through private promoters but within one year from the time of organization they have secured the necessary funds through Vancouver, B. C. contractors. Engineer Laurgaard constructed the State works on the Tumalo project and has taken great interest in forwarding action through the mediumship of the district law.

The engineering work on the Malheur project is practically completed and that delay removed. It is now only necessary to perfect an organization and, when the owners are ready, go ahead.

Vancouver, B. C. Company to Construct Suttle Lake, Or. Project.

The Henry J. Kaiser Contracting Company, of Vancouver, B. C., has been awarded the contract for the construction of irrigation works in Suttle Lake district in Central Oregon. The contractor agrees to sell the bonds, authorization for the sale of \$600,000 worth having been made, as compensation for his work. The estimate of the cost of construction given by the engineer was \$534,000.

It is the hope of the engineer who will have charge of the construction, O. Laurgaard, that the work will be commenced in the Spring and that the entire project will be completed within a year to allow crops to be planted in 1917.

STEPPATHER DIES IN THE EAST

Vale Man Receives News of Death of Steppather in Cambridge, Wisconsin.

C. C. Romph has word of the death of his stepfather which took place at the family home near Cambridge, Wis. on Feb. 2, 1916. He was a favorite among the step children and will be greatly missed. He lived a christian life and therefore was prepared to answer the summons. Having made all funeral arrangements and bidding the family a last farewell he passed peacefully to the great beyond. He leaves a wife, son and daughter, eleven grand children and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

WM. JONES SAYS DISTRICT PLAN IS THE BEST

Prominent Rancher and Stock Raiser Endorses District Plan for Irrigation.

Wm. Jones, Banker, Farmer, Cattleman and Pioneer of Malheur County, was in town from his Juntura home last week on business matters. Mr. Jones expressed himself as greatly in favor of a district organization for the construction of the Warm Springs reservoir.

"We can all talk as we please," said Mr. Jones, "about plenty of water but as a matter of fact the best rights on the river are mighty close to shortage pretty nearly every year. It has always seemed strange to me that this project has hung fire so long and I think it is lack of organization. There is a fine damsite and plenty of water every year to fill a larger reservoir than they are likely to build. Water will double the population of Vale and Ontario and the farmers could raise double the crops they now get. Any thing I can do to help push it along will be done and I am sure we want the district extended so as to take in the whole river to Juntura, for then we won't be worried about losing our second crops and will get rid of a lot of foolish litigation. Nothing like plenty of water to settle priority of rights. No one cares who comes first or how much water is adjudicated to him, if there is always plenty of water at his head-gate."

Mr. Jones stated that but little of the real flood had passed Vale. "The North Fork and Middle Fork have not made a start yet and the headwaters of Bully creek are deep with snow." Continued Mr. Jones: "I am afraid the ground is so badly frozen that most of the water will get away from us instead of soaking into the ground and coming up in the shape of grass. It's too bad to see it go down to the ocean when we might easily have had enough for three years stored at a very small cost."

The Zone Food Sale which was given by the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church in the Hadley building last Friday evening, was a success in every detail. A number of booths carried varieties of cooked food, and before everyone who crowded the room had been fed, every variety of food was exhausted.

The finance committee reports a cash receipt of \$57.00.

Democrats Will Meet in Ontario

Democrats of County Will Celebrate "Wilson Day" at Moore Hotel in Ontario.

In honor of the third anniversary of the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States, the Woodrow Wilson Club of Malheur county will hold a banquet and get-together meeting at the Moore Hotel, Ontario, on Saturday evening, March 4th next. The banquet and subsequent post prandial discussion will be open to anyone who desires to attend, regardless of race, religion, creed or politics, provided arrangements are made with the committee in charge at least three days prior to the date of the banquet for seats thereat, so that the committee can make preparations for the proper number to be accommodated.

It is expected that several speakers of national reputation will be present, and give interesting talks, as well as some of the prominent local Democrats and Progressives. The program is bound to be an exceedingly attractive one, and it is the aim of the committee in charge to make this the biggest event of a political nature that has ever occurred in Malheur county.

The committee in charge of the arrangements, and from whom tickets for the banquet may be purchased, at \$1 per plate, are the following: B. C. Richardson and B. W. Mulkey, Vale; Wilson Bros. of Nyssa; and W. F. Herman and E. H. Test of Ontario; while D. L. Ingard, of Fruitland, Idaho, will represent the Idaho delegation, and tickets may also be purchased at the Fruitland State Bank for the banquet.

NAVAL BASE FOR ASTORIA

Great Naval Base for Astoria. Joint Resolution Introduced in Congress.

A bill has been introduced in Congress by W. C. Hawley providing for the establishment of a first class naval base at Astoria. Favorable comment is made throughout the country and the Columbia is one of the greatest ports of the country and one of the easiest to defend, there is no doubt expressed by those who are supposed to know but that such establishment is certain.

Portland papers are practically united on the subject and all papers in the state may be said to favor it.

No opposition has arisen in the east so far and it is hoped that Representative Hawley will be able to get this work started at an early date.

BOOTLEGGING BUSINESS IS UNPROFITABLE IN MALHEUR

Bootleggers Arrested and New Supply of Liquor Secured to Intoxicating River.

It would seem that bootlegging would prove unprofitable business after a while. Sheriff Ben Brown brought in some five or six offenders from Juntura this past week, together with a large amount of booze, which will probably be used to pollute the water of Malheur river about the time of the next high water.

BOOK SHOWER A SUCCESS

The "Book Shower" for the benefit of the public library given by the Ladies Civic Improvement Club at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday evening was a decided success.

Some 100 books were received and \$15.00 in money.

Music was furnished by the Vale band and an "International Track Meet" was held, followed by an excellent lunch.

Thirty one of the ladies were costumed to represent different states or countries and much fun was experienced in guessing the representations.

CHICAGO HERALD DECLARES THEDA BARA IS THE MODERN MEDUSA

Writing in the Chicago Herald Miss Louella Parsons the celebrated critic delves into an analysis of Theda Bara, the wonderful French actress, who comes to the Rex Theatre, on Wednesday, February 23rd, in the latest William Fox Photoplay Supreme "Sin" which was written and produced by Herbert Brenon.

"Her hair is like the serpent locks of Medusa, her eyes have the cruel cunning of Lucretia Borgia, till now held up as the world's wickedest woman, her mouth is the mouth of the sinner, scheming Delilah, and her hands are those of the blood-bathing Elizabeth Bathory, who slaughtered young girls that she might bathe in their life blood and so retain her beauty."

"Can it be that fate has reincarnated in Theda Bara the souls of those monsters of medieval times? Scientists have questioned this most extraordinary of women to secure fresh evidence to support their half-proved laws of transmigration of souls but the result has only been to prove that, though Miss Bara is greatest delineator of evil types on the stage or screen today, she is in real life a sweet wholesome woman who detests the abnormal."

WILL HOLD A GET TOGETHER AFTERNOON

Civic Improvement Club Ladies Will Meet Country Residents Saturday.

Saturday, February 26, will be celebrated in Vale by a social get together event. The ladies of the city have issued some hundred or more invitations to the ladies of the country localities to meet them in a social way at the rooms of the Vale Chamber of Commerce.

The object of the meeting is purely social with the idea that the people of both city and country are mutually bound together and have similar interests and desires for the general welfare.

The humdrum of daily existence is greatly relieved by coming together and talking over the little or large events of life. New courage is added by a little mutual encouragement and that burden which may appear hard to bear becomes lighter and perhaps will disappear altogether through exchange of thought.

The ladies who have inaugurated this movement hope for a large attendance.

Gooding High School Wins of Payette Score and Returns Home.

The Vale High School team of Basketball covered themselves with glory the past week by defeating Nyssa H. S. team Wednesday evening in a fast game resulting in a score of 49 to 14.

Thursday evening they defeated the Payette Y. M. C. A. team in a hot game winning with a score of 39 to 16.

The Vale High School basketball team had a game scheduled with the Gooding, Idaho, team for last night. The Gooding boys came in on the train yesterday morning, learned the score of the night before, when Vale took in the Payette Y. M. C. A. team by a score of 39 to 16, and took the next train out of town, without even sending in their regrets. Payette had beaten Gooding, and they evidently did not care to take a similar drubbing from Vale.

HAS INSPECTED THE DAM AND KNOWS OF IT

SETTLER ON BULLY CREEK WRITES ENTERPRISE IN REGARD TO THE DAM AND ITS SAFETY

Editor Enterprise, Vale, Oregon—In your last issue you comment at some length in regard to the Bully creek dam and I wish to say as a resident of Bully creek for the last 18 years that there has not been any high water to speak of since the dam has been under construction except the cloud burst you mention and I notice that you did not state the fact that about 25 feet of the 50 foot dam you mention was below the level of the creek. In 1915 the dam was at its present height but there was very little high water and what there was flowed through two openings in the dam, one a pipe near the level of the creek and another a 4x8 foot hole about 40 feet from the bed of the creek which with the pressure it had carried the creek over without any trouble but now those two holes are stopped up and the water is forced through the head gates of the dam (there being no actual spillway) which consist of four gates 3x4 feet with columns of cement very little larger than the openings in the dam last year and with the water starting through the gates 20 feet from the top of the dam. Now there has been no high water yet this season, yet a part of the spillway has washed or broken off causing the water to run back toward the lower fill, washing out considerable of it, showing at least that this part of the work is faulty; hence as you say "The danger lies in the structure being uncompleted."

You state that "near the top there is a spillway which will carry fully as much water as the gates," which is an error, or I have been unable to locate it on my two trips to the dam on February 4 and 12.

When this dam is completed with ample spillways front and back fill as required by law there will be no "silly rumors circulated in Vale inspired by unwise talk and inexperienced management."

J. J. Dickerson.

Note: Mr. Dickerson's comment on the dam is courteous and pertinent, and in the main in accordance with the facts. We think there were many silly rumors afloat in Vale which the gentleman did not hear and for which he was not responsible.

The letter is correct that there is yet no spillway provided at the top of the dam. The dam being incomplete makes this doubly so. The stoppage of the old outlet, which is inadvisable in the manner of its stoppage, cuts very little figure in regards flood flow. The four gates all permits a tremendous flow of water as the pressure increases, and the ten feet of the filling will hold the water than all the rest of the reservoir.

The farmers have had the services of a state engineer and his advice is no more than that of any man on the creek. If the water passes over the top of the dam in heavy flood, the dam will go out. No question about that. But it will pass over the top of the dam no man, engineer, layman or prophet can tell. Water has been 70 feet, 1000 feet deep over this country. Mr. Dickerson has seen high water in Bully creek; but that water will flow over the dam this year or any one year no man can tell. When it reached the top of the dam, or near it, and we lived under it, it would have to make good time to catch us as we hit for high ground.

Had the work gone forward under the district plan all would have been well and the lesson given us now is plain; take the remedy the Oregon District law offers and organize under it; build a gravity dam at both places over which the water may flow as it will act hold water enough to make the entire country prosperous.

FREE LECTURE

Some of the citizens of Vale have invited Judge Biggs to instruct them on the Oregon Dry Law. He has accepted that invitation. Every body and the Vale Concert Band is expected to be present.

HELD AN ADJOURNED TERM OF COURT

There was an adjourned term of circuit court the first of the week. Judge Biggs having taken up some unfinished work of the recent term and completed it in a couple of days.

THE NEW ZEPPELIN BY BART

