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## CIVIC BODY BECOMING ACTIVE

Chamber of Commerce has Rousing Meeting

### FOUR IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Touching Subjects of General Public Interest

Several matters of considerable importance were considered at a special meeting of the Vale Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

The old Pioneer Ezra Meeker, who drove an ox team from Portland to New York over the Oregon Trail to St. Louis has procured the introduction of a resolution in Congress to have a Military Post road constructed from St. Louis to Olympia, Wash. This road will pass through Vale, there being one of Pioneer Meeker's monuments standing in the court house yard at Vale placed there when Mr. Meeker made his celebrated tour. Astoria is making a strong effort to have a Naval Base established at that point and no more worthy and necessary action is at present before the people of the coast. A vast amount of money will be spent in construction of defenses and no more vulnerable and dangerous point of attack exists in the country, but which can be made impregnable with less money than any other point of such importance.

The great Inland Empire, if properly defended could easily be made to supply the raw material and food stuff for the entire country utilizing its rich lands and network of transcontinental rail routes.

The matter of a Rural Credit system to be adopted by the State of Oregon as well as the guarantee of Irrigation and Drainage bonds is now being considered by the legislative committee of the Irrigation Congress and will be further discussed at Salem by a convention of leading interests of the State March 9.

These two matters there is nothing of such great importance before the people. It will mean an era of prosperity unequalled in Oregon and will add millions of dollars to the value of property as well as fill eastern Oregon with homes.

At the close of the meeting Mr. W. W. Caviness was selected to present the resolutions to the legislative committee and to the Congress at Salem and to represent the Chamber of Commerce at that time.

#### GUARANTEE OF BONDS

Whereas, The arid lands of central and eastern Oregon have, for ages, conserved vast amounts of plant food easily made available by irrigation, thereby supporting a dense and industrious producing population; and

Whereas, The many streams piercing said territory carry sufficient flood water to properly irrigate all of said arid land should said water be retained in storage reservoirs and spread over the land by intelligently constructed systems of distribution; and

Whereas, Private capital for such reclamation is practically unobtainable without prohibitive discounts and commissions and ruinous interest rates; just and adequate reason for which condition may be found in the inability of farmers to make immediate interest and principal payments while preparing their land for crops; many defaults thus made having brought private promotion propositions into disrepute and rendered their bonds unsalable at the same time greatly hampering government success; and

Whereas, Draining of land in the humid sections of Oregon as well as in irrigated sections having become imperative, with similar conditions obtaining in attempts to secure funds such as have hindered irrigation; and

Whereas, There is in preparation a proposed constitutional amendment and initiative measure to be submitted to the electors at next general election, providing for some proper method of state guarantee of bonds issued upon reasonable and worthy irrigation and drainage projects; Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Vale Chamber of Commerce, realizing the great and immediate prosperity which would follow the enactment of such measures (in Malheur county as well as through

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## TO BRING BACK FORGER

Man Wanted by Sheriff for Horse Stealing and Forgery Located in California.

Sheriff Ben J. Brown left for San Francisco Wednesday, to arrange for the return of Leland Swift to Malheur county, where he is charged with horse stealing and raising a check. Swift is in the United States army and since Sheriff Brown caused his arrest, he is being held by the federal authorities at Fort McDowell.

Some time ago Taylor Johnson, of Westfall, hired Swift to work for him and let him have a horse to ride over to Indian Valley, Idaho. Swift had a check for \$2.35, and he raised it to \$23.50 and passed it on Jack Fairman at Westfall. He rode Johnson's horse to Ontario and sold it, then took the train and left the country.

The sheriff's office was notified and Sheriff Brown has been systematically combing the country since then in an

effort to locate his man. A few days ago he learned that Swift had joined the army at Portland and had gone to San Francisco. Through the chief of police at San Francisco he secured the arrest of Swift, who is now being held awaiting the arrival of an officer with the necessary papers for his removal.

Sheriff Brown goes to Salem, where he will secure extradition papers from Oregon's governor. These he will take to the governor of California, and when honored by him, will present them to the federal authorities, who will, if everything appears regular to them, turn over the prisoner to the Calheur county sheriff. Sheriff Brown will make the trip in about ten days if there is no hitch in the extradition proceedings or the dealings with Uncle Sam's men.

## CONTRABAND LIQUOR POURED IN THE RIVER

And the Little Fishes had a Jubilee Below.

Sixty gallons more of contraband whiskey was destroyed by Sheriff Brown last Saturday, the officer emptying a barrel and a half of the stuff into the Malheur river.

This is the whiskey secured in the recent raid at Juntura, when five men were arrested for bootlegging and gambling. W. O. Rust plead guilty and was fined \$100 for bootlegging, and his barrel and a half of whiskey was confiscated. Jim Brackett plead guilty to gambling and was also fined \$100, this being his second offense, he having been caught in the Riverside raid some time ago. Four others were put under bonds of \$250 each for gambling one having given the bond and the other three being in jail.

## EXPOSITION WILL GO ON

President of San Diego Fair Sends Information to Enterprise for Prospects

Recent rains along the Pacific Coast and the breaking of the Otay dam near San Diego caused reports to be current throughout the United States that the 1916 International Exposition had been damaged and that San Diego was suffering. The Exposition was helped instead of being harmed by the rains and the damage to the City of San Diego was such as would come to a city by reason of loss in nearby localities. Railway transportation to Los Angeles was interrupted for several weeks but daily boat service cared for passengers and freight, states President G. A. Davidson, of the Exposition, in a letter to the Enterprise this week.

Although the date for the formal dedication of the San Diego 1916 Exposition is March 18, two exhibit palaces containing new exhibits have been

opened to the public. The Science and Education building containing, among other great exhibits, the display of the Smithsonian Institution, is open. The famous Luxembourg art collection owned by the French government was placed on display in the Fine Arts building February 12. This collection of 80 paintings, valued at more than \$500,000, has been one of the great attractions for American tourists abroad and the opportunity is afforded this year to see these paintings at San Diego. The French exhibits are being installed in the California building. Work sometimes seems pretty painful until you meet a poor gink seeking employment.

There are people who really enjoy a fight, but they aren't the most desirable neighbors.

## THE BLACK HAND AT WORK

Vale Rancher Would Not Stand the Graft

### ARTIST WANTED ONLY 350 BONES

Or Would "Get" His Victim Day or Night

George Vanderhoof, a prominent rancher near Vale, experienced a touch of the Black Hand a few days ago, and as a consequence Wm. Hill is in jail in Vale awaiting a hearing on the charge of attempted extortion.

Mr. Vanderhoof swore out a warrant for the arrest of Hill in Justice G. L. King's court in Ontario, charging Hill with attempted extortion, and Deputy Sheriff Lee Noe made the arrest on Little Willow, near Payette, Idaho, the prisoner making no objection to coming across the state line. He was placed in jail Wednesday, after waiving examination before Justice King and being placed under bond to appear before the grand jury.

In his complaint Mr. Vanderhoof alleges that Hill wrote him a letter demanding \$350.00, which should be mailed to his address at Payette, Hill signing his own name to the black hand letter, and stating that he would "get" Mr. Vanderhoof if the money was not forthcoming. The letter further stated that if he couldn't "get" Vanderhoof in the daytime, he would do the work at night.

When arrested Hill admitted writing the letter.

#### NEW CAST OF ACTORS IN "WORMWOOD" AT REX

Cast of Distinction, Composed of Famous Broadway Favorites Assembled in "Wormwood."

One of the most noteworthy casts, in every sense of those words, ever assembled to portray a screen-version of a famous work, is to be seen in the William Fox production of Marie Correll's "Wormwood," which comes to the Rex Theatre on Friday, March 3. Every part, even to the minor characters, has been handed to a dramatic artist selected by Mr. Fox personally after a drastic and exhaustive "try-out." John Sainpolis, who enacts Gaston Beauvais, the "absintheur" one of the principal and most striking characters is known all over the country for his work in David Warfield's "Return of Peter Grimm," in which he played Mr. Warfield's part during the latter's enforced absence from the stage. In New York the critics placed Mr. Sainpolis' work on a par with that of Warfield himself and devoted much space to his praise. Mr. Sainpolis has played in support of practically every famous star in America and has besides headed his own companies in notable successes. His work in "Wormwood" may be classed among the most brilliant of his successful career. Beauvais affords him splendid opportunities of which he takes full advantage resulting in one of the most striking bits of dramatic portraiture of recent times. Charles Arthur, an exceedingly popular and gifted young actor plays Sylvian with dash and distinction that makes his work stand out tellingly. In the big scenes of the drama, Mr. Arthur rises to great heights and displays a sweep and power in his acting that fully bears out his high reputation as a notable dramatic artist.

#### BEN J. BROWN FOR SHERIFF

Sheriff Ben J. Brown's announcement appears in this issue of the Enterprise, as a candidate for re-nomination to the office he now holds. Mr. Brown has been exceptionally successful in conducting the affairs of the sheriff's office, and his re-nomination and re-election seems to be a foregone conclusion. The usual two term idea in offices of only two years duration will probably prevail, as the office has been well conducted.

#### MARRIED AT BOISE

Hattie F. Bowman, of this city, and Mr. Fred W. Fricke, of Boise, Idaho, were married at the office of Justice White in Boise Thursday afternoon. The couple will make their home in Boise.

## Resume of the Oil Situation

Work in Vale Field at Standstill—Eastern Promoter Expresses Hope.

A resume of the oil situation is pertinent at this time and while the situation is not good nor the outlook bright perhaps the silver lining is about to broaden and the clouds lowering over the Vale oil field to be dispersed.

The old companies are practically out of existence. Some two or more years ago the organization of the Independent Oil and Refining company and their proposed operating scheme promised great development but that company seems not to have succeeded, at least at this end.

The company was organized with a ten million capital and absorbed practically all companies going business around Vale except the Sunset and the Alaska.

The prospectus covered almost every reasonable method known for exploitation of both the public and the field. Carried to completion or to final conclusions, it seemed failure was beyond reason, except through failure to find oil. Several of the wells taken over were down to considerable depth and one of them—The Great Western—had cased off the water.

The outbreak of hostilities in Europe certainly must have been a hard jolt to the promoter but he courageously pushed on, and ever on, with the versatility and consummate ability of a New York stock manipulator. Nevertheless stock sales seemed not to materialize—eastern investors refused to come through and accept the alluring invitation to get rich and at the same time help build up a great community.

Falling behind still more, the company became indebted to laborers and these laborers became insistent and at last filed a lien on the property. This lien was disallowed by the court and an attachment was filed and suit instituted, to be tried later. The amount is not large—for a ten million dollar corporation.

Notwithstanding all difficulties the promoter is now greatly encouraged as we learn through an eastern stockholder and says: "Matters were never brighter for the Independent company." This is indeed good news to Valaites as, with the property all relocated by others because of failure of the Independent to perform the required assessment work, their difficulties seemed insuperable to us of the country, but the cheerful hopes of the promoter lend renewed confidence to the uninitiated.

Mr. Frost, of the Alaska company, has discontinued drilling, and is uncertain as to resumption of work. The Sunset company promises further development and there are steps being taken to induce other capital to come into the field which is ready and open for prospecting. Will there be any work this summer? Quien sabe!

#### POSTPONE DRAINAGE HEARING

The hearing of the protestants of Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage District has been postponed for sixty days. Dissatisfaction with present lines and desire to reform the district is given as a reason.

The fact that you can't find what you are looking for in the top drawer of the dresser, doesn't prove it isn't there.

#### VALE MAN AT WORK IN REDLANDS, CAL.

Professor C. B. Smith, Pianist for Evangelists, in Redlands, California.

The Enterprise is indebted to C. O. Nelson of Redlands, Calif., for the following excerpt from The Redlands Review of February 16.

"Prof. C. B. Smith, the pianist with the Kellems Brothers at the First Christian church, has found friends in Redlands. He received his inspiration to enter the evangelistic work as a pianist at Vale, Oregon, during the Haudenschild-Pugh Union Tabernacle meetings in November and December of 1914. His work was an inspiration to the meeting. Mr. Pugh said yesterday: 'I consider Mr. Smith one of the ablest pianists in the work he is now engaged in. He is an able musician and left a very extensive business at Vale to enter the Christian work.'—Redlands Review.

About the time you begin thinking a man has reformed, he breaks over in no uncertain manner.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who sometimes exclaimed: "I am not worth the powder to blow me up!" Here lately every man seems to think he is all right, and busies himself trying to reform others.

#### NEW PICTURES AT REX

The Rex Theatre has signed for the release of Metro films, which are classed among the best produced in the moving picture world today. These features play such famous stars as Francis X. Bushman, Edna Mayo, and others. They will be exhibited on Saturday nights.

#### STATE ENGINEER LEWIS FAVORS THE ORGANIZATION OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT

SALEM, Oreg., Feb. 11, 1916.—Mr. John Rigby, Vale, Oregon. Dear Sir: I am heartily in favor of the organization of an irrigation district in that section and feel that this is the best plan and most likely to be successful where a large per cent of the lands are in private ownership. However, the fact that an organization of land owners is handling the project does not eliminate the necessity of extreme care being taken in keeping down the organization and other expenses. The successfully operated irrigation district should be the most economical and effective plan of handling an irrigation project.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN H. LEWIS,  
State Engineer.

Note—The expenses of organization of the Malheur District will be but a trifle. The engineering work has all been practically completed by the government and state, the detail only being left for the district.

Of course this must be paid for but the district will know what it is on the start. The railroad has been completed to within three miles of the dam site which reduces the cost of transportation to a comparatively negligible amount.

All borings and determination of the character of the foundation of the dam has been thoroughly done. Any dam constructed under the supervision of the government or State will occasion no worry for it will be a gravity dam which will be so constructed that whether the water goes over the top or not will be a matter of indifference.—Editor.

#### RETURNS FROM VISIT TO PORTLAND, OREGON

Wes Caviness Returns From Portland Mrs. Caviness Reported Slowly Improving.

Wes Caviness returned from an extended visit to Portland in attendance on Mrs. Caviness, who has been ill since her severe hurt in Vale through stepping into a hole in defective sidewalk.

Mrs. Caviness is reported as improving slowly.

"Politics," said Mr. Caviness, "are the engaging topics in Portland at present, though somewhat overshadowed by the Astoria rate decision which makes Portland an inland town and will undoubtedly result in all grain shipments being made to Astoria hereafter unless Portland secures a change in the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission.

"Jackrabbits," continued Mr. Caviness, "continue to be the diet of the people in that city. There are a number of people who doubted my story as to the left ears of Grant county rabbits being frozen off in a great blizzard away back in the fifties. They have never seen a blizzard down there, they have little silver thaws, a few feet of snow and several feet of rain but nothing that would make an old timer get under cover. I went down to see the great reported flood in the Willamette and, honest Jaw, if you and I had wanted to cross we would have gotten an old slab and a stick and paddled across."

#### RETURNS FROM SALT LAKE

L. J. Hadley returned Thursday evening from Salt Lake, where he has been on a business trip the past ten days.

## NATIONAL TEAM WORK ----- BY BART



#### R. M. CARLILE FOR ASSESSOR

R. M. Carlile, of Ontario, has joined the ranks of democratic seekers at the office of assessor. Mr. Carlile will bring the experience of three years ago into the campaign and stands a good opportunity to win out on the primaries, and, if nominated, will give his opponent something to do.

#### JUDGE BIGGS DELIVERS GOOD LECTURE ON DRY LAW

Biggs Lecture at Court House Well Attended and Appreciated By All.

Judge Dalton Biggs delivered a lecture at the court house Thursday night on the subject of the new prohibition law and its workings. This was done at the special request of friends of the law in this city, and was for the purpose of learning the application and the working of the new law.

It was a splendid audience which greeted the Judge, and his plain exposition of the law was received with appreciation indicated by frequent applause.