



WATER FOR 10,000 MORE FERTILE ACRES

Community Improvement Irrigation District on Willow Creek Organized without a Dissenting Vote--Land Owners will Construct New Dam and Irrigate More Land in this Great, Fertile, Unfrozen Fruit Paradise

The election held Wednesday, resulting in the organization of the Community Improvement Irrigation District, drives another nail in the coffin of King Gloom and indicates the return of prosperity to the valley.

Interested in the results, and to tell the Enterprise readers of that great valley, the Enterprise representative made a trip from Vale to Brogan to see for himself whether the wonderful stories of unhurt fruit crops and huge growth of alfalfa were really true or just the exuberance experienced from having a few buds saved from the ravages of Jack Frost and arctic winds.

At Jamieson, 20 miles out from Vale on the Malheur valley railroad, where the Willow River Irrigation company have about 1,000 acres of fruit and a large amount of hay land under cultivation, it was found that what little fruit had set on the young trees had been destroyed, but the trees were unhurt and made a splendid appearance. The orchards will come into heavy bearing next season and that they have no fruit at all this season will inure to their benefit rather than otherwise.

J. L. Pope, the Jamieson merchant, is of the opinion that diversified farming would be better for that section or any section of the valley. "It is dangerous," said Mr. Pope, "for farmers to place their only dependence on any one thing and particularly fruit. The market has become so sensitive and so much fruit is forced on at

once, that prices are seldom satisfactory. It would be far better to have a variety that some money can be brought in even though frosts do hit us once in a while."

Mr. Pope also favors smaller tracts of land and more intense cultivation, which adds to population and makes greater community interests.

Before coming to Jamieson, stop was made at the 300 acre farm of W. J. Scott. Mr. Scott has farmed his place for 35 years and has seen the ups and downs of water litigation as no other resident. He has been in the thick of the war and through the present organization sees light ahead.

The system of irrigation adopted and made possible through the favorable lay of his land, conserves all the water. Mr. Scott has a ditch around the great field with eight cross ditches. As one section is irrigated the waste is captured in the next below cross ditch and thus every drop of water goes somewhere into the ground.

Commencing at the mouth of the canyon some miles above Mr. Scott, the water is picked up again and again out of the creek and not a drop gets away from some of the farmers. With the flood waters conserved by the proposed dam of the Community District just formed, it is expected that absolutely all of Willow river water will reach the land for beneficial use.

Mr. Scott will produce 4,000 bushels of wheat and 1,000 tons of hay this season. Frost has held back the al-

alfa and the first crop will be somewhat less than usual.

At Jamieson, meeting Clarence H. Oxman, we proceeded across the valley to the Oxman place where a view of the valley can be obtained both up and down. Stretching 35 miles east to the Snake river, and 6 miles west to the mouth of the canyon above Brogan lies one of the most magnificent valleys in America. One can but wonder at the possibilities latent in this great area of rich volcanic soil where the ages have conserved an inexhaustible amount of plant food. Filled with optimistic feelings in this regard one cannot but feel surprise that it is not now all in cultivation rather than seven-eighths in sage brush, when thought is given to the fact that Willow river, Bully creek and the Malheur river might all meet and make one great body of land conserving every drop of water, and that the three streams have a sufficiency to thoroughly irrigate every acre of arable land.

Mr. Oxman farms about 600 acres of land mainly in hay. As to the value of his and other land, Mr. Oxman remarked: "Some time since I was disposed to exchange this land for paying city property and I found lots of property of excellent reputation for exchange. Taking my pencil I ascertained that if the property paid four per cent net, owners were satisfied, well satisfied. Working my pencil a little I found that my net proceeds were better than four per

cent of the Logans'. Their large fields are unhurt by frost and the numbers of Logan cattle, horses and sheep now grazing in the hills will have plenty to fatten them in the fall and winter.

T. M. Logan ships a goodly number of fat cattle every year and is a director in the First National of Vale.

Gazing over the valley we note the checker board appearance created by the alfalfa of the home making farmers and the sage brush deserts of the Eastern-Oregon Land company, the value of which have been enhanced an hundred fold by the pioneer work of the worthy homebuilders.

For many years speculating on the advancement in values through the efforts of others and doing nothing toward development it is interesting to speculate on their attitude toward the present intended development by the two districts, the Community just organized and the Bully creek soon to follow. Will they assist or will they attempt the usual blocking tactics?

If the former, the valley will change its appearance with Aladdin like rapidity; if the latter the services of the taxing power might be used for practical county benefits even though the checker board appearance remains.

From Oxman's can be seen the splendid benches where are located the 2,000 acres owned by the various members of the Morrison family backed by the green fields of the holdings of Hope Bros. on Kern creek. All of these benches will be watered some-

time from Bully creek and no better fruit or corn land lies in any valley in any country.

The broad benches to the southwest lying above the present ditch of the Willow river system will be watered from a high line yet unbuilt. Bench land under the present ditch, but without water, adjoining the Bridwell orchard tracts are covered by the present proposed Community district just organized. The Terwilliger tract and the desert claims of R. S. Martin and Mrs. Nancy Scott are included in this area.

The Bridwell 10 acre tracts show a splendid growth and will produce a good crop in 1917. Such blossoms as set were destroyed by the frost.

At Brogan is to be seen the broad alfalfa field of Emory Cole, (pioneer in this valley and present candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket) unhurt and untouched by the cold days and nights in May. Generally around this favored spot, a region of about 5,000 acres in area the frost has done less harm than at any place in Eastern Oregon or Idaho.

The eighty acres of orchard owned by S. M. Willis will carry the "laurel wreath" for the year. An enormous crop of pears, apples and peaches is assured. "Delicious" trees, Staymen Winesap and Jonathans with a sprinkling of Grimes Golden, are loaded and will require many weary hours of work thinning out, that the quality be improved and the trees able to carry the load. In one portion of

the orchard seeded to alfalfa the grass is 30 inches in height and in full bloom. What it will cut to the acre we dare not guess. For the hard work of the past five years the Willis family will reap a great reward.

It is indeed a great advertisement for the country at Brogan to have an abundance of fruit when the much lauded Payette benches and Fruitland acreage is practically without crop.

What the entire valley might do can only be surmised, but the little single track road will be swamped with business if the available water is spread over the land.

As we returned to Vale passing the beautiful fields and swiftly passed through thousands of acres of unprofitable sage brush we could but ponder upon the indifference of a community that will suffer thousands of acre feet of water to flow unrestricted to the sea and at the same time complain at the lack of prosperity. Fortunes passed down the Malheur this spring. Cattle passing from the range and sheep owners taking advantage of the present high prices to get out; new land laws permitting the ranges to be taken in large tracts; meat prices soaring in the clouds, and rich land lying idle, with water passing through it, which might feed 100,000 head of steers, making hay worth \$15.00 per ton, and knockers standing on the corners obstructing improvement and advancement; is a situation unreasonable and intolerable which must and shall be changed.

Close up under the hills at the head of the valley, lies the great property

DIRECTORS ELECTED

Division 1—John F. Logan.
Division 2—C. H. Oxman.
Division 3—John Norwood.
Division 4—W. J. Scott.
Division 5—Frank O'Neill.

FORTY GALLONS OF JIG WATER

Brings Its Owner \$100 Fine and 20 Days in Jail

At a trial before Justice Jno. R. Wheeler, and a jury of six men, Thursday afternoon, Walter Gray was found guilty of violation of the prohibition law, and given a sentence of \$100 fine and 20 days in jail. Hurley & Hurley represented the defense, and Duncan & Gallagher the prosecution. An appeal was taken from the verdict and Gray's bond placed at \$500.

According to the evidence presented by Sheriff Brown, at about 1 o'clock Saturday night, he discovered Gray removing one of the four ten-gallon kegs of whiskey which he had in his auto, at the rear of the Harvey Building. One Thompson, who was in charge of the restaurant there, was holding the door open. After arresting Gray, he returned for Thompson, whom he found had disappeared.

An arrangement was made with the prosecution by which the jail sentence could be suspended and additional fine made, but nothing definite has been done in the matter as yet.

TRAP FOR BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT A SENATOR

Sheriff Ben Brown, in Assisting Idaho Officers in Landing Bootleg Whiskey, Landed a Man Who Helped Enact the Prohibition Law.

Senator John A. McDevitt of Idaho and J. R. Lusk of the Carlson-Lusk Hardware company, of Boise, went to Nevada to lay in a personal stock of good liquor for their own use. Of course Senator McDevitt knew what the law was, for he helped enact it in the Idaho legislature, but as he had no intention of doing anything other than use it for his own personal consumption, he took it for granted that officers would not molest him.

Meanwhile the trail from Nevada to Oregon and to Idaho has become worn smooth by those who hanker after the wine when it is red, as well as those who deal illicitly in booze. Sheriff Ben Brown of Vale was wise, as was also the officers of Boise, and both bunches of officials began working and giving each other tips.

Ben had his lines out to catch Malheur county offenders, and incidentally learned of Lusk and McDevitt buying booze to bring to Boise, but did not know who the parties were. He notified the Boise authorities that the consignment was coming, and they being equally as hot after bootleggers, laid for the car and grabbed the senator, and Mr. Lusk before they

DRAINAGE CASE POSTPONED

The hearing in the Nyssa-Arcadia drainage case, being the protestants against the petitioners in the matter of extending the boundaries of the first organized district, after a hearing by the court of the protestants at an informal meeting on the ground, Tuesday, was postponed until Tuesday, June 20, 1916.

The main difficulty seems to be in the matter of control of the district. The law permits the supervisors to go ahead immediately after election and issue bonds on the district and some of the owners of the new lands proposed to be taken in desire representation on the board. This matter is expected to be cleared up and the district enlarged at the next hearing.

The argument for enlargement is that the country needs drainage; that the high lands should contribute to the removal of their sub-waste as well as surface waste; that the outlet of all must be the same; that the expense of administration for a large area, together with the cost of machinery will be far less burdensome on individuals; all of which seems beyond controversy, and if certain personal elements may be placated and understood doubtless the larger district will be created.

There has been some argument as to the propriety of a certain large holder having the bonds of the district. To this objection it is answered that it makes no difference who holds the bonds; the interest must be paid and the principle also when it falls due, regardless of the owner.

"The country needs drainage," say all of the owners, "and some way we are going to drain it."

CATTLE RUSTLERS ARE IN EVIDENCE

The Enterprise is advised anonymously that there is some cattle rustling going on in certain parts of the county. While we are obliged for the information we must suggest that such matters are better placed in the hands of the grand jury for investigation. The Enterprise might convict on the evidence but has no way of enforcing their judgment. Try the grand jury and don't do it anonymously.

Mrs. M. N. Fegly and Mrs. C. W. Fegly visited Ontario Wednesday.

It looks tough. Under the Idaho law it is a misdemeanor to have liquor of any kind in your possession, and the least penalty is thirty days in jail, with no alternative but to go to jail.

Of course these two prominent business men will not go to jail, but it will be interesting to the Idaho bootlegger to see how the courts will maneuver to sidestep the law in this case.

TO DEVELOP THE NITRATE FIELDS

Harry Wilson, who is manager for the American Nitrate company and is developing nitrates in the Wagonite Mountain country in Lake county, passed through enroute to the Succor creek property Sunday.

Mr. Wilson has 30 men at work on the property of the American Nitrate company and about 15 in the Wagonite country, both properties showing large bodies of commercial percentage material.

Mr. Wilson has no fear that the entry of the government into the manufacture of nitrogen products from the air will trouble producers of the natural products so plenty in Malheur county. "The manufacture of such products through the development of water power has been discarded by Germany," said Mr. Wilson, "and the government of the United States will reach the same conclusion later. It will be many years before the coke oven products will all be utilized and that process is so much cheaper than water power that competition is eliminated. Neither process cuts any figure with us. Nature has given us the material and we will get it on the market at a price profitable to us and at which the government cannot get under."

BEAVER FARMING BARRED BY LAWS

A movement is on foot to start a beaver ranch in Malheur county. Upon investigation by Frank B. Glenn it is found difficult to secure the necessary stock for a start and as the law now stands the rancher raising the beavers would be prohibited from catching his own stock or disposing of the skins.

Some modification of the present law whereby those who propagate the beavers might have the right to catch and dispose of their increase would be of benefit.

CLAYPOOL ORCHARD ESCAPED THE FROST

Arthur Claypool's ranch at the mouth of Cottonwood canyon on the Westfall road, is also one of the luckily located places this year. The Enterprise man visited this ranch Sunday and found all the fruit practically unhurt by the late frosts and freezes.

The peach crop will not be reduced to any considerable extent, while the cherries and apples will produce a much more abundant crop than usual.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Trelease, June 15th, a 7½ pound boy.

DIRECTORS MEET

Officers of Warm Springs Irrigation District Appoint Committees and Lay Out Line of Work.

At the meeting called by President James Harvey of the Board of Directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District the committee on Reservoir Sites was continued and the secretary instructed to enter into correspondence with absent owners.

By-laws were submitted and adopted.

Secretary was instructed to obtain legal advice when necessary.

The plans of the State and Reclamation Department embodied in the report of John H. Lewis, State Engineer, and John T. Whistler were adopted subject to such modifications as might be found necessary and which might be approved by the State engineers.

In the matter of future distribution of the water to the new lands committees were appointed to confer with the several ditch companies and ascertain what general method would be the most satisfactory.

The District might purchase the physical ditches and place them all under one management; they might build one diversion dam on each side and divert into one ditch on each side as a main canal using the present ditches for general distribution but doing away with the head gates and expensive diversion dams which now have to be rebuilt every season, while the Nevada ditch might be utilized under some agreed plan for water distribution on that side below Vale.

These several questions will have to be discussed at length with present owners as they will be the ones to pass finally on any plan submitted.

The committees appointed were as follows: A. W. Trow, C. W. Mallett and Treasurer T. W. Halliday for the Nevada ditch investigation. R. E. Weant, Canyon and Sand Hollow ditch. President Harvey, Farmers and Gellerman, Proman ditch. George McLaughlin for the McLaughlin and Vines, Dearmond ditches. James Harvey and the secretary for the Mill ditch.

George McLaughlin in the chair; President Harvey moved that the owners of the several ditch companies be requested to meet with the Board of Directors at their next meeting, July 5, at the rooms of the Vale Chamber of Commerce and present their views in person and discuss the matters of building and distribution with the Board. Seconded by A. W. Trow and unanimously carried.

"THE WARNING" A GREAT MORAL PLAY

In "The Warning" which is coming to the Rex Theatre on Saturday night, June 17, The Equitable Motion Pictures Corporation has given Mr. Henry Kolker, the star of the piece, an opportunity to display his histrionic talents through a new medium, and that the well known actor has taken full advantage of his opportunities is evident. The story of a man who falls to the uttermost depths through the weakness which makes him his own worst enemy is told in an allegorical form and in a convincing manner. There is a remarkable series of photographs illustrative of Dante's visions in purgatory, and another of New York's "Great White Way" at night, in which the lights of Broadway furnished the illumination for the camera, all blending in a vision which, in its entirety, is without a parallel on the screen. The presentation makes a new high mark on the Equitable program, and is one which, in its remarkable and unexpected climax, will thrill every one who is fortunate enough to see it.

Robert Denman, a "good fellow," is his own worst enemy. His wife, Anna, and his artist sister, Martha, who lives with them, scold him for allowing his son, Bobby, to see him so often under the influence of drink, but he disregards their warning. On New Year's eve, while drunk, he meets the Woman Who Smiles, but recovers from her allurements.

Denman again meets the Woman Who Smiles, succumbs to her wiles, loses his place, and is laughed at by her when she sees him down and out. He causes an accident which ultimately kills his son. His friends leave him, his wife divorces him, he becomes a beggar, and dies in the gutter.

His soul goes into depths which make it recoil in fear, and meets others who have been slaves to vice and indulgence. At last it entreats its Maker for one more chance, and how the prayer is heard, drives home the great lesson of "The Warning."

ED. R. HAMILTON SELLS INTEREST IN STORE

Ed. R. Hamilton, of this city, has sold his interest in the Alexander Clothing company, to M. Alexander. Mr. Hamilton will leave next week for the Twin Falls country, where he will look over business conditions, and then will go to Newport, Oregon, for a visit with relatives.

Mr. Dave Smith, who has been with Mr. Hamilton for some time, will leave in a short time for Chicago, with R. C. Goodwin. His position will be filled by Freeman Kirwin, a popular Vale High graduate. H. E. Young, of this city, has rented the Hamilton residence.

FINDS MAN WITH A BROKEN LEG

Lying with his leg broken between the knee and the hip, A. W. Archer, a farmer living on Mormon Basin creek, twelve miles east of Malheur, was found unconscious by Emory Cole, assistant deputy assessor, late Thursday afternoon. Mr. Cole immediately returned to Brogan and telephoned for Dr. Carl Bartlett of Vale who arrived in three hours, a distance of forty miles. Dr. Bartlett set the leg and reports that Mr. Archer is doing nicely.

Mr. Archer had returned from Malheur late in the evening and in hastily unhitching his team, left one tug fastened. The horses being led away became frightened and started running, knocking him down and running over him.

Mr. Archer lives alone and rather remote from anyone and says that sometimes for an entire week does not see any one. Emory Cole in search for county taxes and probably doing a little electioneering on the side proved the good Samaritan fortunately as it turned out for Mr. Archer.

TO TAKE LONG TRIP TO EAST COUNTRY

M. E. Thayer and George J. Singer left Thursday for an outing trip that will be one to be remembered for a lifetime, as they will take in a country on the trip that is fast passing out of its prime as a fishing and hunting paradise.

They will travel in Mr. Thayer's Oakland car, which has been thoroughly equipped for a four months camping trip, and their itinerary takes them through the best fishing sections of Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and perhaps Colorado.

They will go as far east as North Platte, Nebraska, where Mr. Thayer will visit his old home and friends, while Mr. Singer visits Chicago. They will return in the fall during the open season for game, and of course their return trip will be over a different route from that going out.

The Enterprise has arranged with Mr. Singer to act as special correspondent for the paper during his absence, and the readers of this paper may look forward to some very interesting letters touching conditions along the route and regarding the experiences of these two popular sportsmen on the road.

Miss Nora Stovall, of Jordan Valley, arrived in the city Tuesday for a month's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Duncan in Vale.

20 TEACHERS ARE ENROLLED

At the Teachers Training School in Vale

Twenty teachers have been enrolled in the Teachers' Training School held at the Vale School this week. The school will be in session for three weeks, and a number of new teachers are expected to enter next week. Th instructors who are in charge are County Superintendent Fay Clark, Prof. G. A. Ruring, of Vale, R. J. Davis, of Nyssa, and Miss Alice Nichols, of Indiana.

Following are the teachers who have enrolled and who are in the city taking the course at the present date:

Mrs. Roberts, Cairo; Ethel Hansen, Vale; Edison Fowler, Weiser; Clara Howard, Malheur; Geo. Winslow, Ontario; Roscoe H. Anderson, Payette; Edward Duncan, Nyssa; Alice McDonald, Jordan Valley; Gerolden High, Vale; Anna Anderson, Crowley; Edna VonRenden, Ontario; Mrs. Nellie Jacobs, Vale; Mabel Orcutt Payette; Eloise Brichow, Ontario; Eva Neely, Vale; Grace Daley, Vale; Esther Mercer, Payette; Evelyn Brown, Ontario; Mrs. Spaulding, Weiser; Ruth Joseph, Weiser; Frances Bartsche Payette.

A CARLOAD OF BUICKS

Chas. Copel, proprietor of the Vale Garage & Machine company of this city, agents for the Buick cars, received Wednesday a carload of Buick cars, consisting of three five passenger touring cars and one roadster.

Mr. Copel states that he has two of the cars sold and will have left two five passenger cars for sale. Another carload is due about the first of July, and he thinks he will be able from now on to meet the demands for Buicks, as the factory is becoming better equipped and able to increase the output to keep pace with the demand for this popular make of cars.

EARL SMITH PROVES UP

Earl C. Smith was in from his ranch on Clover creek about 22 miles above Westfall the other day making final proof.

Mr. Smith reports grass fine and cattle in good shape but hopes for rain shortly to keep the grass in condition.

DR. BARTLETT BUYS NEW CAR

Dr. C. J. Bartlett has purchased a new six cylinder Buick roadster, having recently sold his four cylinder car to Father Brady, of Juntura.

The new car came with the carload of Buicks received by the Vale Garage & Machine company Wednesday.