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DON'T FORGET DECEMBER 8.

County Court Looking Forward to "Budget Day," on December 8th.

The County Court is looking forward to "Budget Day," December 8, with great interest. Vale business men are beginning to sit up and take notice wondering where the county will get off next year.

Said Leo Schmidt, President of the Vale Chamber of Commerce, and manager of the Vale Trading Company: "We must have that State Highway down John Day river to join the Columbia Highway. It means \$250 per day to the three towns of Nyssa, Ontario and Vale. Again it will develop a splendid country tributary to Brogan and Jamieson, giving them an interior outlet for their fruit and trading opportunities for the county developed."

John A. Kennedy, Manager of the Brogan Trading Company, was in Vale the other day and in discussing public matters said: "The new tax limitation law is a delicate proposition for this year. Brogan, Cow Valley, Ironside, Bonita, Jamieson and the whole upper Willow river country is on the eve of great development which will be delayed and obstructed unless we build roads into that section. The road from Vale to Brogan is a disgrace to a civilized community. The day has arrived when no county or community can ignore the automobile. No country can thrive without roads over which autos can make fair time. We must have the State Highway. It will be the beginning of wonderful progress in the interior of Grant, Malheur, Wheeler and other counties. There should also be a good road connecting Malheur and Harney counties."

"We are in hopes that the county court will realize these necessities and see that roads are supplied and taken care of."

C. W. Mallett, one of the pioneer successful farmers said: "We need to put more care into caring for roads. No road will take care of itself. A good dirt road well thrown up and looked after will do us for many years. These roads must be well and carefully dragged many times during the season."

So much for the road business. How shall the money be supplied? Go before the Budget committee, Friday, December 8, and show them. They want to know.

E. B. CONKLIN TURNS "CORN SEED KING" OF MALHEUR COUNTY

The county has been sorely in need of a Corn Seed man, and it at last has one and a real one at that. MR. E. B. CONKLIN. He is the "REAL CORN SEED KING" of Malheur county.

Mr. Conklin has twenty tons of seed corn, selected in the fields, by the best approved methods. He did it personally, and those who know Mr. Conklin's ability as a corn man will have every reason to know that the seed is first class.

He selected only the most mature ears, well placed on good stocks, and an ear of the most approved shape and size. Every ear was inspected in the field.

Mr. Conklin has not stopped at field selections, but he has carried the corn to the Boulevard Grand Hall, and has ricked it up neatly on shelves where it will have the best possible chance to cure in good condition.

It is indeed a pretty sight, those shelves extending from floor to ceiling ricked full of the white golden yellow ears.

Good corn seed is scarce this year, and so every one who has not saved a good supply, had better contract early with Mr. Conklin for outside inquiries have already been received.

W. W. HOWARD, County Agricultural Agent.

If there are children in the home, it isn't very long before the furniture begins to look antique.

Then there are people who like each other pretty well because they aren't very well acquainted.

Brogan Orchardist Now in Minnesota

We are in receipt of a postal from Henry Freybourg, of Brogan, who is attending business college at Mankato, Minn. Mr. Freybourg visited his people in that country and reports that Delicious and Jonathan Apples are bringing excellent prices. There

Montie Gwinn Back Again

Vale stockmen were much interested to learn last week, of the report of the sale of the Malheur Livestock & Land company to a company headed by the Stanfield brothers. According to the report, the sale was one of the largest sheep deals ever made in the west, and was consummated the latter part of last week, when Robert N. Stanfield, of Stanfield, Ore., Montie B. Gwinn, of Boise, G. E. Stanfield, Glen McCullough and H. L. Stanfield, purchased from P. H. O'Neil and sons the property of the Malheur Livestock & Land company. It is understood that this property has a valuation of over \$650,000. The purchase price has not yet been made public.

The holdings consist of 40,000 young select breeding ewes; about 33,000 acres of deeded land and 28,000 acres of leased land, aside from forest reserve rights. The land is located in Malheur, Grant, Harney and Baker counties, Oregon. There are also some cattle and other livestock included in the real estate holdings. Included in the famous Crowley ranch, consisting of 11,200 acres, at the head of Barren valley. This ranch is irrigated from a storage reservoir, which is closed by a cement dam, 70 feet high.

There are 1,000 acres now in alfalfa and cultivation, and it is the intention of the present owners to immediately develop and place in cultivation an additional 1500 acres, which will make 2500 acres of alfalfa fields in one tract.

'Ristocrats Postpone Meeting'

Owing to the multiplicity of amusement affairs Thanksgiving the arrival of the Coonville Tragedians at the High School will be postponed until the evening of the 28th.

The grand Stereopticon Lecture will be given at the High School auditorium Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The subject will be "The Public Enters the Race." This lecture will be free.

It is hoped that a large attendance will be recorded at the Coonville Troupe presentation, at the Rex, Nov. 28. DON'T FORGET THE DATE.

Being a good fellow towards a grouch is the hardest job.

Some men improve all their time and never have any fun.

The man who tells how popular he is with the ladies, probably isn't.

Program Was Excellent

At the M. E. church Thursday evening a pleasing program was presented. A silver offering, being taken, added some \$27 to the improvement fund for the parsonage. Following the program light refreshments were served.

STOCK GROWERS BUYING LAND

Intend to Provide Themselves Well With Range, Says A. W. Trow.

A. W. Trow, agent for the Oregon Western Colonization company, was in town the other day on business connected with that company and in discussing the land situation said: "The company is rapidly disposing of their range holdings and it looks as though cattle and sheep men were getting ready for the new stock homestead law which will be in operation soon."

"There is no question but that stockmen intend to provide themselves with range. There is no possibility of the prices falling for cattle and mutton in the near future and when the new law comes in there will be a rush for stock homesteads."

"Some big deals are being pulled off in the interior and we look for large developments in the near future. With the Warm Springs project on and large cattle owners filling the ranges with stock the prices for home products will be good."

are several sections where old orchards are being renovated and will soon be marketing fine fruit.

Smoking makes a man nervous, and then he smokes to soothe his nerves, being a contrary cuss and hard to understand.

Examination of Dam Site Made

There was a special meeting of the Directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District held in Vale, Saturday, Nov. 18, for the purpose of discussing the sale of bonds and securing funds for construction of the dam and distribution system.

The election being over it is hoped that normal conditions will be reached by the time the bond sale is scheduled to come off, Jan. 8, 1917, the advertisement appearing in another column, and a good price secured for the bonds.

The Directors are very certain that work will be commenced this summer on the dam.

Two engineers are now engaged in making a careful survey and estimate of the reservoir site at the Warm Springs as it is evident that condemnation proceedings will have to be taken before any settlement can be made. The usual obstructive tactics of the P. L. S. Co. are in evidence and there is no hope of an amicable settlement, notwithstanding the fact that they will benefit as much or more than anyone else from construction of the reservoir.

TOURIST MUST HAVE COMFORT

Attempt Will Be Made To Get Legislature To Furnish \$25,000 in 1917.

The organization of the Northwest states and British Columbia to present our natural resources interesting to tourists and induce tourist travel which will leave millions of dollars in our state, is going forward merrily and to the point.

Attempts will be made to get the legislature to furnish \$25,000 next winter at Salem. Washington will do the same.

The Portland delegation is sending out literature presenting the advantages of tourist travel pointing to California and Switzerland which countries get vast sums from sight seers.

Said a prominent citizen who has traveled much and observed details as he passed: "Oregon and Washington as well as the entire Northwest presents scenery unsurpassed by any point in the world. The grand mountains of the Cascades; magnificent forests of the entire western section; the beautiful Blue Mountains; the grand inland sea stretching from Seattle to Seward, Alaska; the mighty glaciers of Alaska; fishing unequalled and hunting unexcelled; all combine to make certain natural resources dear to the heart of the tourist; but let these people remember that the tourist is a man of money and of ease. The splendid exercise of fishing must be supplemented by sumptuous quarters for recuperation. The tourist with a high power or find himself stuck in an irritating ditch, or find himself in a "cul de sac" where he must retrace some miserable road for forty miles to get around some trifling obstruction."

"Your tourist loves grand scenery backed up with good roads and good hotels. He carries his own toothbrush but not his own bed or his own couch. If we are to have some of the \$200,000,000 which will be spent we must provide comfort as well as scenery. Let these progressive and earnest promoters of tourist traffic remember the magnificent Del Monte; Hotel Coronado; hundreds of miles of orange groves and magnificent boulevards; Yosemite and the redwoods backed with splendid hotels; always comfort even though the scenery may be mediocre. Let Oregon go on with good road work and good hostleries, the remainder is easy."

Some days since a quotation from a government geologist appeared in the Oregonian in reference to exploration and exploitation of various nitrate prospects throughout the country, which quotation seemed to be a warning for everybody to avoid entering into such work with either their time or money.

The government reports contained the article in full and the knowledge acquired, from which the warning was given, was obtained from a less than cursory examination of an absolutely untouched field at one insignificant point some two years ago.

The article does much harm to legitimate attempts to develop the discoveries in Malheur county. It is a pity that the vast sums spent by the government in long haired and light minded exploitation of nothing in particular and less in general could not be used in real work.

There are evidences of vast fields of nitrates in Malheur county. Are they of value? We do not know. Neither can a hot air expert tell the truth from an examination made through a spy glass over Oregon from some point on the Washington monument.

"For the love of Mique," said a prominent business man of Vale, "why not let us furnish the hot air? Have we not air just as hot and just as likely to be a whirlwind of truth as some half baked geologist, who takes out his little hammer and, knocking off an ounce or two from a hill on the Potomac judges the value of the mighty mountains of the Owyhee, any one of which would cover the whole District of Columbia a thousand feet deep?"

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OIL RIG IS SOLD TO MYERS

Possibility For a Continuation of Drilling in Malheur County if Proper Inducement is Made to Company.

General Manager Myers, of the Western Pacific Oil and Gas company of Boise, Idaho, was in Vale last week accompanied by W. N. Reeves, president; E. W. Johnston, treasurer; L. S. Savigde, secretary, looking over one of the rigs belonging to Miles and Besgrove, which their company has purchased.

It is to be hoped that they will be induced to look into the oil situation in Malheur county before moving the rig, which they now contemplate.

There has been a lull in oil work in this section since the Independent fiasco engineered by George Franklin Wiley, of Derry, N. H. That performance has set back development in this section but appearances indicate a revival of interest which may be the successful attempt.

The Sunset is progressing finely and great hopes are entertained that they will have something to report shortly.

FIFTY HEAD OF CATTLE STOLEN

The Bank of Jordan Valley is authorized to pay a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the parties and the whereabouts of the cattle, who have taken cattle from the Jordan Valley district. These cattle are branded as follows:

N-N on left side, anchor S on left hip, crop the left and underbit in the right ear, dewlap on brisket.

In addition to the above reward the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association offers an additional reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who have stolen these cattle.

—Jordan Valley Express.

GOVT. EXPERT BAD GUESSER

Report is Made from Short Examination and Large Imagination.

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"Build!" Says W. P. Davidson

W. P. Davidson, of the Oregon Western Colonization company, was in town Sunday on business connected with the company.

Mr. Davidson reports that range land is being taken rapidly and that about all of the range land belonging to his company will soon be in other hands.

"Times are good in the east," said Mr. Davidson, "and if you people will get to work and build the Warm Springs reservoir they will soon be in this country. Those who complain about large holdings must understand that they cannot be reduced unless we can offer some inducement to prospective buyers. We are ready to take care of our portion of the bond issue and ours is the greatest part of that issue. I hope the Directors will build that dam this summer."

"Getting money from the government is all right," continued Mr. Davidson, "but time is just as valuable as money and in this case more so. Build the dam."

BUY LAND AND PAY IN HAY

Plan to Buy Land and Pay For Same in Hay Originated by Davidson.

That large holders are ready and willing to dispose of their land when opportunity offers is evidenced by the terms lately offered by the Oregon Western Colonization company.

Any one desiring to purchase from them may make such payments as their crops will admit. If the purchaser desires he may pay in hay. In other words this company will sell their land suitable for hay production and one half the crop or all of it may go to pay for the land just as the buyer chooses.

At some trifling price for the hay perhaps? Well hardly. The company will agree to take the hay at seven dollars per ton for the next five or ten years.

W. P. Davidson, while on a visit to this section, made the above statement and says his company will sell the land whenever there is any evidence of ability to pay for it and is willing to help out to this extent by showing his confidence in the future price of the staple produce of the country.

DEMOCRAT ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL

Charles E. Herron, who arrived yesterday from Alaska and is stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria, related to a Herald reporter a few incidents with which the dwellers of the Northland endeavor to fill the void caused by the fact that they cannot vote in a Presidential election. Although the personal experience of voting for the nation's President is lacking, the people of Alaska, nevertheless, are profoundly interested in the result.

There has been a hard fought campaign in the Territory for Attorney General, said Mr. Herron, this being the first time such a vote has been taken. Mr. Herron is from Juneau and Anchorage and last night he received a telegram from a business associate informing him that George B. Grigsby, democrat, has been elected Attorney General, but that James Wickersham, who for twelve years has been Territorial Representative in Congress, is in a closely fought fight. It was expected, however, that returns from rural communities would assure him of his seat.

Mr. Herron is a mining man and owner of the Anchorage Daily Times, one of the pioneer newspapers of the Territory; the Alaska Labor News and the Alaska Railroad Record. Anchorage is a government built city and Mr. Herron says it is one of the most remarkable municipalities on the continent.

"Anchorage has now about seven thousand population, although it is just two years old," he said. "It has telephones, electric lighting, water works, concrete streets, fine sidewalks a twelve thousand five hundred dollar school and a fifteen thousand dollar hospital."

You will punish your enemy more by snubbing him than beating him.

Don't take yourself so seriously that you will be a joke to everyone else.

Willow-Alder Before Court

To such of the Enterprise readers as are interested in the Willow-Alder Irrigation District it will be of interest to know the exact situation and what is proposed by the Directors.

The Directors have made no assessment for the ensuing year and have created no indebtedness.

They have consistently endeavored to get in touch with the defunct Vale-Oregon company and those who have invested their money in that company, with no result to date.

Maney Bros. and Wells have filed a lien for \$75,000 and will push it to a conclusion the coming term of court in January.

The only course open to the Directors now seems to be to enter suit for cancellation of the contracts of owners, with the Vale-Oregon company. Once these contracts are out of the way negotiations for the acquisition of the dam sites and water rights might be carried on with better prospects of success.

To carry on this suit will require some money and there will also be some other expenses made necessary in order to carry on the business. To get this money will require either subscriptions or the creation of an indebtedness against the district. The subscription method would be the better plan if those who are contracted with the Vale-Oregon company would subscribe something and send in their consent that their contracts shall be included in the suits.

They could be reimbursed a certain portion of their subscriptions when the first levy is made in 1917 and we know where we stand. There has been nothing piled up against the district and will not be without the consent and knowledge of the owners.

Unable to amicably make any settlement or arrangement with those now in the way will prolong the time of reclamation, but we cannot help it. Will those interested make known their wishes at once? A letter addressed to the Directors will have attention.

Is Held For Stock Theft

Ben Seaward was held in \$1000 bail on the charge of cattle stealing before Judge King at Ontario. This is the outgrowth of several complaints tried at Burns last term.

No man can safely stay out late on the theory that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Possibly women crochet a good deal because they can do that and talk at the same time.

There come times in every boy's life when he would like to be a lone orphan for a few days.

Don't abuse your enemies too much or you may cause others to sympathize with them.

NEW SCHEDULE IS PLANNED

Morning and Evening Trains to Vale May Be Abolished, by New Service.

George M. Bisbee, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Oregon Short Line R. R., was in town Thursday.

The company desire and intend to make some change in the present schedule between Ontario and Vale. Their present intention is to cut out the morning and evening trains and run an Ontario-Crane and Ontario-Brogan train about on the old schedule of four years ago when "Sage Brush Annie" arrived on time sometimes, with the addition of the Crane train.

Mr. Bisbee is consulting with the business men of Vale and Ontario regarding this matter and some action will likely be taken in the near future.

The change will take some six or seven families from Vale to Ontario.

Game Warden Gray Catches Trout

Warden Gray went fishing just before the cold snap and the size and quality of the trout caught speak well for Malheur county as well as for skill in angling.

The work done the past six months by Mr. Gray will go far in restrain-

TEACHERS ARE WELL PAID

McDermitt Pays Teacher \$100 Per Month For Educating Children.

We publish today a list of Malheur county teachers and the salaries they receive. All in all Malheur teachers are well paid but we call particular attention to the two schools in the McDermitt section. These schools are attended by the children of the Basques who are raising sheep in that country. It is of interest to note that they have ten months school and pay \$100 per month. This shows a worthy desire to make their children good citizens of the country of their adoption and to educate them. Following is the list:

District No. 1, Brogan. 8 months term. Harry Seeling, \$100; Mrs. Pearl Jameson, \$75.

District No. 2, Rockville. 7 months term. Robt. I. Carlton, \$60.

District No. 3, Jordan Valley. 9 months term. Lyman A. Hunting, \$100; Martha Overstreet, \$75; Ruby Fenwick, \$65; Mary Ferguson, \$75.

District No. 4, Bully Creek. 6 months term. Clare Morfit, \$60.

District No. 5, Ironside. 8 months term. Viola Pheister, \$85.

District No. 6, Westfall. 7 months term. Alva M. Highsmith, \$100; Etta A. Highsmith, \$60.

District No. 8, Ontario. 9 months term. E. G. Bailey, \$215; R. J. Davis, \$100; F. J. Clemo, \$80; Jennie Whittaker, \$72.50; Edith Bailey, \$65; Eva Boydell, \$70; Cora Rader, \$65; Lucy B. Fox, \$72.50; Lora E. McNulty, \$70; Olive C. Clement, \$77.50; Emma McGivern, \$70; Mae Platt, \$80; Nellie Platt, \$80; Twyla Head, \$70; E. A. Trousdale, \$90; Lloyd L. Culbertson, \$100; Mame Bengo, \$80; D. A. Hiles, \$100; Mrs. Edna Griffin, \$90.

District No. 9, New on Dead Ox. District No. 10, Jamieson. 8 months term. C. H. Zevely, \$100; Cynthia Baird, \$75.

District No. 11, Beulah. 8 months term. Callie B. Shelton, \$90.

District No. 12, Juntura. 8 months term. George Anna Hodgson, \$85; Mary K. Fikan, \$85.

District No. 13, Malheur. 6 months term. Clara R. Howard, \$80.

District No. 14, Westfall. 6 months term. Reba Callin, \$65.

District No. 15, Vale. 9 months term. G. A. Ruring, \$166.66; Mabel Ridgley, \$70; Gladys Turner, \$65; Ella Barkley, \$70; Elma Raymond, \$75; Elare Glover, \$65; Agnes Ryder, \$77.50; A. N. Williams, \$110; Margaret Davidson, \$75; Merle Wildman \$70; Hazel Mulkey, \$70; Irene DeArmond, \$70.

District No. 18, Owyhee. 8 months term. Victoria Thompson, \$85.

District No. 23, Pioneer on Dead Ox. 8 months term. Mabel Orcutt, \$60.

District No. 24, Grove. 6 months term. Clara Facklam, \$65.

District No. 26, Nyssa. 9 months term. B. P. Brainard, \$144.40; Althea M. Sheldon, \$80; Alice McFarland, \$75; E. B. Nedry, \$80; Crete Childers, \$66.66; Carrie I. Chealey, \$65; Margaret Davis, \$72.20.

District No. 27, Sheaville. 8 months term. Robt. I. Carlton, \$60.

District No. 28, Westfall. 6 months term. Nellie T. Jacobs, \$65.

District No. 29, Annex on Dead Ox. 7 months term. Mrs. R. U. Spaulding, \$65; Mrs. Alma Meyers, \$65.

District No. 30, Valley View. 8 months term. Mrs. J. H. Dunn, \$80; Virginia Forbes, \$65.

District No. 31, Park on Dead Ox. 9 months term. Lucile Chamberlain, \$70.

District No. 32, Watson. 6 months term. Maude Beatty, \$50.

District No. 33, White Settlement. 8 months term. Will J. Roberts, \$80; May Roberts, \$80.

District No. 34, Cord. 6 months term. Nellie Hanna, \$70.

District No. 36, Arcadia. 8 months term. Merryellen Hon, \$70; Edna von Readen.

District No. 38, Copeland. 7 months term. Orissa Hurd, \$60.

District No. 39, Warren. 8 months term. Anna E. Canham, \$60.

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