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TRAIN SERVICE IS ABOMINABLE

Notoriously Inefficient O. S. L. Has Adopted New Schedule Which is Rank Discrimination Against Vale.

MAIL LAYS 24 HOURS IN ONTARIO

Courts May Be Appealed to if Other Methods Fail--A Jitney Service May Solve Problem For Present.

The new schedule adopted by the O. S. L. purports to leave Ontario for bench land will bring \$200 per acre Zutz, \$1; Vale Drug, \$1; Dr. Bartlett, Crane at 10 a. m. arriving at Vale

The Brogan train leaves Ontario at sometime unknown to us, returning leaves Brogan at 2:30 p. m.

This method of running the two trains renders both arrival and departure from Vale an element of old time uncertainty.

For instance, the Ontario-Crane train on Wednesday, arrived at Vale about 12:30. The train leaving Brogan at 2:30 arrived at Vale about 7 By Andrew P. Anderson, Highway

The Thursday trip was worse. Bill ed to leave Ontario at 10 a. m. the Ontario-Crane train arrived at Vale at 12:55.

Friday shows improvement. On-Ontario 10 a. m. arrived Vale at 12:25 Citizens are prevented from ans

wering their mail promptly. Mail lays over at Ontario 24 hours. Portland papers arrive at Vale late the day succeeding publication. All in all it is an abominable ser-

vice and conducted with the usual inefficiency of the notoriously inefficient

The indifferent service of the mid- during the winter and spring. day trains the past years, have mat-

thods fail. It is not to be supposed that any the greater part of the year.

live community will submit to criminal oppression without making some struggle to evade the strangle hold of the octopus. Most roads give efficient service and endeavor to build up communities, even though they mulct them on rates; it is only shortsighted provincial, incompetants who enter into destroying alliances, and invoke the power of the state to destroy values and communities.

OLD TIMES

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One Vale citizen met another on the street, "Well, it seems like old times," "Sure," said the other. "Sage Brush Anne arrived on her usual time only two hours late. We don't have to answer our letters as it is no use; in

"I wonder where they found the special education of how to do the most damage with the least effort."

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT M. E. CHURCH shape.

Boy Scouts Drill at Christmas Exercises at the M. E. Church---Cornet Solo by Mr. Tapp.

The Methodist Church was the scene of a Christmas celebration on Christmas eve, that probably will nev- "The Improvement and Maintenance er be duplicated. Every number on the program had been carefully prepared and the church was crowded to the doors. As predicted, the cornet this class of construction should also solo by Chas, B. Tapp, "The Holy City," brought storms of applause No. 311, "The Construction of Sandfrom the congregation.

The pantomimes and recitations by the children were watched with the keenest interest, and the White Gifts for the King brought a liberal contribution from the large audience.

WATER CREATES LAND VALUES

Mr. Suiter Has Splendid Piece of Property in Paul, Idaho, also owns Land in Malheur.

We are in receipt of a pleasant letland on the Bully creek benches.

Not particularly happy over the delay in getting water on his land at the same time Mr. Suiter is certain J. D. King, 75c; Claude Wood, \$5; R

Engineer, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

for years to come, and the matter of West Point. He has decided to fill R. 44 E., W. M." tario-Crane train scheduled to leave earth road maintenance is therefore both of these on the basis of a district of prime interest to farmers. To wide competitive examination. This road maintenance, but it is very necessary if the roads are to be main-

day trains the past years, have mattered little to Vale as the evening the road man has a double task on his the road from the roads from the agement of other trains. The midday becoming muddy and full of ruts durtrains never have and never will be ing the wet season or when excess irof real service to the town upon the rigation and seepage waters reach the advent of spring and by putting the roadway; and, second, to keep the roads in order, it will be possible to road surface from breaking up into organize a jitney service that will get dust and chuck holes during the long our mail in and may be those who de- dry season. But while this task is sire to travel to meet trains on the difficult it is not impossible, and where the traffic is not too heavy or The courts will be appealed to if dense our earth roads can be so mainit is found that other legitimate me-I tained as to be reasonably passable at all times and fairly good during

> The most important single consideration aside from grades and location in the first improvement of earth roads is that of drainage. The drainage must be adapted to each particular road and provide adequately for rain and storm flow as well as excess irrigation and seepage waters. The roadway must be raised and crowned just sufficiently to shed all water to the side ditches and not allow it to collect in puddles and soak into and soften the road surface, while the side ditches and outlets must be ample to carry away quickly and completely all water that reaches them from whatever source.

All construction work involving any considerable amount of grading should be done early in the season bethese rushing times mail four or five fore the soil becomes too hard and til the soil has dried out, not only will making two at this time furnishes to bunch of inoperatives on the O. S. the first cost be greatly increased but the boys of Eastern Oregon the best L. They must have a school for their the road will remain very dusty and opportunity to get in the Academy tire dry season. Furthermore, by the weeks in which to prepare. Any one

> The clay or gumbo road may be ington, D. C. greatly improved in its ability to withstand both wet and dry weather with the surface soils, thus forming a sand-clay road. The essential principles of this class of construction were described in a former paper, of Earth Roads on Sandy Soils." (See Reclamation Record, February, 1916, p. 75.) The roadmen interested secure a copy of Farmers' Bulletin Clay and Burnt-Clay Roads."

But no matter how well an earth road is constructed it will not remain in good condition long, without sys-

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VALE HAS A REAL SANTA CLAUS

Generous Citizens Make Up Purse on Christmas Day and Distribute

The kiddies of Vale who were unter from Mr. E. M. Suiter, who is now able to secure a home Christmas and at Paul, Idaho. Mr. Suiter is the Santa Claus received one any way. owner of a splendid piece of bench A subscription of some \$40 was taken up and proper distribution made. The following were contributors:

F. B. Glenn, \$1; H. H. High, \$1 of results when that fact is once ac- H. Dearmond, \$5; M. N. Fegtly, \$1; SAYS OIL IS VARIETY complished. Mr. Suiter says, in part: T. B. Selby, \$1; J. L. Lewis, \$2; P. "Some eighties which were home- G. Freeman, \$1; Arthur Moody, \$1; J. steaded here 10 or 12 years ago have P. Dunaway, \$1; A. Simons, \$1; J. W sold for \$12,000, and most of those Sullivan, \$2; V. S. Green, \$1; M. D. who sold did so because it is so high Kelley, \$1; John Dolan, \$1; C. E. (4200). The water payments are Brittingham, \$1; T. W. Davidson, \$1; rarely considered. Believe me, that Jas. Frost, \$1; Dr. Davis, \$1; F. B. easy and we could sell most of it here. \$2; Powers, 25c; Dr. Burrows, \$1; They are starting a big sugar factory Tom Jones, 50c; J. R. Wheeler, \$1; here now. This is a great beet coun- Robt. D. Lytle, \$1; Ben J. Brown, \$1 try but this fall many froze in the L R. Arvina, \$1; Will Pritchett, \$1.

BOYS CAN GO

Fine Chance For Some Malheur Coun ty Boy to Win in Competitive Examination in February.

Congressman Nick Sinnott has at Earth roads must serve the needs his disposal appointment of two caof the greater part of farm traffic dets to the U. S. Military Academy at control the moisture in the soil is one will afford to the boys of Eastern of the most difficult problems of earth Oregon the best opportunity ever presented to them to enter West Point.

In order to make this opportunity tained in the best possible condition as full and free as possible the conthroughout the year. Owing to sea- gressman has arranged to have the sonal variations of temperature and examination held under the charge of precipitation, practically every local- the U. S. Civil Service Commission ity has to contend with dust during simultaneously in the following eight O. S. L., it is practically unbearable. the summer and fall and muddy roads cities: Klamath Falls, Ontario, Baker, Pendleton, Lakeview, Bend, La-In the semiarid regions, especially, Grande, The Dalles, on February 1, Vancouver Barracks, Mar. 20, 1917.

Every eligible boy desiring to take the examination should report to the local civil service secretary at the postoffice in the above cities at 9 dent; E. W. Johnson; treasurer; S. o'clock a. m., February 1st; and also Leigh Savidge, secretary; W. N. Gibb, if possible inform Congressman Sinnott at Washington that he intends to enter the competition.

amination will be designated by Congressman Sinnott as principals; the next two as first alternates, and those ranking fifth and sixth in percentage will be designated as second alternates.

Any young man is eligible to enter the competition who is now and has been since December first, 1916, as actual resident of the Second Con gressional District in Oregon, provided that on June 14, 1917, the date of entrance to the Academy, he is not under 17 nor over 22 years of age.

form, and will embrace the following subjects: Algebra, Geography, History, English Composition and English Literature, Plane Geometry, English Grammar.

Usually there is but one vacancy at well. If the earthwork is delayed un- The increase in number of cadets be difficult to travel during the en- ever offered to them, with several time the rainy season arrives the road thinking of entering the contest can way will, in all probability, be so get full information about the Mili worn down as to require a great deal tary Academy and sample questions of additional work to put it back into by writing to Congressman N. J. Sinnott, House of Representatives, Wash-

> If a man isn't much of a mechanic, thing around the house.

The human iceberg may have his break into politics.

A lie often goes around masquerading as imagination.

People exaggerate your bad habits. so get rid of them.

ter is too conservative about it.

One often feels that the thermome

NEW MEN IN ENTHUSIASTIC

Point Selected For Drilling

OF GREAT VALUE

Geologist's Examination Is Very Favorable and all Interested Are Enthusiastic Over Outcome of Venture

Vice-president Meyer and the company's geologist, W. N. Gibb, were in town this week looking over the country and making selection of a proper place to begin boring. "I was somewhat skeptical as to

almost too enthusiastic over the prospects, but upon looking into the sit- Grass and white clover seed. uation I have been agreeably surprised. In fact no country ever pre-I feel confident of a satisfactory out- can be sent to a person. Those wishcome. The point we have selected is ing a package of the seeds should on the SW14 of Section 19, T. 19 S., write to Congressman Sinnott for the

"Work has been commenced and lumber ordered for building the necessary shelters and mess houses and ground," said Mr. Meyer. "We have has also decided that no seed will be high hopes and the outlook is so excellent that I feel justified in saying that my company will bore until they bring in an oil well. The oil of the region is of great commercial value, having a parraffine base."

The company represented by Mr. gon. with offices in Boise, Idaho, at 608 Overland Building. The officers of ed variety field pea. the company are: W. N. Reeves, president; W. D. Meyer, first vice-president; P. M. Davis, second vice-presi-Geological Engineer.

The two candidates who receive the highest grades in this competitive ex-A BENEDICT

Man Ventures Into Sea Of Matrimony.

Ralph Hoyt, formerly of Vale, and now connected with a wholesale business at Salt Lake, and Miss Edith Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. The examination, which will be the C. Neely, of Vale, were united in marsame in every city, will be written in riage Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock

Rev. W. J. Luscombe, of the M. E. Church at the home of the bride's parents, and only a few near friends and they will make their future home.

Both of the young people are well success in their future life.

Natural Protective Instinct

by adding and incorporating sand his wife will tell him of some other by stores of nuts against the coming the esteem in which the people of into court to clean up the record. man who is always fixing up some- of winter; and dogs bury bones all denominations in Vale hold Rev. against the day when bones will be John Moriarity. scarce. These are the manifestations of a normal protective instinct arisallotted place in life, but he can make ing from an experience of many many yet settled down.—Washington Herno greater mistake than trying to generations. So far as is known ald. though, no bird ever tried to build more nests than his neighbor; no fox instead of for one; and no dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he didn't vide for his declining years.

COUPLE MARRIED ON CHRISTMAS EVE Popular Young Vale Couple United

in Matrimony by Rev. W. J. Luscombe, Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve, Sunday, December

19-19-44--Work Has Com- riage in the presence of the immedi- charge was high. ate friends and relatives. The beaumenced and will Continue tiful ring ceremony was used. Rev. Wm. J. Luscombe officiated.

The newly married will go to house keeping at once at their ranch home south of Vale. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness.

Limited Supply are on Hand This Year, and Sinnott Wishes All Orders to be in Early.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott has received notice from the Department what my examination would show," of Agriculture that he has been alsaid Mr. Gibb, "Mr. Meyer seemed lowed a limited number of packages of alfalfa, field pea, millet, Sudan

Because of the very limited supply on hand this year the rule has been sented better prospects than this and made that only one package of seeds same at once before the supply is exhausted. The seed will be mailed directly from the Department's warehouse, and will be accompanied by a material purchased from the Malheur circular giving full instructions for well will be hauled immediately to the culture of the crop. The department sent out later than March first.

There has been great difficulty in ecuring some of the seeds this year and for that reason only the following number of packages could be allotted to the Second District of Ore-

70 four pound packages Kansas-

200 four pound packages of improvmillet seed.

100 one pound packages of Sudan grass seed. 40 two pound packages of white

sweet clover seed. Requests will be transmitted to the department by Congressman Sinnott tified in paying. in the order in which they are receiv-

Popular Salt Lake Business CATHOLICS HOLD **GOOD SERVICES**

Christmas Exercises at St. Patrick's Church draw Large Attendance and Well Appreciated.

many elaborate and noteworthy cele- through the courts, at least part way. brations in the various churches of ebrated, was unique in many ways

relatives of the couple were present, the large number present, and the accomplish. What they had hoped Immediately following the marriage choir rendered appropriate selections and had been promised, and, in fact, days old might just as well never be dry to be worked readily and to pack a time for each district at West Point the young couple departed on the afternoon train for Salt Lake, where tastily decorated with flowers, potted been accomplished, is discouraging, known and well liked in Vale, and the miniature review of the birth of lifted, and the project go forward to Enterprise joins their host of friends Christ. By the presence of a desert final success. in wishing them much happiness and scene for the background, domestic If the whole matter is left to the animals, statutes of Mary, Josephy courts to clear up and off, the rethe child, the three wise men and the sult will be at least two years delay shepherds and their flocks in the fore- and almost, if not complete, total loss ground, lighted by small candles, a to those who have furnished funds to The birds build nests for the pro- very beautiful scene was presented.

ever fretted because he only had one burned lime is practically equal to Willow-Alder District is to keep on on the part of the Oregon delegation hole in which to hide; no squirrel ev- 11/2 tons of slaked lime or 2 tons of close touch with every event and be to get appropriations this session for er died of anxiety lest he should not ground limestone, in case all three ready to move when the time comes. the Malheur and Owyhee projects, for lay by enough nuts for two winters forms are of equal grade of purity.

Journal.

COMPARISONS OF **SCHOOL TUITIONS**

Comparison of High School Tuition Charge in Various Towns of Oregon Changes Opinion

During the meeting discussing the 24, 1916, at the Methodist Church, Budget it appeared that the charge is in Southwest Quarter of Vale, James K. Kelly and Miss Con- for high school tuition in Vale was stance E. Wilson were united in mar- rather high and that the general An investigation has brought out

the following facts:

Charges for High School Tuiti	
Vale\$11	1.
Ontario	51,
Nyssa	05.
	91.
	75
	26.
Enterprise, Wallowa county 8	36.
	38.
	35.
	49.
	19.
	66.
Central Point, Jackson county 8	33.
	72
	63.
Butte Falls, Jackson county 1	01
Echo, Umatilla county 1	56
Ferndale, Umatilla county 16	08.
	91.
	96.
	32.
	84.
	51.
Stanfield, Umatilla county 15	27.
	11.
WILLOW ALDED	

WILLUW-ALDEK

Vale-Oregon Company Can Go No Further---Maney Bros. Suit Comes in January.

It is necessary that holders of land under the Bully creek watershed, having contracts with the Vale-Oregon company and who are within the boundaries of the Willow-Alder District, should thoroughly understand the situation.

impossible to make any kind of an arrangement with that company, sion, which the district could possibly enter into. The cost of the accomplishments of that company has been far at the present session is an appropria-

court costs will run to over \$80,000. gress. This suit will come on in January.

There are other debts of the V.-O. company, but are second to the bonds. Under these circumstances there is Christmas eve was the scene of no way for a settlement except in and

If those who hold the bonds could the city. The services at St. Patrick's be made to understand that by clean-The ceremony was performed by church, where midnight mass was cel- ing up the accounts and joining hands with the district, put in the first The Rev. John Moriarity delivered unit their losses might be mini- held to be feasible, it will be doubly a sermon which was well received by mized. This of course is difficult to difficult to get an appropriation this plants and evergreens, while on the but we believe that after the first side altar to the left was a complete skirmish, the air might become clar-

The Board of Directors which will

For correcting soil acidity, I ton of The only thing we can do in the

The movement west is already on, there will be opposition from memand these benches at an altitude of bers whose projects will feel the ef-Montana voters believed a woman's 2500 feet are unexcelled east or west feet of a diversion of several hundred have enough bones laid aside to pro- place was in the House.-Wall Street and will repay the long and tedious wait for water.

Point Is Selected For Sinking Oil Well :-: Prospects Good CONGRESS MAY **GIVE OREGON SQUARE DEAL**

A Square Deal For Oregon to Come at Last If Congress Aids Warmsprings and Owyhee Projects.

OREGON BADLY TREATED IN PAST

Reclamation Officials Hope to Squeeze out Enough to Start Construction on both Projects.

Oregonian News Bureau, Wash., Dec. 25.—The long promised "square deal" for Oregon in the distribution of money from the reclamation fund will soon be in sight if Congress will act favorably on the recommendations of the Reclamation Service and authorize the construction of the Malheur and Owyhee irrigation projects.

A square deal for Oregon must now come from Congress, for the reclamation extension act took the apportionment of moneys out of the hands of the Secretary of he Interior and placed it in the hands of Congress it-

Oregon Badly Treated. How badly Oregon has been treated

in the past is shown by the last report of the Reclamation Service. According to this report Oregon has contributed to the reclamation fund \$10,-836,127, and less than half that amount has thus far been expended or allotted for work in the state. The total allotment to date for the Umatilla project is \$2,598,751, and for the Klamath-an Oregon and California project-\$3,009,992. Probably half of this latter amount is creditable to California. Oregon's total benefits are below half of what the state has contributed.

If Congress should decide to appropriate for the Malheur and the Owyhee projects the full amounts called for the state still would be far short The Vale-Oregon company as now of getting its just due, but there is constituted and which holds the con- no likelihood whatever that full ap-50 four pound packages of Kursk tracts, can go no further. It seems propriations favored by the Reclamation Service will be granted this ses-

Start All That Is Hoped For.

The most that Oregon can hope for more than the district would be jus-Warm Springs dam on the Malheur There are a number of bond hold- project and a like appropriation for ed. It will be a case of "first come, ers not interested or holding stock of the storage dam on the Owyhee profirst served" as long as the supply the Vale-Oregon company. They have ject. This, however, is as much as then rights to participate in any set- the Reclamation Service thinks nectlement made with the V.-O. com- essary, for it estimates that it will require two years to build the dams Maney Bros. and Wells and High and if the start can be made the monhave liens on the V.-O. property, ey necessary to complete the dams amounting to about \$77,000, which will be appropriated by the next Con-

There is, as is generally known, a decided shortage in the reclamation fund. There is not enough money on han to complete expeditiously most of the projects now under way, and Secretary Lane personally has always believed it is better to finish those projects before turning to others not yet begun. If this attitude of the Secretary is made plain to the committee. even though both Oregon projects are session

Officials Are Hopeful. Nevertheless, it is the belief of of-

ficials of the Reclamation Service that it will be possible to squeeze out sufficient money this year to begin the Warm Springs dam on the Malheur project, without doing serious injury to other projects. Furthermore, Representative Sinnott will show to the appropriations committee that the money appropriated for reclamation projects comes out of a special fund which can not be used for other pur-The birds build nests for the protection of their young against the
The large number who took part in
weather; the foxes dig holes for sethe services, and the attention paid
on deeded land are not of any value,
may be set aside for new projects in curity against foes; the squirrels lay to every detail, is a fine evidence of but it will be necessary to take them Oregon, the general fund in the Treasury will not be affected one way or another. The diversion of \$200, be elected next month, whoever they 000 or \$400,000 for new projects in may be, will of course make every Oregon will not affect a Treasury de-Villa is married but apparently not endeavor for some immediate adjust- ficit; it will merely divert that much ment, in fact, the time will be at hand from the general reclamation fund when such adjustment may be possi- which otherwise would be applied to

other projects. It is going to require intense effort

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