

Vale is the Center of Vast Development. Drilling for Oil Finally Inaugurated. Warm Springs Project Assured. Willow-Alder Project making Headway. Owyhee Project Progressing. The Frostless Brogan Country More Prosperous than ever. Great Drainage Projects Going Forward. Dairying Rapidly Gaining. Sheep, Cattle, Hogs, Higher than ever. Malheur County is a Mecca for Investors.



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WARMSPRINGS BONDS SOLD!

Lumbermen's Trust Company Secures the Bonds of the District at 95 1-4.--Warm Springs Development Is Practically Assured; 31,000 Acres of Valley Land May be Under Water Next Season.--Future of Vale and Ontario Assured.--Land Buyers Already on the Ground.--Action of the Board Creates Stir in Portland

PRES. WILSON JOINS LANE IN RECOMMENDING

Both President Wilson and Secretary Lane Favor Irrigation in Malheur County by District.

C. W. MALLET DOES A GREAT SERVICE

Has Able Assistance in Presenting Conditions to the Proper Powers--Effort is Appreciated.

The people of Vale and Ontario together with the owners under the Warm Springs system cannot fail to appreciate the efforts made by their neighbor and those whom he enlisted in assistance, in their endeavor to obtain government aid for the Warm Springs project.

Mr. C. W. Mallett insisted that upon the proper presentation of our condition and a fair representation of the needs and rights of the community the powers controlling those matters would recommend the project to Congress.

Mr. Mallett selected Col. C. E. S. Wood to assist him in his efforts and upon their arrival in Washington they found Joseph N. Teel and Bill Hanley on the ground and both of these gentlemen gave every possible help to convince the appropriation committee and the Reclamation commission of the righteousness of their cause.

The earnest representations of Mr. Mallett had much to do with the change of views and method adopted by the Hon. Secretary of the Interior in recommending this and the King Hill project.

President Wilson also took time from the great amount of state affairs pressing upon him to recommend these projects.

Our citizen, Will R. King, attorney for the reclamation commission, gave such help as he consistently could, having the interest of his home community at heart.

Representatives Sinnott, Hawley and McArthur also did all they could to further the interest of the community.

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INQUIRIES ABOUT LAND DEALER VISITS COUNTY PEOPLE COMING SOON

Several inquiries have been made for farming property on the strength of the Warm Springs bond sale. A prominent dealer in real estate in the Pendleton and Walla Walla country was in Vale Tuesday and endeavored to make some deals, with what success we cannot learn.

"Your land seems to be extremely reasonable in price," said Mr. Lucas. "In our country land growing only wheat has steadily advanced in price until it has reached the high price of \$170 per acre.

"It occurs to me that you might easily dispose of such land as was not well farmed or farmed by those who had been able to care for a lot of stock on the range, raising hay to winter them. The new Stock-raising Homestead law will break up the range for a time at least and people will come into the country by the thousands to raise a fine crop on say 160 acres and own 640 or more acres in the hills where they can summer feed a few head.

"This land can be handled at reasonable prices and if your farmers are ready to sell we will find buyers for as much as they wish to dispose of provided they will give those who are in the business an opportunity."

STOCK TRAILS

The new Homestead law provides that driving trails be established in order that stock may be moved from place to place and particularly to the forest reserves.

These trails are to be provided by government reservation upon representation and petition of local stockmen and sheep growers. Engineers Ashford and Miller have been at work some weeks preparing plans and maps for filing with the department.

As these trails will be from one to five miles wide, a large area will be kept back from location and some conflict will come up between applicants and proposed trails.

Water holes are to be kept open to the public and therefore everyone will get equal opportunities for driving and watering as well as grazing.

COUNTY PIONEER IS CALLED

Passing of Mrs. Mary V. Richardson, on Friday Evening, a Shock to Entire Community.

Mary V. Richardson, the wife of Judge B. C. Richardson, passed away at their home in Vale Friday evening at about 6 o'clock. Mrs. Richardson had been sick since Thanksgiving from the effects of an operation for cancer a year ago.

Born in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1853, Mrs. Richardson came to Malheur county, formerly Baker county, in 1868, to the town of Eldorado, where she met and was married to Judge B. C. Richardson, on April 10, 1869. Four children were born to this union. She is survived by her husband, two sons, J. M. Richardson of Vale, and B. M. Richardson of Ola Idaho, four brothers, C. D. Davis, Ontario, H. P. and J. J. Davis, Vale, J. W. Davis, Portland, and two sisters, Kate N. Dorris, of Jamieson, and Ida Harris, of Vale, all of whom were at her bedside when she passed away.

Mrs. Richardson was a devoted member of the M. E. church of Vale for 20 years, and always took an active part in church work until prevented by ill health. Funeral services were held from the M. E. church, Sunday at 2 o'clock, the sermon being preached by Rev. W. J. Luscombe. Interment was made in the Vale cemetery.

NEW BAKER TAKES CHARGE

New Baker From Washington Buys Out Joe Gwilliam's Bakery in Vale.

Donald Walker, of Spokane, Wash., has purchased the Vale Bakery from Joe Gwilliam, and took charge the first of the week. Mr. Walker and wife come from Wainburg, Wash., Mr. Walker being for a long time the French pastry baker at the Davenport, one of the largest hotels in Spokane.

Joe Gwilliam will from now on devote his time to his bee ranch near Brogan.

The year 1917 opens well for Malheur county. The final consummation of the sale of the \$750,000 bond issue of the Warm Springs Irrigation District assures the people of this section that prosperity is about to dawn upon them. The thousands of acres which have shaded the horizon with the dull green of sage brush with only the jackrabbit and coyote for life in the monotony of the plains, will be replaced with green fields of alfalfa and fat cattle and sheep.

Homes will dot the landscape and school houses present evidence of a new prosperity.

Already attempts have been made to obtain options on property and the very air seems filled with a new spirit. The deadly groove of pessimistic thoughts has given way to optimism, and hope for the future and a desire to help make the future prosperous.

The bids for the bonds were opened at 2 p. m., Friday, Jan. 5. The bidders were:

Lumbermen's Trust Company, Portland, 95 1/4.

California National Bank of Sacramento and Blythe Witter & Co., San Francisco, 92.5 and accrued interest.

Henry J. Kaiser & Co., Portland, 92.

All bids were conditional upon the buyer controlling construction. The Lumbermen's Trust company bid being the highest, it was accepted. This company waived the conditions as it was shown that the construction and material must be advertised in accordance with the statute.

The agreement as finally entered into was 95 1/4 and accrued interest for the bonds and 3 percent on monthly balances with the Board to have the privilege of placing such funds as the home banks of Vale and Ontario might be able to use to advantage.

This sale is considered the most advantageous which has ever taken place in Oregon for irrigation bonds and has two definite meanings: District bonds on a feasible project will sell and Portland is waking up to the necessity of helping the Eastern Oregon territory to develop. It is true that the odds on this project should bring more money but still such bonds are not yet rehabilitated in the eyes of eastern buyers and it will take many years to completely eradicate the bad work done in the past. But it is well for this country to have made so good a sale at this time.

WANT CHANGES IN GAME LAWS

Vale Game Association Wishes Certain Changes in State Law for Malheur and Harney.

Recommending certain changes in the game laws of the state in so far as they apply to Malheur and Harney counties, the Vale Fish and Game Association have prepared a set of modifications, which they have sent to Julien A. Hurley, C. M. Crandall, and the State Game Warden Shoemaker. These changes are made after thorough investigation and knowledge of conditions as they exist in this particular district, and are as follows:

That all hunting and fishing licenses be \$1.50 each instead of \$1.00. That the combination license remain \$2.00, and the extra 50c be used as a propagating fund.

That the bag limit in "Steins Mountain Reserve" for deer be placed at one buck and one doe, in place of three bucks, as the law now says. This is done to build up the number of deer in that locality. That the same limit apply to the rest of Malheur and Harney counties, as the present regulation has resulted in a scarcity of buck deer.

That in the matter of antelope protection, a reward should be given to persons giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons killing or injuring antelope.

That the legislature pass a resolution memorializing the Department of the Interior to make open season for ducks in Idaho the same as in Oregon, or the Oregon law changed to conform with the Idaho law, and that the bag limit be 15 ducks every 7 days instead of 30 as at present.

That the open season on sagehens be changed to from August 1st to September 15, and the bag limit be 15 in 7 days. The season now opens July 15, and the limit is 10 every 7 days. The reason for this change are the sagehens are not mature in the county before August 1, and they are at present very plentiful in both Malheur and Harney counties.

NO COAL FAMINE

Three cars of coal arrived in Vale Friday, long overdue. No danger of coal famine at present.

MALHEUR CO. MOVING OIL DRILLING SHORTLY WORK BEGINS AT NYSSA

With so much that is new going forward this section of Malheur, and in fact, the entire county, will show development unequalled by any county in the state.

Machinery has arrived on the ground on the Nyssa-Arcadia drainage area and work will begin at once to bring some 3000 acres into use and make the remaining 4000 acres more valuable.

The Ontario drainage district moves along steadily and will be ready for complete operation within a short time. This will improve about 6000 acres, some of which is going to the bad already.

The Western Pacific Oil and Gas company will be dropping their drill within a few weeks and that development will assist in bringing the county to the front. The location which they have selected is one well known to experts to lie as well as any land in the country for oil.

The new Stock-raising Homestead law will bring more than a thousand settlers into the country and this in connection with the development of the Warm Springs project will add wonderfully to the advantages of the county which we may present to outsiders.

ELECTIONS HELD

Two elections were held in this section Saturday: The Warm Springs District and the Willow-Alder District elected directors and treasurer for the next two years. The vote in both districts was light as the weather was cold and unpropitious.

Directors elected by the Warm Springs District were:

George McLaughlin, Division No. 1. J. H. Russel, Division No. 2. R. E. Weant, Division No. 3. Rex Marquis, Division No. 4. A. W. Trow, Division No. 5. Frank M. Vines, treasurer.

Directors elected by Willow-Alder District were: I. W. Hope, H. A. Fosselman, John Rigby. Leo H. Schmidt elected treasurer.

BIG RUSH FOR STOCKRAISING HOMESTEADS

Land Office Overwhelmed With Work Since the New Law Went Into Effect--Town Alive With Locators

PLENTY OF PEOPLE WANT NEW LAND

Millions of Dollars Will Be Added to Tax Roll in Five Years as Result of New Law--Settlement is Rapid

Following the publication in the Enterprise of the fact that the Stock-raising Homestead act was a law together with the publication of the entire law, the local Land Office has been overwhelmed with work.

Applicants are in Vale by the fifties and the end is not yet. Tom Jones, the register, is finding out that there are people in the country who want land, and the money in the country to pay for it is making M. N. Fegly, the receiver, rustle to take care of.

It is rather astonishing to note that there are more than a dozen applicants who have lived in Malheur county for many years and have never made an entry of public land. John Weaver is one and Arthur Derrick another.

The result of this act will be to add millions of dollars to the tax roll in the next five years and add hundreds of people to our population.

Such rapid settlement of the country coupled with the fact that the Warm Springs project will be practically completed this year, gives the county a rosy glow of sun shining prosperity.

IDAHO ROAD MEN VISIT VALE

E. Q. Marsing and J. E. Garrity, of Claytonia, Idaho, were in Vale Monday, discussing the highway situation in the Idaho-Jordan Valley section. They propose a change in the road from Jordan Valley to Caldwell cutting off some 18 miles.

The gentlemen were in consultation with the County Judge.

Auto Crashes Into "Sagebrush Annie"

Occupants Unable to See Train, Moving at Slow Gait--Girl is Seriously Injured.

As a result of a collision between an auto and "Sagebrush Annie," on the crossing between the St. Paul orchard and Ontario, Saturday afternoon, a Miss Fairbanks lies critically injured internally at the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario, and Mrs. O. E. Clark, who was seriously cut on the face and skull is receiving medical treatment from Dr. Brown, of Vale, at the St. Paul orchard.

The dense fog Saturday afternoon was responsible for the accident. There were six occupants of the car, four of the Fairbanks party and Mrs. O. E. Clark and son, none of whom knew the train was near until it was upon them. The engineer of the train was unable to see the car, but stopped the train after the accident and brought the party to Vale, where the injured were turned over to Dr. Brown, and Miss Fairbanks taken to the hospital the same day.

That a fatal accident did not result from the collision is a source of wonder, as the car was overturned, and nearly demolished. Dr. Prinzling, of Ontario, reports the injured young lady in a serious condition.

NYSSA SCHOOL BEATEN BY VALE TEAM

Vale Boys Defeat Nyssa Warriors by 45 to 9 Score Friday Evening At Nyssa.

The Vale High School basketball team brought home the scalps of the Nyssa team Friday evening, where they defeated the Gate City players by a score of 45 to 9. Few Vale fans saw the game, but those who accompanied the team say that the Nyssa lads were defeated from the start, but made a game struggle to the last.

George Glenn, on the Vale team, was responsible for most of the scoring, but was given splendid support by the balance of the team, Murray, Fletcher, Ellis and Brown.

Now, if Germany really meant it, she can come forward and explain in detail just what she meant by it.—Washington Times.

If a note could only stamped the belligerents as easily as it does the market.—Boston Herald.

SANITARIUM SHOWS REMARKABLE GROWTH



The Vale Hot Springs Sanitarium under the management of Dr. T. W. Thurston, has grown to considerable proportions since 1914 and with a moderate capital might become one of the big institutions of the country and increase the population of Vale to a marked degree.

On account of the limited quarters the Sanitarium cannot advertise its great benefits as it is now overflowing with practically none but local people, that is comparatively local. Patients come from as far east as Pocatello and west from Baker and Pendleton and slight advertising would soon fill a large hospital.

It is unquestionable that the springs have great curative effect on stomach trouble, rheumatism and kindred ailments.

There are now employed at the Sanitarium a number of nurses and there are accommodations for twenty

or more patients. The genial Doctor is continually adding to his clientele and is continually adding to the conveniences of the place.

To put into being a complete plant such as the demand warrants would require more funds than are now available but the owner proposes to continue his expansion, ardently if he may, slowly if he must, but the slogan will always be—FORWARD.

Hurley Best Placed Man in the State

Circuit Court Met in Vale Past Week

Criminal Work for Circuit Court at Vale During Past Week and Verdicts Rendered

The Circuit Court has been engaged in criminal work the past week with the Seaward case on Friday, beginning Thursday afternoon.

In the case of State vs. Byce, larceny of grain from a warehouse, the jury stood 11 to 1 and after tussling for four hours the jury stood 11 to 1 and thereupon were dismissed.

One of the jurors was convinced that there was a missing link in the case put up by the state and declined to see anything but the missing link. In the case State against Hanna for assault, the verdict was not guilty. Kimball is still minus an ear.

No man could be as tough as a week's growth of beard will make him look.

Constantine will have no peace until he declares war.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Senator Julien Hurley the Best Placed Man in the State at Salem--Mr. Crandall also There.

Malheur county has succeeded well at the legislative assembly at Salem. Julien A. Hurley, senator from Grant, Harney and Malheur, is the best placed man in the state. His opportunities for helping the counties he represents is almost unlimited and while the work will be incessant and arduous Mr. Hurley is a young man and can stand the heavy strain.

Senator Hurley is on the following committees, being Chairman of the Irrigation Committee: Irrigation Committee, County and State Offices, Judiciary, Mining, Public Lands, Railroads.

Irrigation, Judiciary and Railroads are the three best committees at command of the Speaker.

C. M. Crandall Well Placed. C. M. Crandall, joint representative from Harney and Malheur, is placed on three committees: Capitol grounds, Public Lands and Corporations.

The corporation committee is one of the best in the assembly.

We are perfectly neutral in this war. We don't care who makes peace.—Atlanta Journal.