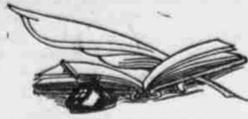


EDITORIAL



FUTURITIES

JUST what the future holds for Vale and this section of country cannot be foretold with certainty for another six months. The endeavors to get the Warm Springs project going have been crowned with success to date, but there are those who object to rapid development and how far they will go to delay the matter remains to be seen.

The reclamation department in recommending the appropriation of \$400,000 for the dam did the best they could for us and President Wilson and Secretary Lane deserve kind remembrance from our people for their efforts. The \$400,000 would complete the dam and then those who had new lands might await the pleasure of those who held the key to the distribution system.

The dam would not be completed under two or three years and at a cost far in excess of \$400,000, as the overhead charges on government work is always excessive.

Section twelve of the reclamation extension act would shut out any possibility of getting the improvement except through private capital in the end. Those who have obtained a competence through the use of the present system, can wait and are willing to wait. Those who do not care to farm intensively are willing to wait. Those who are desirous of getting the most out of the land and those who have no water at all are not willing to wait. It is now or never with them and they are well able to pay the small charge that will be made for water.

Those who are promoting other activities and hoping for government aid may be disappointed at the turn things have taken, but this country must be developed now or lie stagnant for a generation. If neither Warm Springs nor Bully creek shall be constructed and the land watered within the next two years there will be an exodus from the county rather than an influx of population.

The Stock-raising Homestead law will not do it all. Those who own the ranges will want a little ranch to raise hay for wintering their stock. The county would soon become the home of ten thousand stock raisers instead of 100. Hundreds of those who are taking advantage of the new law are those who have ranches in the valleys; they see into the future and know that the grass on their range homestead will be greatly increased by care and will supplement their present holdings with a summer range of great and increasing value.

Delving into the future is poor business for anyone but those who professionally do so as fortune tellers. Nevertheless history and present examples may be drawn upon for imagining what the future might be.

Just a few years since and the Twin Falls country was a desert and the first attempts at farming with the water of that region resulted in condemnation of the country. Today it is a country of money making farmers and high priced land. Caldwell and Nampa, Parma and Payette are fairly indicative of what may be done.

Dead Ox lands which the writer has traveled over before the water was spread over the land, are now selling for \$150 and \$200 per acre. Under the Shoestring ditch with the yearly charge of about \$4.25 for water, farmers are making more than good and the land cannot be touched for less than \$150 to \$200 per acre.

With all these examples right at hand and a world of precedent, how is it that there are people who object to the paltry charge under the Warm Springs project, of less than \$30 per acre. Is it a fact that the lands are not worth it? We note that those who are farming do not want to sell for a trifle.

It is now or never with us. With a "long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together" Vale and Ontario will double their population in less than two years.

BULLY CREEK

SUITS and counter suits are the prevailing conditions on Bully creek today, but there is a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds brought about through the sale of the Warm Springs bonds. While the values must be created on Bully creek by water and in the valley they have already been created, that creation has been through the agency of water, and there is water in Bully creek. Let us be patient and keep our nerves steady; common sense will prevail in the end and our friends who have furnished money and those who have furnished material may hope for something if the right course is pursued.

Legal Advertisements

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County, Ella Heath, Plaintiff, vs. John McNamee, Mrs. Mary McNamee, Robert D. Rorison, Mrs. Robert D. Rorison, his wife, Geo. H. Bodfish and David Bombard, Defendants.

To David Bombard, of the above-named defendants: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: For a judgment against the defendant John McNamee in the sum of Four Hundred (\$400) Dollars upon one promissory note, together with interest thereon from the 1st day of April, 1913, until paid, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and for Seventy-five (\$75) Dollars as attorneys' fees herein, and for the costs and disbursements of this suit.

And for a decree foreclosing a mortgage given by the defendant John McNamee upon Lot 3 (3) and Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Section Thirty (30), in township Thirteen (13) South of range Forty-two (42) East, and the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), in Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Forty-one (41) East, W. M., Malheur County, Oregon, to secure the payment of the said promissory note, and forever barring and foreclosing you and each and all of the defendants herein from all right, title and interest in and to said real property, except your statutory right to redeem. This summons is published in the Malheur Enterprise, a weekly newspaper published and circulating in Malheur County, Oregon, by order of the Honorable Dutton Biggs, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 8th day of December, 1916, and directing its publication for six weeks, commencing with the 16th day of December, 1916, and ending with the 20th day of January, 1917.

DAVIS & KESTER, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Dec. 16-Jan. 20.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elsie Stradley, Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County, administrator of the estate of Elsie Stradley, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said William D. Stradley, at his place of residence in Big Bend, Malheur County, Oregon.

WILLIAM D. STRADLEY, Administrator of the estate of Elsie Stradley, deceased. Dated December 23rd, 1916. First Publication Dec. 23, 1916. Last Publication Jan. 20, 1917.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon. December 21, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that Henry J. Ryan, of Westfall, Oregon, who, on June 4, 1913, made Homestead Entry, No. 02714, for W 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 N W 1/4, Sec. 10, and who on July 28, 1914, made Add'l Homestead Entry, No. 03454, for SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 10, 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 9, all in Township 16 South, Range 39 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 24th day of January, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. C. Spaulding, Jack Spaulding, Don McCann, William Miller, all of Westfall, Oregon. THOS. JONES, Register. Dec. 23-Jan. 20.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Malheur County, State of Oregon.

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Daniel R. Dixon, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, M. G. Hope, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Will of Daniel R. Dixon, deceased, has filed his Final Account and Report, and by order of the said Court, duly made and entered on the 10th day of January, 1917, the hearing of said account will be had at the Court House at Vale, in said county and state, on the 15th day of February, 1917, at which time and place any and all objections to said Final Account and Report will be heard and the said Account settled; and all persons concerned therein are further notified to be present and at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why the said Account and Report should not be approved and allowed, and the undersigned be discharged as such executor, and his bond exonerated.

M. G. HOPE. Jan. 13-Feb. 10.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon. Jan. 5, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that Hattie E. Welch, of Vale, Oregon, who on March 26, 1912, made Desert-Land Entry, No. 02178, for E 1/2, Section 10, Township 18 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof under the 2nd paragraph of the Act of March 3, 1915, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 12th day of February, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Lula Colwell, Cora Bass, Phil Bass, Wilbert Colwell, all of Vale, Oregon. THOS. JONES, Register. Jan. 13-Feb. 10.

There is one unusual attraction about Count Tarnowski von Tarnow. If you can remember his first name you'll probably recall his second—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

County Clerk's Semi-Annual Statement

From June 30th, 1916, to December 31st, 1916

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes General and State Fund, General Road Fund, General School Fund, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Warrants unredeemed June 30th, 1916, Warrants issued last six months, Warrants redeemed last six months, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes DISBURSEMENTS FOR SIX MONTHS Dec. 31st, 1916, Registration and Election, Sheriff's Office, Treasurer's Office, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Semi-annual Statement of Ben J. Brown, Sheriff December 31st, 1916, Balance taxes uncollected June 30th, 1916, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Malheur, ss: I, W. H. Doolittle, County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the financial condition of Malheur County, Oregon, as shown by the records in my office at the close of business Dec. 31st, 1916.

County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement

TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT of the financial condition of Malheur County, Oregon, for six months ending December 30th, 1916.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes GENERAL FUND, June 30, 1916, balance on hand, Dec. 30, 1916, amount received to date, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes STATE TAX FUND, COUNTY SCHOOL FUND, GENERAL ROAD FUND, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Malheur County Fair, Estates of deceased persons, Dead-Ox Flat Irrigation District, Owyhee-Irrigation District, Road District No. 1, etc.

SUMMARY table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes June 30, 1916, balance on hand, Dec. 30, 1916, amount received to date, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Malheur, ss: I, J. R. Weaver, Treasurer of Malheur County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Report of Condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes 1. a Loans and discounts, 5 U. S. bonds, 6 Bonds, securities, etc., 8 Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes LIABILITIES, 25. a Undivided profits, 28. Circulating notes outstanding, 33. Individual deposits subject to check, etc.

State of Oregon, County of Malheur, ss: I, Chas. E. Flynn, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT-Attest: ELI ROSE, C. W. NELSON, J. T. LOGAN, Directors.

It seems to be increasingly evident that King Alcohol will not have a seat at the council-table at which the future of the world is to be decided. Wall Street is a little panicky over the prospect of peace. Wall Street, you may recall, is the place where they gave odds on Hughes.—Philadelphia North American. The theory that time flies didn't originate with a boy underling the last few days of school. We all believed such a war could not start, and we are now skeptical about its stopping.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.