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WARMSPRINGS CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

OREGON SUPPORT OF SECURITIES HELP

Team Work for Best Interests of All Desired for Rapid Development of this Country

The Warm Springs project will begin work as soon as the weather will permit. It is not expected that there will be any delay in the financial end of the matter and that there will be little if any opposition to construction work at an early date.

There has been some dissatisfaction expressed by those who have been opposed to the project, and some others as well, at the price received for the bonds. Knowing our excellent security, it was hoped that a higher price might have been obtained. But it will be many years before Oregon securities will receive their proper standing in the market. California has just been able to recover from the crop of private failures in that country. The principle cause of failures was well expressed by a prominent irrigationist from that state. He said: "One of the principle causes of failure in most projects is the unseemly and unnecessary internal squabbles and opposition to progress. In our state (California) half of the failures might be attributed to this cause. It takes time and patience to overcome these but with time and patience they may be overcome. One thing that has helped California has been that local companies took hold of the securities and demonstrated their confidence in their country. Until that is done your State of Oregon will have a hard time. Your financial institutions fool too much with laws and pay too little attention to the security. In many respects your law is better than ours and if the security is good, if the land will pay out, the law is all right."

Judge George E. Davis visited Salem on behalf of the District and reports that the law as it passed the Committee and was sent to the Senate seemed to be in excellent shape and should give ample security to the bond buyer as well as adequate protection to the owners of land in the district.

The principle features of the law will be published as soon as the bill is received in perfected form. The condemnation suit for the reservoir site will likely be transferred to Baker county.

Check Artist Caught

Makes Two Getaways but is Finally Located--Is Now in Custody of Union County Sheriff

Last Monday, a man of the name of Marshall Ray, supposedly of New Plymouth, Idaho, exchanged his autograph for bonafide coin of the realm with several Ontario merchants. The next morning Sheriff Ben Brown was notified and Ray was traced to North Powder, where on Tuesday he had worked the same check game, only to find that he had already departed for parts unknown. His description was sent along the line however and Wednesday he was located at Pendleton. He was sent back to La Grande and turned over to the Union county officials. If they fail to have a good case against him there he will likely be brought to Malheur county for trial.

Sheriff Brown has since learned that he is wanted by the authorities at Emmett, Idaho, on similar charges.

War Situation Is Gradually Clearing

Wilson and Advisors Waiting Developments in German-American Diplomatic Controversy

Washington--News of the liberation of the 72 American seamen brought to Germany by the prize ship Yarrowdale came Thursday night after President Wilson and other administration officials had retired. Their release disposes of one of the most pressing and irritating phases of the German-American situation.

Many responsible officials have concluded that unless there is a prompt and decided change in the general attitude of Germany toward the interests of the United States, the appearance of President Wilson before congress to ask authority to afford protection to American lives and property is only a matter of days.

Any doubt as to the ruthless character of the new submarine campaign and its violation of neutral rights long since has disappeared, and the situation is made more and more grave daily by aggravating incidents.

New York--Steamships flying the flags of neutral countries, which have been detained here since the new German submarine policy was announced, probably will resume their regular sailings if plans to substitute Halifax for Kirkwall as a port of call for examination can be arranged with the British authorities. It became known Thursday night that negotiations to this end are virtually complete.

SALE BIG SUCCESS

New Owner of Willow Wood Stock Farm Plans to Engage in General Farming.

The sale of the Fotheringham Bros. held last Tuesday at the Willow Wood Stock Farm was attended by over one hundred and fifty people and was a great success. A number of Vale people were in attendance.

J. M. Swanson cried the sale and kept things moving from first to last. Mr. Swanson always lives up to his reputation as a hard worker and fair play auctioneer. The Fotheringham brothers have left for Spokane having sold their farm to Mr. Haw of Pendleton. The new owner of the Willow Wood Stock Farm will not make any specialty of raising hogs but will engage in the general farming. He expects to have 400 acres of good land all lying under ditch in cultivation.

Wednesday State's Birthday

Not only was Wednesday, the fourteenth, St. Valentine's day, but is also marked the fifty-eighth birthday of the State of Oregon.

O. A. C. GOVERNMENT WOOL CAR WILL DEMONSTRATE

Will Demonstrate in Vale From 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. --Picture Show Arranged for Afternoon

This wool demonstration car is said to be one of the finest educational exhibits that has ever been seen in Oregon. The car, operated cooperatively by the extension division of the O. A. C. and the bureau of animal industry of the United States department of agriculture, is scheduled at Vale for the only stop in Southeastern Oregon. The Oregon Short Line has contributed to this educational movement by transporting the car over its lines free.

The objects of interest in the car include several sheep, representing the different wool types, and the fleeces from such types both in the scoured and unscoured condition. The percentage of shrink caused by scouring and the reasons for same are clearly demonstrated. The character and grades of wool from the different fleeces and the uses to which such wools are put are shown. The effect of producing wool under different conditions and the reasons these conditions affect the growth of the animal and the wool produced are explained. Why some wools are used for making nothing but felt and other wools are made into the finest cloth is graphically demonstrated, as is also the manufacture of cloth from the raw wool to the finished product.

Of especial interest to the sheepman is the model of a 10-men Australian shearing shed. The superior-

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Honored at U. of O.

Millard Nelsen one of 20 Honor Students at State University who Make Highest Grades

Of the twenty honor students announced by the faculty of the State University at Eugene, Millard Nelsen of Vale, son of T. T. Nelsen, is one. Millard made the highest possible grades in each of his 16 hours of work which is a record certainly to be proud of.

Fred Metzler, of Baker, ranked as the highest student, having made perfect grades in the largest number of studies.

RATE CASE, VALE VS. O. S. L. FEB. 27

Public Service Commission to Decide Issue Between Vale and O. S. L. on Train Service and Rates--Chamber of Commerce to Meet Monday Night

Train Service Matters to be Adjusted by Commission--Outside Communities to be Represented

Monday, February 27, at 2:30 p. m., in the Court House at Vale the Public Service Commission of Oregon will hear and investigate the facts in the case of Leonard Cole, Mayor of the City of Vale, versus the Oregon Short Line Railroad company concerning the train service rendered the people of Vale and the interior country beyond.

Complaint Claims Discrimination In the complaint Mayor Cole sets forth the following: That the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, defendant, December 24, 1916, did inaugurate a new train schedule between Ontario and Crane thereby removing the daily morning and evening train from Vale, Oregon.

Said train schedule has worked a great hardship to the people of Vale and vicinity, compelling them to stop over night and Sunday at Ontario and prevents them from making connections with main line trains. That said train service has interrupted and badly crippled our mail service. That the service afforded by the defendants is

in these respects inadequate, unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory. Besides these facts set forth in the complaint the evidence will likely bring out the shortage of locomotive power equipment causing the train runnings on the present schedule to be generally late and very irregular.

Defendants File Answer. In answer to the above the defendants deny that the present schedule will work a great or any hardship on the people of Vale or prevent them from making connections with trains on the main line. Also the mail service has not been crippled or interrupted in any respect. Further answering said complaint the defendants dwell upon the fact that they have built several branch lines and are unable to serve their former territory and their new without increasing greatly their expenditure and claim that the business on these lines does not warrant such.

Outside People Interested. People from Brogan, Ironsides, and other localities dissatisfied with the new schedule should be in Vale for the hearing and present their evidence as the decision will effect the service on the entire lines.

Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Monday Night to Discuss Case to Come up Next Week

Monday evening there will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Vale to which every public spirited citizen of Vale and surrounding country are urgently requested to be present for the purpose of discussing and gathering evidence for the Vale versus O. S. L. case one week from that day.

Other Towns Invited. Especial invitation is extended to the people living beyond Vale on either of the lines where the new schedule has effected them. As a large number of out of town people will be in Vale Monday to inspect the Government O. A. C. Wool car it is expected that there will be a large delegation from the outside points at the meeting Monday evening.

Mayor Cole says that he confidently expects the commission to restore the old schedule or an improved one as the present arrangement is absolutely unjust to the people of this city and of the tributary country.

IRRIGATION BILL PASSES HOUSE :: ROADS NEXT

Crandall's Bill Permits High School to Organize Military Training Department--Governor Is Head

State Capitol, Salem, Or.--Military training in the high schools of the state is authorized in Representative Crandall's bill, which was passed by the House Saturday with a big affirmative vote.

The military course is not to be compulsory, however, on part either of schools or of students. It is to be subject, though, of suitable credit on the same basis as other studies and in an amount to be determined by the Board of Education.

Governor Must Grant Authority. The Governor is made head of the military training department. All schools that establish it must apply to him for authority. No company of cadets can be organized with fewer than 20 members or without a suitable instructor. At least three hours a week are to be set aside for the work.

The state is authorized, too, to furnish the several companies with rifles and other equipment.

This bill was under lively discussion for several minutes before it came to vote. Representatives Tichenor, Mackay and Mueller, all veterans of various American wars, supported it. A number of others inquired into its various provisions but offered no strong opposition.

Last Week Busy. There have been busy doings in the Legislature this week, which winds up the 29th session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Into six days must be crammed and jammed all the mass of unfinished business that has piled up in the five weeks preceding.

A vast deal of such business is accumulated. It has been the unhappy task of the Legislature to sort this out, to differentiate between the good and the bad, the trivial and the unimportant contained in a total of several hundred bills, all in six short days.

Most Big Measures Started. At the same time, most of the really big measures of this session have now passed one House or the other. Before the Legislature adjourns sine die tonight these bills must have passed both houses or have been killed.

Chief among these measures are the famous anti-picketing bill, which went through the House last week with only two votes to spare; the new road code and the irrigation code, which also have passed the House and are now up to the Senate to tackle; the Orton bill amending the teachers' tenure in office law; the rural credits bill, making effective the rural credits constitutional amendment, passed by the people last November, and the insurance code, all of which have passed the Senate and are before the House.

Hurley Gives Interview--Two State High Ways for Malheur County Certain--Auto Tax Doubled

Salem, Oregon, February 16.--(By Special Wire): Julien A. Hurley, senator from Eastern Oregon and chairman of the senate irrigation committee gave out an interview this morning in which he states the road bill providing eight million dollars for state highways will pass. This measure will provide two highways for Malheur county, one from Burns to Ontario and one from Grant county to Vale. There will be no additional tax levied but auto licenses will be doubled.

The Hurley amendment to the drainage code has passed the senate and will become a law. The Irrigation and drainage codes have passed the house and been referred out of the senate committee with only a few minor amendments. It is expected it will pass the senate without further discussion.

Hurley put his ear to the ground and touched no unpopular legislation. Our own Julien was the most popular man in the legislature and acquitted himself in keeping with his usual ability shown in the home forum. From his success down there it is expected his ambitions will be so stimulated that his home work will have visible and beneficial effects.

Eastern Oregon is hard hit on road legislation. There is to be a highway commission of three. All money is to be spent by them and all work laid out by them. Automobiles are to be heavily taxed and the money to go into the general road fund of the state and not back to the counties as heretofore. Not satisfied with having the money from Eastern Oregon which is in the State tax the western part of the state now demands that

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NEW MACHINE ARRIVES

New Hoffman Steam Cleaner and Presser Added to Up to Date Equipment of Panatorium.

B. Paul, proprietor of the Vale Panatorium has received a brand new Hoffman steam cleaner and presser and the machine will be ready for demonstration Monday. This machine cleans the finest fabric without the slightest chance of injury and turns it out as good as new. It operates on a vacuum steam process. It also presses suits and other garments.

SEEDS

If you wish to receive any of the flower or garden seeds we have received from Congressman N. J. (Nick) Sinnott for free distribution to the farmers of Malheur county, mail your request to the Enterprise before they are all gone. Be sure and write your name and address plainly.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST OVER ENTIRE COUNTY

Examinations Discussed--Social and Class Work Reported to County Superintendent Past Week

Miss Eleanor Froman reports considerable interest in spelling contests which she conducts in her school. She also adds that Bernice and Grace Froman have a perfect attendance record for last month.

Supt. C. H. Zevely has been asked to remain in the Jamieson schools. Mr. Zevely has done a great deal for the boys and girls in this community and the wish of the patrons and board members seems to be that he shall continue the good work.

In several of the rural and village schools in Malheur county teachers are being employed year after year in the same school when they have given satisfaction to the majority of the people. No truer sign of advancement can be sighted than the fact people are beginning to use the same common sense in the administration of their schools that they use in the administration of their private business. A competent clerk or a business manager is given employment as long as he gives general satisfaction or until he secures a better position. Both the employer and the man or woman employed are benefitted by this method. If teachers were given the same consideration in the rural districts, teachers, pupils and parents would soon appreciate the change.

Weather conditions are responsible for a low percentage of attendance in many of the rural schools. Robert I.

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Three Basketball Games

Fruitland Lassies Go to Defeat Before Vale Team in Friday Night's Scrimmage

With a final score of 10 to 8, after a game full of "pep" from start to finish, the Vale girls' basket ball team defeated the Fruitland visitors last Friday night. Prof. Ruring refereed the contest, and a good crowd of Vale people were present. Following the game both teams were entertained by the high school boys by a banquet in the auditorium.

The Vale girls met Ontario Friday night, and the boys will contest the Payette Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening, both games being in the High School auditorium, called promptly at 7:30.

Candidates Out For The City Election

Several Candidates Have Appeared for Various Municipal Offices at Coming Election, Mar. 6

Considerable gossip concerning many likely candidates for the coming city election has been floating about the streets the past week. However as far as know the only petitions now being circulated are for J. Kimball for mayor, Leslie L. Hope for treasurer, and Robt. D. Lytle for recorder. It is expected that there will be a number of candidates out for councilmen by next week. Ross Soward, it is understood, will be a candidate for recorder, now holding that position for the unexpired term left by the resignation of Jno. Wheeler.

DREXEL GRILL TO OPEN

F. W. Burdette of Portland to Open a First Class Grill With Meals at all Hours.

F. W. Burdette of Portland and more recently of Lewiston, Montana, has purchased the Drexel Grill and will open for business Monday. Mr. Burdette says he will have an experienced chef from Omaha and will endeavor to give first class service to all customers.

The Grill will be run a la carte and will be open from six a. m. to 9 p. m.

VALE-KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CELEBRATE

53rd ANNIVERSARY OF ORDER A SUCCESS

Visitors in Person and by Letters from Over State and Nation Greet Members and Friends

Thursday evening the Knights of Pythias of Advance Lodge, Vale Oregon, visiting Knights, families and friends celebrated the fifty third anniversary of the founding of the order. The occasion happened also to be the fortieth year of the insurance department and the eighth year of Advance Lodge No. 105.

A splendid program was enjoyed by all present. Hon. Dalton Biggs presented an interesting and thoughtful address on the spirit of Pythianism. The history of the foundation of the order based on a dream of the brotherhood of man, and of the wonderful progress made by the order during the past half century were forcefully related to his hearers. The program from music to coffee was par excellence and all talking part and arranging the evening's entertainment deserve full credit for the success of the night.

The program as presented follows: Anniversary Program Opening address, Geo. W. Hayes, Chairman.

Presentation of Flag. Song "America." Roll Call of Advance Lodge No. 105, Earl Neely on letters.

Call of members who have passed beyond, 2 raps. Selection by Orchestra, Mrs. Moody, Roberts, Tapp, Moody, Nelson.

Reading of Special Greetings from Supreme Chancellor Brown, K. of R. and S. W. Shealdon, Representative Gus C. Moser, Grand Chancellor Idaho Smith, Chancellor Wortman, K. or R. and S. Gleason, Past Grand Chancellor Marks, by R. D. Lytle.

Cornet Solo, by C. B. Tapp. Horn Solo, not to be called. Reading of first half of Oregon Lodge Letters, J. R. Wheeler.

Serving of punch and intermission for 10 minutes. Solo, Ralph Siddoway. Notes on Insurance department, G. A. Hurley.

Male quartette, Siddoway, Roberts, Moody, Lytle. Reading of second half of Oregon Letters, J. R. Wheeler.

Hicktown quartette. Address, Hon. Dalton Biggs. Selection by Orchestra. Banquet.

Nyssa Wins Debate

Become District Champions After Defeating Ontario--All Eastern Oregon Contest Next.

By defeating the Ontario debaters last Friday evening the Nyssa High School forensics stars won the championship of the Southeastern Oregon district for the second consecutive time. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, that the State of Oregon should Adopt the Essentials of the Public Health Insurance Law." After winning on their negative argument from the Vale High school earlier in the year the Nyssa team had to switch over and successfully presented the affirmative argument in Ontario.

The Gate city orators will next contend with the winners of the Northwestern Oregon district for the all Eastern Oregon championship.