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COUNTY WILL SEND DELEGATES

Owyhee Project to be Represented at Convention of Governor's Commissions at Salt Lake

Last Tuesday evening the Malheur County Development League held a meeting at Nyssa which was attended by delegates from Vale, Ontario, Nyssa and many county precincts.

A resolution was passed calling the attention of the highway commission to a bulletin board in Salt Lake City which notifies tourists that the roads thru Eastern Oregon are almost impassable.

Freight rates were discussed to some extent and it was decided to ask the county court to expend that part of the county road bond money effecting the strictly county roads.

It was decided to send a delegation of three to the convention to be held soon probably in Salt Lake to consider the various proposed bills effecting reclamation and land settlement policies of the government and to recommend some definite code of action.

CITY WATER PASSES TEST

Board of Health Puts Stamp of Purity on Water Sample Sent

The State Board of Health reported the water sample which was sent from Vale's new well last week "absolutely free from contamination and safe for domestic purposes."

The report was received Wednesday and the same afternoon the engine started work forcing water from the well into the city pipe line.

Kessler Buys Garage

Vale Trading Company Sells To Kessler and Woodward This Week.

The Kessler Garage changed hands again this week, the former owner, A. J. Kessler, buying the garage from the Vale Trading Company, to whom he sold it last year.

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BUSINESS MEN DISCUSS EXPERIMENT FARM PLAN

Interest Grows in Experiment Station—City Water is Discussed by Tuesday Lunchers

The report of the State Board of Health on the water from Vale's new well was discussed at the business men's luncheon Tuesday.

Dr. Brown, city health officer, added that further tests would be made from time to time, that continued evidence of the water's standard might be obtained.

Expect Many Entries

Community Exhibits Warming Up—Malheur County to be Represented at State Fair

Reports coming from various communities in the county are to the effect that there will be a great deal of good natured rivalry in the community exhibits this year.

This feature of the show is very attractive and of much value to the various communities of the county, particularly at this time when there are so many strangers in the county seeking to buy homes.

Exhibit To State Fair Then, too, an exhibit will be sent from this fair to the State Fair where it will be shown and the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce will then take it and place it on exhibition in the Oregon Building, in Portland.

Livestock Exhibit Encouraged Stockmen who exhibit at the Malheur County Fair this year will be pleased to note that everything possible is being done to make the fair grounds attractive and convenient.

MILL ENGINEER HERE Construction President Looks After Details—More Grain Being Bought

C. M. Glasser, president of the construction company of Spokane, which has the contract for building the mill for the Vale Milling and Elevator Company, was in Vale the first of the week.

AS WATERS FLOW BY

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Indorse Project

State Chamber of Commerce Passes Resolution Favoring Construction of Owyhee Project

At a meeting of the Directors of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce in Portland a few days ago a resolution was passed by the board endorsing the Owyhee project, the complete copy of which is given below.

They are now planning a state-wide publicity campaign which will be carried on at an expense of from three to four hundred thousand dollars, having as one of its purposes to bring into the state prospective settlers.

WHEREAS, the development of every part of the State of Oregon is one of the objects sought to be obtained by the State Chamber of Commerce and.

WHEREAS, the development of the irrigation projects in the various parts of the semi-arid districts of the State would be a lasting and material benefit to the State at large, and.

WHEREAS, the Owyhee Project located in Malheur County, Oregon, has been found by an examination thereof to be entirely feasible and practical, and.

WHEREAS, the Reclamation Department of the United States Government has for a long time had the construction of said project under consideration.

NOW, WHEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the State Chamber of Commerce, in council assembled, that

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BIG RANCH SALES ARE MADE IN VALE

Big Real Estate Deals Transacted—Ranches Change Hands

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Try a Classified Ad for Quick Results.

LESS PRESSURE HIGHER RATES

Must Provide Better Fire Protection or Stand Increase in Insurance Rates.

G. H. Kroger, field surveyor of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, has been in Vale the past week revising the ratings of city property.

While not making any increase at this time except as effected by new exposures Mr. Kroger has made a careful investigation of the water pressure and fire protection and states that his report will undoubtedly cause a general increase in fire rates unless some prompt action is taken to fill the reservoir and maintain a sufficient supply of water and a good pressure.

While not an engineer Mr. Kroger is well versed on the adequacy of municipal water systems and recommended that in addition to developing a larger supply at the springs it would be necessary to install an emergency pump near the city of sufficient power to fill the reservoir and of capacity to furnish a constant supply in case of fire.

Pennington Property Sells

A sale of farm property, wherein \$18,600 was the consideration, was announced the first of the week, when the William Pennington ranch, six miles above Vale, was delivered to Dr. McBride, and Mr. Hambly, formerly of New Plymouth, Idaho.

The Pennington ranch consists of 240 acres of land, and the deal was closed by Messrs. Zutz and Carman of the Warm Springs Realty company.

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Pursue Bandits

Would Jail Profiteers—Mexican Bandits Chased—Daylight Saving Over.

Profiteers in foodstuffs, wearing apparel, and other necessities of life would be subjected to imprisonment of from one to five years, with no alternative of a fine, under a bill introduced Tuesday in the House of Representative Foster of Ohio.

"The disturbed state of the world" demands that the United States maintain a large army, Secretary of War Baker told the Military affairs committee of the senate the first of the week, when he appeared before it in behalf of the army reorganization bill with an enlisted personnel of about 507,000.

Pershing Coming Home General Pershing is expected to return from Italy next Friday and will start for home September 1, leaving less than 4,000 American soldiers in Europe.

Mexicans Take Prisoners Lieut. H. G. Peterson and Lieut. Paul H. Davis, army aviators held prisoners by Mexicans since last Wednesday, after being forced to land the preceding Sunday on Mexican soil, were released early Tuesday by the bandits, after the payment of \$7,500 of the \$15,000 demanded.

The eighth cavalry, with the rescued nirmen as guides, crossed the border Tuesday night in pursuit of the bandits who held the airmen for ransom. Following their release early Tuesday the American cavalry troops were ordered to pursue the bandit band, which is believed to be hiding in the mountains.

After 36 hours of campaigning in Mexico below the Big Bend border, the troops went into camp, having ridden continuously since crossing the

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TREADWELL VOICES

P. L. S. CO. OPINION P. L. S. Attorney Gives Livestock Company Stand in Recent Injunction Suit

"An attempt is being made to have it appear that the Pacific Live Stock Company is in some way blocking the Warm Springs project," said attorney Treadwell, counsel for the company who arrived in Vale Thursday from San Francisco via Auto.

"The district began to construct the dam without making any arrangement for the purchase of the reservoir site from the company and other owners. We could not be expected to stand by and see the ranch taken without compensation and we did not want the district to put its money into the dam and then be delayed on account of the fact that it did not own the reservoir site.

Wrote to Directors "In March we wrote to the directors that if they intended to build the dam so as to flood the ranch we would be compelled to enjoin it until the ranch was acquired.

In response to this the directors wrote us that the dam would be built in three sections and that the middle section, one hundred feet wide, was not to be built until the ranch was purchased and that we could rest assured that the ranch would not be flooded until it was purchased.

"We relied on this agreement until late in July when we learned that the dam was being built clear across the river. There was nothing for us to do but to ask that they be enjoined from flooding the land until it was paid for.

On the hearing the engineers of the district explained that the plans had been changed and admitted the agreement with us had been disregarded and the entire ranch would be flooded as soon as the river rises this winter.

Must Buy Land "The court ruled that the ranch must be paid for before it was flooded and mainly withheld the injunction for the present on condition that the district deposit \$200,000, stating that unless the price was fixed and paid before the winter flood an injunction would be granted.

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Roads Reflect Progress

Highways and Byways of Eastern Oregon Reviewed by Enterprise Publishers.

That this is the road improvement age is well demonstrated by a tour thru Oregon, and the ambitions and prosperity of the various counties and cities are pretty well reflected in the condition of the streets and highways.

Highways Needed One is impressed with the vital need for building the four main Eastern Oregon state highways, one running north from Klamath Falls to the Dalles, the others running east and west and known as the Oregon Trail Highway, the John Day Highway and the Central Oregon Highway.

Willamette Valley has secured a good start toward better roads and a lot of money is being spent on the Columbia River Highway which will be the connecting link between Portland and all of the Eastern Oregon routes.

In order to issue many more bonds it will be necessary to pass a constitutional amendment extending the bond limit of the state similar to the one passed last June affecting the counties.

Teams a Curiosity Speaking of the additional revenues from auto licenses reminds one that the number of automobiles in Oregon has increased in the last three years.

Older Girls Conference

Conference at Alico last of Month Will Consider Needs of Older Girls of State.

The Eastern Oregon Older Girls' Conference will be held in Alico, Oregon, August 29, 30 and 31, Mrs. Neil Nivins of Canyon City being the director for this year's conference.

"The call has never been so great as now to Oregon girls to train for service. It is not enough for us to gather and have a good time once each year. We must carry with us definite plans that will make our work 'home corner' better," said Mrs. L. M. Ormsby, state director of the girls' work in Idaho, who will be present to aid in carrying on the conference.

Delegates from the districts in Eastern Oregon will be present. Every group of girls from each town must have at least one adult leader to whom they are responsible.

One of the first Older Girls' Conferences ever held in the United States took place 6 years ago in Oregon City when 341 girls from 16 to 24 years of age discussed the needs of Oregon Girls. The following year a conference was held in Eastern Oregon in connection with the State Sunday School convention in La Grande and since that time two have been held every year in Oregon.

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BOISE WRESTLER'S DECISION

Wilson Led by "Babe" Brown, Who Takes Two Falls in Nine Minutes

It took "Babe Brown" of Boise, just nine minutes to take two falls from "Crusher Jim" Wilson at the Rex Monday evening, winning a decision in a match which has been the subject of much speculation the past two weeks.

Interesting Preliminary The match, which was scheduled by Promoter R. R. McCabe, took place at the Rex Monday, before a packed house.

As a preliminary, Kid Esterly of St. Louis boxed Jack Collins of Boise, for six rounds of two minutes each. The preliminary took the form of shadow boxing at the start-off, but livened up in the last two rounds, when one of the boxers drew blood. Esterly's style of "hit-and-cover" and Collins' open boxing made the bout a peculiar combination.

Brown Takes Fall Referee Tunny announced that the wrestling match would be for the best two falls out of three, and in case no fall was made in two hours the decision would be left to the referee.

Returning to the mat after the fifteen minute intermission, Wilson tried to get an opening, and once had

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SOLDIERS MAY CHANGE POLICIES

Discharged Soldiers May Be Reinstated and Carry Insurance in Civil Life

Great as was the effort made to write insurance the Government is making as earnest an endeavor to have the more than three and a quarter million boys who now hold Government insurance, continue it. Because the Government still makes the soldier's best interest a matter of keenest concern, nothing is being left undone which might aid in hammering home the admonition: "Hold on to Uncle Sam's insurance."

This insurance may be retained at substantially the present rate, the lowest rate for insurance ever made, and at any time within the five-year period the present form of policy may be converted into any one of six standard policies such as are offered by commercial concerns.

The several forms of permanent insurance offered are: Ordinary life, twenty-payment life, thirty-payment life, twenty-year endowment, thirty-year endowment maturing at the age of sixty-two.

To be sure, the rate on the converted policies will be somewhat higher than the rate now being paid for term insurance. It may be that many men just returning to civil life will not find it possible to pay an increased rate of premium.

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VALE GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT IS INSTALLED

New Equipment Arrives for Vale Gymnasium—Training Classes Start

The first equipment of Vale's new gymnasium arrived this week, and was rapidly installed. The new equipment consists of punching bag and frame, chest exerciser, dumb-bells, Indian clubs, volley ball, a number of pairs of boxing gloves, a complete tennis court equipment and marker.

Manager McCabe states that the outdoor tennis court will soon be in working order, but that it will be conducted separately from the gymnasium, because of the expense in getting the grounds into condition. At present classes are already working out in the new gym, and new members are being added.

on the way, and in another two weeks the gym will be going full blast.

Dressing rooms were completed this week, finishing touches were put on the shower bath, a rubbing and massage table added to the equipment, as well as an electric massaging apparatus.

Buys Jones Ranch

Among the big ranch deals recorded the past week was the purchase of the big ranch of Frank Jones at Westfall. The buyer was C. W. Jenkins, formerly engaged in the mercantile business at Spray, Oregon, and the consideration of \$15,000 also paid for the cattle which belonged to Jones.

