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COURT DECREES DEATH TO BUNNY

Poison Ordered—W. W. Howard To Manage Campaign—Committee Asked To Co-Operate County

The county court has determined upon a conty wide campaign to exterminate rabbits this winter. W. W. Howard, who as County Agent conducted a similar campaign in parts of the county a few years ago has been employed to manage the poisoning and co-operate with the ranchers in the various communities. This work has its best effect while the snow is on the ground and any district wishing to participate in the campaign is requested to notify County Judge E. H. Test who will arrange to send an expert to assist in mixing the poison and direct the distribution. An appropriation of $1000 has been made by the county to carry on this important work. The poison has already been ordered and the court plans to loose no time in starting the campaign.

To Sell Bonds.

Monday the county will receive bids on the first $100,000 of road bonds authorized at the special election last June. It is expected that these bonds will bring a good figure and a number of bids will be received from local as well as outside purchasers.

The budget problem is still puzzling the members of the county court who have to figure how to make $2.25 do the work of $4.00 if the proposed budget should be adopted. However a number of items have been excluded, including a $10,000 appropriation for a county poor farm.

To Have County Agent.

At a meeting last Monday the court agreed to provide the $2500 asked by the Farm Bureau for the county's half of the expense for an Agricultural Agent. There remains a credit due the county for this work on former appropriations. The exact amount is not known but is between three and six hundred dollars. To this amount the court will ad enough to make up the $2500 requested, and the state will add $2500 making $5000 available for salary and expenses of a county agent for 1920.

NEAR CAMP'S SHELTER STOCKMAN FREEZES

Well known Stockman Freezes to Death Within Short Distance of Camp's Shelter.

Alexander Corrigall, well known as one of the most successful sheep growers of Malheur county froze to death within a quarter of a mile of the shelter of his camp above Westfall sometime last Friday night. Anxious as to how his brother Malcolm was faring in the extreme cold weather the young man started out afoot for his brother's camp, arriving there he found that his brother and men had not made camp at that point as previously intended and so started back for his own camp. His body was found within a quarter of a mile of his camp in a sleeping position as if utterly exhausted and numbed by the cold he had given up to the drowsiness preceeding death by freezing. It is supposed that he had started out from his own camp without eating as he planned to reach the brother's camp early in the evening.

The deceased was born in Scotland in 1882 and was 37 years of age at the time of death. In 1906 he came with his brother Malcolm to Morrow county where they lived for two years before coming to Malheur county. He leaves five brothers and one sister to mourn his death, all of whom reside in Scotland except Malcolm Corrigall with whom he was associated in the sheep business here. His father and mother both died in Scotland several years ago.

WALTER TAYLOR APPOINTED

Local Boy named on University Committee to Raise $30,000 for Women's Building.

Walter Taylor of Vale has been appointed by the student council of the University of Oregon to represent the Greater Oregon student committee in handling the local end of a $30,00 campaign the students are starting to complete the unfinished Women's Building on the University campus.

The state has been divided for the purposes of the campaign into seven districts by the students of the University, who have taken entire charge of raising the last $30,000 needed to finish the $200,000 building. The district including this county is under the direction of Mr. Lindsay McArthur of Baker, with Mr. Taylor working locally.

WEEK'S NEWS REVIEW OF TIMELY EVENTS

Big Packers To Quit Side Lines—Will Push Jones Irrigation Bill.

Anti-Trust Suit Compromise.

As a result of the governments anti-trust action against the meat packers which began last summer in the fight to reduce living costs, a compromise has been reached whereby the packers will confine themselves to activities in the meat business and quit side lines.

Will Push Jones Bill.

Apprehensive that the Mondell soldier land reclamation bill may fail to become a law because of strong eastern opposition, western senators have decided to push and the senate irrigation commite has favorably reported the bill of Senator Jones of Washington authorizing appropriations agregating $250,000,000 to enable the secretary of the interior to rush to completion existing irrigation projects, and to take up and build such other new projects as may be found by him to be feasible and desirable.

Investigation Continued.

With coal production getting back to normal and rail traffic improving the immediate relief given by settlement of the coal strike has been

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I. A. C. AUDITOR VISITS

Industrial Accident Commission Auditor Visits County—Checking Up Old And New Accounts.

J. F. Meyer, auditor for the State Industrial Accident Commission after checking over a number of accounts in Ontario the first of the week arrived in Vale Friday to audit the accounts of firms operating under the law in this vicinity. Contractors and all firms employing men to handle power driven machinery come under the provisions of the Workman's Compensation Law automatically, while other employers can secure the state insurance upon special application.

Auditor Meyer states that he is finding a number of new firms in Malheur county which indicates the industrial development in this section. Mr. Meyer states that many farmers are operating under the law and would be pleased to explain its provisions to anyone desiring.

Train Schedules Back.

Settlement of the coal strike and the return of workers to the mines made its effect felt on rail lines Wednesday when all trains on the main and branch lines were ordered back on former schedules. Coming at this time the order means that the Christmas travel, mail and express may be handled with some degree of satisfactory service while under the strike schedules or the past few days work was beginning to look hopeless to rail and postal employees. The schedule now in effect on the branch line and the main line trains is found on another page of this weeks Enterprise.

It Is Christmas

IT is the Christmas Time. Let us rejoice and give thanks to Him whose birth we celebrate, for the blessings of life, health and happiness that are ours. Let us remember at this time our less fortunate brother and live in truth the words of the Master, "It Is Better To Give Than To Receive. Around many a home in this broad land the holiday season will mean the reunion of families and loved ones for the first time since father, brother, husband or sister answered the country's call for help in its hour of trial. Let us who rejoice with these, forget not that many hearts are saddened at this holiday time with thots of loved ones who have not returned, let us not at this Christmas time forget to give comfort and help to the homes where sorrow has found its resting place.

The editors of the Malheur Enterprise wish to express their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our family of thousands of readers in all sections of the county, state and nation.

CONGRESS TO CABINET IN TEN MINUTES

"A bolt from the blue sky," is the way Secretary of Commerce Joshua W. Alexander, of Gallatin, Mo., announces his recent appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of former Secretary David Redfield. Secretary Alexander was congressman from Missouri, but was at his home visiting when the call came from the White House for the conference and appointment.

METHODIST'S BANQUET

Church Members Enjoy Banquet On Coldest Evening.—Dr. Tenny Gives Address.

In spite of the extreme could last Friday evening a goodly number of Methodists and friends attended the get-together banquet at the Odd Fellows Hall. The tabels were laid in the banquet room and after partaking of the repast spread by D. A. McFadden and his helpers the company adjourned to the main room where chairs were pulled up around the fire and Dr. Tenny of Gooding College gave a splendid talk on the financing of a church and workers within the church.

Mrs. Currey gave a vocal number with Miss Whitford as accompanist and after a short talk by the pastor a social time was enjoyed by the guests before departure to their homes.

Nyssa Man Here.

H. G. Monce, Nyssa Orchandist and nursery man was in Vale on business Thursday.

COAL SUPPLY LOW—THREE CARS NEEDED

Car Past Week Brings Temporary Supply For Vale Fires.—Many Short—No Suffering.

The Vale Civic Fuel Committee consisting of T. T. Nelsen, Leonard Cole and C. M. Robinetet took a fuel census in Vale last week and by limiting orders for the first car received Tuesday to 500 pounds secured a wide distribution which prevented any suffering altho the diminished supply of many coal bins has threatened to leave many homes without heat.

Only two cars have been received during the past month. The first to the Home Lumber and Coal Company the last to the Boise Payette Company. The last car was divided among over 100 applicants and it will require two or three additional cars to give the town a reasonable supply to go on.

With the miners back to work and the resumption of normal rail road traffic it is now considered likely that enough coal will be received from time to time to meet all necessary requirements.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

During the closing days of the Big Prize Circulation Contest hundreds of new subscriptions and credits on old subscriptions poured in so fast that it was absolutely impossible to keep our mailing list up to date.

However this week all corrections have been made. It is quite likely however that a few mistakes or oversights have occurred in compiling the new and enlarged list. Look at the date on your label and if you are not credited properly please notify us at once.

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Mail service has been notably poor in all parts of the country this fall, but if you are not getting your paper regularly and promptly please let us know and we will do our best to improve conditions of delivery.

The co-operation of every subscriber is requested to help keep our list correct, save any wasting of paper, and give the best service possible.

TANKS WILL SUPPLY BIG INTERIOR TRADE

Oil Buildings Cover Acre of Ground And Have Ample Storage For Big Territory.

The new oil station of the Standard Oil Company, construction of which has been under way for the past two months, was completed this week and it is expected that a district manager or agent from the oil company will soon be on the ground to take charge of the new territory. The real work of the oil distribution will not start, however, until later in the spring.

The new plant covers about an acre of ground and is fully equipped in every way to take charge of the vast amount of business from the surrounding region. Three large tanks, ten and one-half feet in diameter, each having a capacity of 19,520 gallons, will hold all the oil, gas and kerosene needed for the work while a large warehouse has been built to care for additional supplies.

A pump house is located near the railroad side of the plant and will have pumps installed to convey the oil from the cars to the tanks which rest on cement piers built at a height of ten feet above the ground. Other buildings are the office and the garage for the delivery trucks. A nine-foot fence surrounds the company's property.

The W. L. Hubbell & So., Contractors, of Portland have had charge of the construction work, L. S. Ruthersuff, also of Portland being in direct charge of the work here. Despite extreme cold weather and delays in shipments the contract was finished on time and Mr. Rutheruff and his men left the last of the week for their various homes to spend the Christmas season before going on to their next job at St. Helens, Oregon.

COLD SNAP BREAKS.

Cold Slightly Moderates—Citizens Glad of Break for Holidays—Lowest Temperature of Years

After several continued days of cold when the thermometer hung around eighteen to 28 below zero Vale has experienced a slight break in the intense cold during the past three days. Last Friday night is recorded as the coldest in Vale for many a moon, and on this date the thermometer registered 28 below. Citizens were busy most of the week thawing water pipes and warming up family jitneys.

Many other cities in Eastern Oregon reported temperatures yarving from 20 to 45 below the same week end with heavy snow falls reported the first of last week over eastern and central Oregon generally. Vale and surrounding territory did not receive as much snowfall during the cold spell as nearby sections where from two to three feet was reported.

Willamette Valley towns have never recorded lower temperatures or more lasting cold than has been reported the past ten days. Portland, Vancouver, Salem, Eugene and Corvallis all report much cold and snow. Willamette river froze over for the third time in the history of the white man and steamers were caught in the ice flows in the Columbia.

Weather predictions for Oregon and south eastern Oregon at this time are for continued warmer weather and probable snows or rains.

To Ship Mineral Soon.

Manager Newton of the American Diato Company mines at Harper was a busines visitor in Vale Friday stating that the new mill would begin grinding out the chalk mineral in a few days. Altho the building has not been completed some of the machinery has been installed and shipments on orders must be started at once. The product of this company will be used for such purposes as insulating material, making sound proof walls, boiler packing with asbestos, etc.

TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Sixteen Members of County Teachers Force Write In Examinations This Week.

Teachers examinations have been underway at the office of County School Superintendent Mrs. Hurley this week with sixteen of the teacheer writing. A similar examination is being held at Jordan Valley by Principal Louis A. Thomas of the schools there, the condition of the roads and the cold weather making it impossible for the teachers in the southern part of the county to take examinations at Vale. Those writing here this week were; Mrs. Norma Wells, Malheur, Sue Hicks, Creston; Mrs. Etta Highsmith, Kingman Kolony; Miss Crissie Sattgast, Kingman Conklin, Vale; Elsie Gibson, Nyssa; Mrs. Mary Noah, Ontario; Mrs. Mary Deal, Ontario; Miss Fern Linck, Ontario; Anna Anderson, Dead Ox Flat; Miss Rosselle, Dead Ox Flat; Rene Adam and Jean Conklin, Vae; Elsie Gibson, Nyssa; Ralph Yoeman Brogan and Claude Senseman, Ontario.

DEMANDS FOR SEALS EXCEED SUPPLIES

Local Supplies Run Away Below Demands—Out Side Points Ask For More Seals.

Supplies of Red Cross stamps are running way below demands thruout the territory being handled by the Vale district under direction of the Monday Study Club. All the first supplies sent from headquarters, were immediately forwarded to outside points and the second shipment of supplies distributed to city workers who have had no trouble in placing the little stickers in every home or business house solicited. The Vale district received about one third the number of stamps listed as its quota and could easily have handled the full quota if the materials had been reecived on time and in a sufficient quantity.

Reports from outside sections, and other cities of the Vale territory indicates the same demand and the

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SHOTS END DISPUTE

Colored Man Turns Gun on C. A. Foiles in Ontario Business House.

William Taylor, colored, of Ontario, charged with assult with intent to kill, is residing in the county jail awaiting action by the grand jury. Last Friday night while in a pool hall in Ontario he was accosted by C. A. Foiles who claimed that the former owed him a sum of money. A dispute arose and a heated argument on both sides followed during which Taylor fired a gun he was carrying.

The bullet entered Foiles' shoulder but did not do any serious damage. Witnesses allege Taylor snapped his gun several times after that to get a better shot but the gun for some reason refused to work. A crowd collected around the wounded man and in the excitement the man who did the shooting slipped away.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe was immediately summoned from Vale and starting from Ontario traced his man to Payette where he located him. Taylor made no resistance but came back to Vale with the sheriff where he was held until the first of the week when he was again taken to Ontario, this time for his preliminary hearing. He waived the hearing and is now in the county jail awaiting action by the grand jury.

New P. M. At Westfall.

An examination will be held January 10th at Harper for Fourth Class Paster Master to fill a contemplated vacancy at Westfall. The notice states that the revenue for the past year at this office has been $386.00 Further information can be secured from the Post Office at Westfall or Harper.

NEED BONDS TO INSURE WATER

Election of One Director And Vote On Final $200,000 Bond Issue January 13th.

Tuesday January 13th is the day set for the Warmsprings Irrigation District Election at which time a director will be elected in District No. 3 to succeed Rex Marquis, present director and president of the board. While Mr. Marquis has not consented to be a candidate for reelection there has been no talk of any other candidate and it is considered likely that he will be retained on the board. District No. 3 comprises the east third of the entire district and no elections will be held in the other sections for directors as Geo. McLaughlin and R. H. De Armond hold over in office.

It is important that the bond election carry, as additional funds must be obtained if the distribution system is to be extended to the major portion of new lands which will be ready for water next season. The original estimates were cut from $350,000 to $200,000 which latter figure under the revised plans is calculated to be just sufficient to complete all necessary work.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY.

Christmas Programs Mark Closing In Grades—Students Rejoice at Prospect of Long Vacation.

Vale Schools closed for the Christmas holidays Friday afternoon and the students are granted a two weeks vacation, until January 5, 1920.. Christmas programs and celebrations marked the holiday closing in the grade rooms and many of the parents and friends were in attendance on Friday afternoon. The high school students welcomes the thot of a two weeks vacation period and already plans are underway for many jolly parties, sleighing and skating the coming ten days.

Most of the out of town students and the teachers left Friday for their homes to spend the holidays with relatives.

LEGION PIN GIVEN TO WOMEN MEMBERS

Election Sunday Afternoon—American Legion To Start New Year With Commander and Adjutant.

At a special meeting of the Julian Lowe Post No. 35, American Legion to be held in the Vale Chamber of Commerce rooms next Sunday afternoon, new officers will be elected under the recommended titles of Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant and Finance officer.

The new standard constitution and bylaws as outlined by the national convention is expected soon and before long the Malheur County members of the American Legion are expected to have a better working organization than in the past as many important matters have waited for authorization by the national convention.

Women Given Membership.

For service rendered in time of war as a volunteer nurse, Miss Jean Conklin has received an American Legion membership pin and is enrolled as a member of the Julian Lowe Post Np. 35. Miss Conklin was among the few eastern Oregon young ladies who volunteered at the first call for nurses and was stationed in the nurses training school in Camp Lewis for about a year. Miss Conklin is now teaching in Vale schools.

Mrs. T. M Lowe received the pin of her son Juilan Lowe for whom the post was named and who gave his life on the Argonne front during the last weeks of the war. Mrs. Mary McKinney received the pin of her husband, Ruby McKinney who

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