



CITY COUNCIL LETS WATER CONTRACT

NEW SYSTEM WILL BE IN OPERATION SOON TO USE RESERVOIR

RESIGNATION OF H. E. SPEITH NOT ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL.

The city council signed the contracts Wednesday so that Vale will have its new water system in full operation within the next 100 days.

The controversy over the question of building a new standpipe or utilizing the old reservoir on the hill across the Malheur River from Vale was settled by a vote of the council which stood three to two in favor of using the reservoir. Councilman H. E. Speith's resignation, tendered last week, was laid on the table until the matter was settled, and he cast the deciding vote; voting for the reservoir. Councilmen Ross A. Soward, and Dr. H. W. Steelhammer voted on record as opposing the use of the reservoir, contending that the standpipe would be more satisfactory both from a point of service and sanitation.

"The controlling factor in the final decision between the two proposed systems," according to A. E. McGillivray, "was the report of the Oregon Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, of Portland, to the effect that the rates would be from two to five per cent less for insurance upon city property in case the reservoir was used instead of installing the standpipe."

The contract was formally let to Hartenbower Brothers, of Caldwell, Idaho, who had the lowest bid, and will amount to about \$18,500.00. The contractors will put up their bond the first of the coming week, and as the contract calls for the work to be finished and ready for operation within 100 days, or the payment of a penalty, the work will be commenced immediately and pushed through to completion.

A new, six inch, cast iron main will be connected with the present main at Main and "C" Streets, and will run diagonally through the auto park and across underneath the river. The main will be three feet below the bed of the river, and will be protected by being rip-rapped in with rocks along both banks and across the river. This main will be connected with an eight inch Armo electric welded main following the line of old pipe right up to the reservoir.

The reservoir will be completely relined and reinforced throughout, and will have a concrete roof with a steel cover. There will be a steel ladder inside the reservoir itself, and no wood will be used in any of the construction so that it can decay in the water, and an automatic valve on the overflow pipe will prevent any dirt, insects or small animals from climbing or falling into the tank.

The well will be 24 feet deep, as the test well which the council had sunk shows that such a depth will be necessary to insure an adequate supply of water.

H. Tamblin has been retained by the council to act as supervising engineer and will represent the city in checking up the contractors work.

P. T. A. CHAUTAUQUA.

Entertainment Friday Night for Benefit of Association.

The Chautauqua to be given by the P. T. A. Tuesday night, April 11 promises to be an entertainment in every sense of the word. There are three big attractions on the Chautauqua program that no one can afford to miss. There will be a minstrel, by the Parent Teacher Circle, concert troupe, by the Christian church choir, and a play, "Whiskers," to be presented by the teachers.

Each of these three big attractions will be staged by troupes of fame. The Chautauqua will probably be given at the school house but all details will be announced by posters the coming week.

New Arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sakamoto and children arrived in Vale recently from their former home in Blackfoot, Idaho. They have a new farm under the Warm Springs project about three miles from the city, and have decided to make Vale their home.

RABIES NEAR JAMIESON

GEORGE WALK KILLS MAD COYOTE ABOUT TO ENTER SLEEPING TENT.

The people in the Jamieson community are experiencing another rabies scare, according to news received from the Enterprise correspondent. Up to the present time, no one has been bitten by a rabid animal but several dogs have been killed, that were afflicted with hydrophobia.

Recently, a mad coyote was killed by George Walk. The animal was tearing at the opening of a tent where several men were sleeping, when Walk discovered and killed him before any harm was done.

Some time ago a dog killed a dog which had been killing chickens on his place and shortly afterward he learned that the dog had been bitten by a mad coyote. A few days later W. L. Johnson killed a dog that was acting suspiciously.

Latest developments in the rabies scare occurred Friday when Roy Lewis killed another dog which was mad.

VALE OUT OF LEAGUE

When Vale's baseball manager, "Doc" Robinson met with representatives of the Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho baseball teams last evening he found that the proposed league of Nyssa, Payette, Weiser, Parma and Ontario, had gone to pieces and that there was organized in its place a league composed of Weiser, Payette, Emmett, Parma, Boise and Caldwell, which left Vale out in the cold. He immediately got in touch with Huntington, Nyssa and Ontario and will endeavor to form an Eastern Oregon league composed of these four teams.

Home Nearly Burns—

Last Saturday morning, the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Melton would probably have been burned, had it not been for quick action on the part of the minister. A fire had been built in the living room and in some way caught fire to the wall paper behind the stove. When Rev. Melton came in the room almost the whole wall was ablaze. The water was turned off but luckily there were three full pails of water in the house. This was sufficient to extinguish the fire and very soon all the excitement was over.

TO CLEAN UP CEMETERY

VALE CITIZENS WILL PULL WEEDS AND PLANT GRASS AND TREES.

At a meeting of the Women's Club, together with Leo Schmidt and T. T. Nelson, Wednesday evening, it was decided to set Monday, April 10th, aside as a clean up day, on which all the Vale residents who are able, will travel out to the Vale cemetery and clean it up.

"Very one will be expected," according to Leo Schmidt, who is in charge, "to come around with a hoe, rake or shovel, or other enemy of weeds, and we will all get to work and after pulling and cutting all of the weeds and brush that has grown there, we will level it so that it may be planted with trees and grass."

The committee will apply to the Warm Springs Irrigation District for permission to syphon enough water out of the big ditch which runs just above the cemetery, to water the grass and trees.

"As the Cemetery Association is practically without funds, at present, this is the only way in which we can get the lots put in proper shape," said Mr. Schmidt. "After we have once put the cemetery in good condition, we will have a surveyor mark off the burial lots, and in that way obtain enough money to keep up the cemetery, and pay the necessary expenses."

WESTFALL EXAMINE WATER SERVICE

H. G. KENNARD, STATE WATER-MASTER MAKES BUSINESS VISIT

Several automobiles have recently come up the Canyon road from Vale to Westfall, and report the road in fair condition.

The road from Westfall to Harper is also in good condition.

Ernest Hays, well known in this section, arrived from Drewsey Tuesday. He reports a foot of snow still at Drewsey, and poor prospects of stock going into the range before the middle to the last of April.

Al Green, after spending the winter in the Ironside country arrived in Westfall last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Barley of New Plymouth, Idaho, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Bailey's sister, Mrs. A. M. Highsmith. They left Monday for Drewsey, where they will spend the summer.

Several of our farmers have started their spring work of plowing, cleaning ditches and irrigating.

H. G. Kennard, watermaster, of Vale, and J. W. Bones, of Portland, were in Westfall Thursday and Friday getting data on the water measuring devices recently installed in Cottonwood, Bully, and Clover creeks.

James Graham has been busy assessing this week.

A Mr. Logan, of Brogan, is in our vicinity trying to purchase cattle.

Milton Sells and Billy Cramer of Harper, were Sunday visitors here. Harry Muir's cattle passed through town Tuesday on the way from his lower to his upper ranch. From all appearances they had wintered well.

H. R. Simonson of Wheaton Creek was a business visitor in Westfall, Saturday and Sunday.

James Miller left Saturday for Ontario and other outside points. Lloyd Edmonson returned Saturday from a short visit to Juntura.

The following officers were elected by the Westfall Sunday school for the coming quarter: Superintendent, Mrs. Oscar Presley; Teachers, Mrs. Guy Claypool and Mrs. Simpson; Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Della Estes. Sunday school every Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

VALE TO DEBATE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

LOSTINE REPRESENTS UPPER COLUMBIA DISTRICT PICK LOCAL TEAM

LA VERA MOE AND HERSCHEL BROWN TO CARRY THE VALE COLORS.

Herschel Brown and La Vera Moe were chosen at the tryout last evening to represent Vale in the Inter-district debate held here on April 14. As champions of the Southeastern Oregon Debating District, which consists of Malheur, Harney, Grant and Baker Counties, they will meet the Lostine team, who are champions of the Eastern Oregon Debating District, consisting of Union and Wal-lawa Counties. If the Vale pair top the Wallawa debaters, they will compete with the Upper Columbia River Champions, representing Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes Counties, and the winners will be champions of Eastern Oregon, and make the trip to Eugene to compete for the championship of the entire state.

Lostine's representatives whom the Vale team must face the 14th, were the champions of Eastern Oregon last year but were defeated by Eugene in the final contests held at the University of Oregon, for the State championship.

And it is reported by the Lostine fans that they are not only going to clean up Eastern Oregon this year but are going to win from the entire state. Vale will have a battle on its hands which should go down as debating history in this section.

The Vale team has already started training for the final meet to determine the championship of Eastern Oregon, and will work against the other two members of the High School team, Margaret Humphrey and John Boswell, who will prepare the arguments on the negative refutation.

The judges of the try-out this week were George E. Davis, Robt. D. Lytle, and Arthur Heer, and they reports that the contenders for the team to meet Lostine were all exceptionally well prepared and that it was a very close question as to which two should be chosen.

Leslie Hope, who was on the Pacific University Debating Team when it won the championship of the Northwest, is assisting Professor Ager in coaching the debaters.

Nyssa People Over—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hill who live near Nyssa were over Tuesday and spent the day visiting with their daughter, Mrs. F. G. Cleveland.

Improving—Miss Ora Lawrence, who was quite ill with diphtheria last week is much better at present. The family have been quarantined and no other cases have been reported.

Ontario Visitors—Wendell Thayer and Hugh Biggs were in Vale the first of the week visiting friends. They were on their way to their home in Ontario after having made the trip to the Biggs ranch, near town.

Easter Program—A short Easter program will be given at the Methodist Sunday School at the Sunday School hour by the children. The little tots have been busy practicing on their parts in the program.

Clean UP—A clean-up and re-painting campaign is going on at the Arlington Hotel at present and some of the rooms are already presenting a more pleasing appearance. The spring cleaning-up will probably be completed in a few more days.

Palmer's Here—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmer were in town this week visiting with old friends in the community. Before arriving in Vale they visited in Watson a short time, and after spending a few days here, returned to their home in Juntura.

Lillian Davis Home—Miss Lillian Davis was in town over the weekend and on Sunday afternoon returned to the Owyhee where she is teaching school this year. Miss Davis was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Davis, who spent the afternoon visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe in Owyhee.

From Warm Springs Ranch—Mrs. Anna B. O'Neil returned home Saturday after spending the week at the Warm Springs ranch between Vale and Westfall. Mrs. O'Neil made the visit to the ranch in hope that the hot mineral baths might improve her health, as she has not been feeling very well the last few weeks.

Married Men Seem to Think They Have Best of Battle Against Single Men

Opponents, But Boliver Will Spring Inside Stuff With Single Men

By Texas Leaguer

The baseball season will arrive with a bang next Sunday, when the long talked of game between the married men and single men comes off.

Andy Rose, who will be in charge of the married men, is quite enthusiastic about his team, in fact he was heard to lament that they could not play for a keg of beer.

Boliver Beans will most likely place the single men and he promises that there will be some inside stuff pulled—but not until after the game.

The losers of the contest will act as hosts to the winners in a pie-eating contest at James P. Smith's billiard parlor after the game. Jerry Cochran will examine each one of the pie eaters before the contest. Those with quart size cavities are barred.

Here is the way the two teams will go on the field: Married men; Andy Peterson, Joe Kiser, C. J. Clint Woodward, Al Chester, P. J. Andry Rose, I. B. A. Chester, Rob; Inett, Geo. Cary, 2 B.; Wellman 3B.; George Brown, S. S.; E. Neely, L. F.; J. Houston, C. F.; L. Robinson, R. F. Single men; Mert Moody, C. S. Stiles, Nichols, P. Crandall, I. B. Steel, Frank Chester, 2 B.; Glenn, 3B.; Boswell, Dillon, S. S.; Murry, L. F. Randolph, C. F.; Streams, R. F. Umpires; S. Humphrey, A. S. Hunt.

The base ball dance given on St. Patrick's Day was a success. Everyone had a good splendid time and the club cleared \$80. There will be another dance given by the boys in the near future, and good patronage will see the boys out in new white uniforms.

The subscription list that is being taken around by A. H. Chester and J. P. Houston is meeting with much success, and if the ball players will come through on the diamond as well as the fans and business men have, we will have a successful first division.

Small Talks of Week

H. C. Eastham, a prominent attorney of Boise, and formerly of Vale, was in the city Friday.

L. J. Coulson and Dick Coulson were in town from Weatherly this week. The visitors say that there is about four more weeks work before the bridge is completed over there.

H. G. Kennard and Mr. Moore of the Coast Culvert & Flume Company of Portland motored to Caldwell on business Monday.

W. R. Harrington of Brogan was in the city Tuesday.

Wm. Perry is working for E. Small near Westfall at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murdock of Watson visited friends and transacted business in town the first of this week.

C. M. McBride of New Plymouth was a visitor Tuesday.

G. P. Lawrence of Ontario made a business trip to Vale Tuesday.

Father John O'Conner spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

J. F. Phean of Bonita transacted business in the county seat the last of the week.

Russell Zimmerman, a resident of the Westfall country, was in town Friday.

Lyle Page came in from Rockville the last of the week and spent a short time here on business.

John O'Toole was a business visitor from Juntura the last of the week.

M. J. Stanton made a trip from Juntura because of business interests last week.

H. G. Kennard, state water master, and J. W. Bones of Portland, were in Westfall last week on business.

E. Swanson, of the State Bureau of Labor, was in town this week inspecting mills etc.

VALE WILL LOSE NO MORE TRAINS

SHORT LINE CANNOT REDUCE PRESENT SERVICE PETITION IS DENIED

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HANDS DOWN FAVORABLE RULING.

The application of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company for the authority to curtail its service on the Brogan and Crane branch lines was denied by the Public Service Commission of Oregon on Tuesday of this week and the railroad service now afforded will continue.

The matter came up duly for public hearing at the City Hall at Ontario, Oregon, on March 1, before H. H. Corey, Commissioner. At the conclusion of the meeting the railroad and the representatives of the towns opposing the proposed changes were given ten days in which to prepare briefs, when a decision would then be given by the commission.

Vale was represented by the City Attorney, Bruce R. Keaster and Mayor A. E. McGillivray. Brogan and Jamieson were well represented, among those present being A. A. Reed, W. B. Eaton, John Kennedy and C. H. Oxman. Ontario, Crane, Drewsey and Burns had able representatives.

By exhibiting the records of two months, the railroad attempted to prove the lack of paying business. The commission required the corporation to submit reports of the entire year's business.

The original contract between the Brogan Townsite company and the road did not contain a clause requiring the railroad company to maintain continuous service, as many have thought. The contract did show that the people built the road and gave it to the railroad company.

In short the case presented by the opposing cities was based on the contention that the Oregon Short Line Railroad had 1600 miles of branch lines and but 900 miles of main line; that the freight hauling on the main line depended a great deal upon the branch lines and that any curtailment of service on the branch lines would materially effect the business of the main line.

At the public hearing, questions were put to F. H. Knickerbocker, general superintendent, by Attorney Keaster, that caused him to testify that no material saving would be had by cutting off service on the Brogan line as long as the Homedale train was in operation.

WILL INCREASE FORCE

CREW OF RAINBOW MINE TO BE LARGER SOON

Byron Kempher was an outside visitor this week.

The Rainbow mine under charge of Byron Kempher, have about ten men working getting ready for spring opening, when they will put on a larger force.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clough announced the arrival of a 7½ pound baby girl Friday, 10th.

R. Justus was called to Baker on account of his wife having to undergo a very serious operation. We are glad to note that she is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Walter Buchanan has been quite ill, but is improving. Miss Ray Armbruster has secured a position from the Rainbow mine as electrician. Ray is his own pupil, and the Rye Valley people feel proud of him and wish him a host of good luck in his undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Powell are down from the mill visiting their sons Elmer and James and families.

Our school, under Mrs. Ada Thorp, is progressing nicely. She has a class of five eighth graders preparing to take the exams, consisting of Freda Armbruster, Dayal Cochran, Jack Thorp, Earl Frisco and Lloyd Buchanan.

Ray Black and wife visited the Coffey's this week.

The Bohnenkamp and Phalon mine will be operated this summer. Charles Macklemir, Ed Graves, and Charles Deardorf are working their mines. Mr. Macklemir has some individual claims he intends to work this summer too.

The Justus boys have been having quite a bit of trouble with water running in their mine, but have secured a good pump and can now keep it out. Their prospects are good. They will work it this summer.

Charles Justus was busy hauling hay up before the break-up, but will have to quit on account of the bad roads.

Miss Thelma Powell is waitress at the Rainbow mine dining room. Ed Culligan is employed at the Rainbow mine as one of the mechanics.

Thomas Gorman and wife are expected out from Baker soon. Mr. Gorman will work his mines this year.

"A" STREET TORN UP.

A Street which is now torn up through Vale, is to have four inches of the top removed and four inches of crushed rock put in its place. The road will be graded up flush with the cross walks so as to do away with the old bumps at the corners. The work is being done and paid for by the State Highway Department. This is the street that the State Highway follows through Vale.

SCHMIDT TALKS ON RADIO

The Vale P. T. A. held their regular meeting this week in the eighth grade room of the school house. After the regular business meeting Mr. Schmidt gave an interesting talk on "The Radio Receiving Station."

He told of his visit to Nampa's radio receiving station and how music and lectures that took place at San Francisco could be heard as distinctly as though he had been there.

Part of Vale's apparatus has already arrived. The rest of it will probably be here and installed in the high school auditorium within the next ten days.

Mr. Ager gave an interesting and instructive talk on "The County Unit System of School Government." He brought out its advantages over the present system.

SHERIFF STILL FISHER

DEPUTY FARMER PULLS IN LINE IN SNAKE WITH COPPER WORM

When is a still not still in still water? When the Sheriff has a hold of the line. Such was the case of the largest still yet found by Malheur County officers, which was brought in at the end of a long wire from the center of Snake River about a mile below yesterday, by Deputy Sheriff Farmer. The wire which ran out to where the still was sunk in the water was found attached to a stake only after a long search among the rocks and brush along the bank. The still which is of about twenty-five gallons capacity, is made of copper and all of the joints are finished in a manner workmanlike enough to pass in the days gone by.

ADRIAN LIVESTOCK IS SHIPPED

FARMERS OF COMMUNITY SHIP CARS OF CATTLE AND HOGS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holly, and afternoon at the Gruber home Friday were guests at the D. T. Holly home Sunday.

One carload of hogs, and another car occupied half by cattle and half by hogs were shipped by various farmers Friday.

Ever Christensen and three children, Christina, Avery and Estel, accompanied by Miss Waters and Mrs. Welldon, spent a very pleasant afternoon at the Gruber home Friday.

Mrs. William Schweizer of Owyhee, was shopping in the city one day this week.

Boom! That's just it. The new hardware store is being built by Holly Brothers, and it will join on to their grocery store. Mr. Wm. Lyman, of Big Bend, has the contract for the building.

Mr. Mendiola's two bands of sheep, one stationed on the McCreary farm and the other on the James Nelson farm, have moved back into the nearby hills to feed upon the grass, which is now becoming quite plentiful.

The Schafer brothers, Oscar and Leslie, have returned home for a few days after preparing the ground on the Pomeroy place, which they have rented, for seed.

Lloyd Elliot, who is employed at the Chouch ranch near Wilder, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Elliot.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Enos and small children, Lois Ellen and Clarence Edwin, were entertained at dinner in the Van Petten home in Ontario Sunday.

Mrs. Gruber has had the pleasure of having her little grandson as a guest for the past two weeks.

From the looks of Mr. Wade's island we shall expect to see a bountiful crop raised on it this season, owing to the good condition of the land.

Many people of this community are much elated over the new highway being built through here.

Mrs. James Nelson boarded the Homedale Flyer Wednesday, traveling to Nyssa, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Clarence Zink. Her three little girls stayed with their grandmothers, Mrs. William Ashcraft, during her absence.

Sam Watson of Owyhee, passed through Adrian on his way to Parma Friday.

COUNTY CONTEST HELD

JORDAN VALLEY WINS CUP WITH FIRST YEAR'S ENTRANCE

The Jordan Valley School won the cup at the county speaking contest, for youngsters of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, held at Nyssa, Saturday evening.

There were four contestants on the program, representing Vale, Jordan Valley, Ontario, and Nyssa. Each reading was delivered exceedingly well but the "Bear Story" by Master Owens of Jordan Valley was judged winner. Ontario was a close second. Prof. Vincent Engeldinger played a beautiful piano solo as one number on the program.

The result was rather a disappointment to Vale as the silver cup would have belonged to this school had it won again this year; one ruling of the contest being the winning of first place three years in succession. Louise Doolittle represented Vale, and although disappointed, was a good loser with the others.

WOMEN'S CLUB TO SEEK CIVIC BEAUTY

LAWNS AND FLOWER BEDS WILL BE PLANTED PRIZES TO BE GIVEN

AWARDS WILL BE MADE WHEN FIRST FROST COMES IN FALL

The Women's Club of Vale is making every effort to inspire home folks in beautifying their yards, and in this way make a great stride in civic improvement.

At a meeting of the club on Wednesday night an important decision was made. A contest is announced and prizes will be awarded for the best lawns, trees, shrubs, and flower-beds. As first prize for the best newly planted lawn, \$10.00 will be given away, second prize, \$5.00. First prize for the best flowering shrubbery, the best newly planted tree, and the best flower bed is \$25.00 each. Second prize \$1.00.

These judges will be chosen to select the prize winners and their names will be announced later. Those who wish to enter the contest should notify Mrs. T. C. McElroy or Mrs. A. E. McGillivray. Any instructions on planting that may be desired by contestants will probably be awarded about frost time in the fall.

Everyone will agree with the Women's Club that more trees, lawns and pretty flower gardens will make Vale a more desirable place to call home.