



OLDEST PIONEER DIES AT HOME

C. T. LOCEY BURIED NEAR IRONSIDE, OREGON

CAME WEST IN 1847

TRAVELED ACROSS THE PLAINS IN PRAIRIE SCHOONER IN EARLY RUSH

C. T. Locey, one of Oregon's oldest pioneers, died Saturday, April 15th, at his home near Ironside.

People from all over the county attended the funeral which was held in Ironside. The body was laid to rest near his old home.

Mr. Locey first came west in 1847 with his father, a prominent physician of that period. He lived in Oregon City a number of years but in June, 1872, Mr. Locey, his wife and children began their journey in a prairie schooner for eastern Oregon. They first settled in Eldorado, then a flourishing mining town near Malheur City but of which now not a building stands. A few years later Mr. Locey located on a homestead near Ironside where for the last fifty years he has been one of the leading citizens of Malheur County. When the county was divided he served as one of the county commissioners for a number of years.

Early in life Mr. Locey married Maria Morfitt. Both he and his wife were intimately acquainted with notables in early Oregon history such as Joaquin Miller, Doctor Whitman and others. He is survived by his widow, two sons Fred and Ernest Locey, both of Ironside, and two daughters, Mrs. James A. Lackey of Ontario and Miss Mary Locey of Ironside. Four children preceded him in death; one, Julian Locey, who served one term as sheriff of Malheur county and who died while serving his second term of office.

Mr. Locey was one of the pioneers who has been useful and respected through life, and who has aided in the advancement of Oregon. He leaves many friends throughout the state.

WESTFALL

PLAY BASEBALL GAME

WESTFALL REGULARS VICTORS IN GAME LAST SUNDAY

The Westfall school together with many of the patrons, attended the Arbor Day program at Harper, April 14th. An interesting program was rendered in the forenoon, followed by a bountiful dinner. The afternoon was spent in athletics, consisting of foot-racing, jumping and a ball game. Prizes as winners were awarded the following pupils: Small girls 50-yard dash—Hazel Lee Harper; Larger girls 100-yard dash—Edna Claypool; Westfall; Small boys 50-yard dash—Henry Kime, Harper; Larger boys 100-yard dash—Orville Presley, Westfall; Boys three-legged race—Harry Jordan, and Henry Fletcher, Westfall; Girls three-legged race—Hazel Lee and Luella Kennedy, Harper; Small boys' running broad jump—Clifford Presley, Westfall; Larger boys' running broad jump—Henry Fritchett, Westfall; High jump—Orville Presley, Westfall; Potato race—Dick Wilson, Harper; Sack race—Rueben Sells, Harper. The ball game was won by the Westfall school by a score of 12 to 16.

Sunday, April 16th, the Westfall American Legion ball team played the Westfall Regulars on the home ground with a score of 14 to 4 in favor of the regulars.

Mrs. Belle Hayes of Burns is spending the week with her brother, Arthur of this place.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hanna, April 18th, a fine, big baby boy. Cigar, Stewart.

Maynor and Ray Devine have returned to the Westfall country for the summer.

Mrs. L. N. Estes and son, Leo, returned from Ontario Friday.

Henry Smith and family of Tuttle, Ida., moved to Westfall last week. They expect to make this their home for the future.

Mrs. Smith is a sister of the Jones boys of this place.

Some bond buyers and contractors were up from Boise Monday inspecting the Westfall Irrigation Project. We understand they were favorably impressed.

L. N. Estes sold a fine team of horses to Rufus Arrien last week.

There will be a dance given April 22 for the benefit of the Westfall baseball team. Remember the date and come. Let's help the boys along.

Coal is Found

Malheur County has a coal field about two miles north of River-side, which is "honest to goodness." The last month, Steve Kerns, the garage man of River-side, George Jordan, the pool-hall proprietor and Hugh Mad-versa have been mining on a 160-acre tract of land. They have three shafts, one a thirty-foot shaft and they are working day and night. They say that from latest developments they have reason to believe that there is good coal there and in a large body. The discovery which has been accredited to Mr. Mad-versa, has caused no little excitement throughout that part of the county.

JAMES H. GWINN VISITS

CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR CONGRESSMAN

James H. Gwinn, of Pendleton, candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the second Congressional District, arrived in Vale yesterday on his tour of eastern Oregon.

"I favor a protective tariff to safeguard the interests of Oregon," said Mr. Gwinn, "and obtaining Oregon's just share of the reclamation fund for Oregon's reclamation and irrigation projects.

"There should be a reduction of taxes by an economical administration of public affairs, and I advocate the fostering and maintaining on an economical and common-sense basis, of the free public schools.

"Our service men who served and defended us should have just compensation."

Mr. Gwinn is a brother of Monte B. Gwinn of Boise, Idaho, who has interests in Malheur County.

Social Events of Week

P. E. O.

Chapter K. of P. E. O. enjoyed a delightful social function Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Oscar Daley and Mrs. H. E. Young entertained with afternoon tea at the home of the former. Mrs. Ross A. Soward charmingly presided at the tea table.

Easter novelties were used through out as decorations.

After a business meeting, the ladies enjoyed a pleasant social hour.

Wednesday Bridge

The Wednesday Bridge Club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. George E. Davis this week. There were three tables and Mrs. John Rigby and Mrs. J. C. Gordon were invited guests. After an afternoon pleasantly spent, Mrs. R. H. DeArmond won High Honors.

Saturday Party

Mrs. O. E. Carman was a charming hostess Saturday afternoon, entertaining in honor of Miss Ida B. Hendricks' birthday anniversary. Baskets of lovely pink roses were used for decoration.

The afternoon was spent in a social way. The guests were Mrs. J. C. Gordon and the lady teachers of the Vale High School.

Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Wm. Johnson with Mrs. L. J. Coulson as assistant hostess. The program of the society scheduled a missionary meeting and Mrs. Frank Mulkey was an able leader. During the afternoon the ladies were busy with thimble and needle and then a social hour was enjoyed by the guests who were present.

Mrs. A. S. Hunt Entertains

Mrs. A. S. Hunt entertained last week with a dinner party and throughout the evening. Guests to dinner were Miss Ida B. Hendricks and her sister, Mrs. Humphrey of Portland, Miss Carlson and the Misses Hazel and Grace Daley.

Later in the evening the teachers who were participants in the P. T. A. Chautauqua arrived and a very pleasant time was spent playing games.

Easter Party

Little Evalyn Earp entertained several little girls with an Easter dinner party Sunday afternoon. A pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of the little hostess.

Afternoon Tea

Mrs. Ben Mulkey entertained with an afternoon tea this week for the purpose of raising funds for primary supplies in the Sunday school. A free will offering was taken and the affair was quite successful financially as well as socially.

Methodist Circle

The Methodist Circle met with Mrs. Chas. L. Batcher this week and the afternoon was spent sewing and in discussion of work to be accomplished by the society.

NEARLY BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE

EXPLOSION STARTS BLAZE IN DWELLING HOUSE

VOLUNTEERS ASSIST

WATER SOON PUT ON BLAZE AND HALF OF HOUSE SAVED

When the can of coal oil exploded which he was pouring on the fire in his cook stove here Wednesday noon, Walter Yandle was nearly fatally burned by the blazing oil which was thrown over his clothing immediately making him a mass of flames. He rushed from his rooms in the west half of the John Kircher house into the rooms of William Haworth, who with his family occupy the other half of the building where they were just eating dinner. Mr. Haworth jumped up from the table and grabbing a leather jacket which was on a chair near the door, threw it around him and smothered the flames, which were blazing up around his face and head from his burning shirt and trousers.

Mrs. Haworth rushed to the front door and looked in the Yandle apartments which were by that time a mass of flames, the fire showing against both of the front windows, while Haworth helped Yandle out into the yard and shouting fire, commenced to carry out the furniture in his side of the house.

The volunteer fire department began turning out, the chemical arriving and the hose was pushed into the blazing rooms, holding the fire until the bringing up of the hose cart from the central station. This was connected with the hydrant at the corner nearest the house and the fire was soon put out.

"I did not think when I first arrived that there was any chance of saving the building, with the start the fire already had," said Fire Chief C. C. Mueller, "but we were able to get the water so soon that the east half of the building was practically undamaged by the fire, though the west half was entirely burnt out."

Mr. Yandle is under the care of the doctor, and is staying at the Kircher residence, where he is reported to be convalescing slowly, though as yet it is impossible to tell whether or not new skin will have to be grafted, as his face, head, hands, and a spot on his side are nothing but blisters.

The property was insured sufficiently to cover the loss and will be immediately repaired and put in shape for living quarters.

George Steele, who was occupying the apartment with Mr. Yandle was nearly burned in his rush back into the blazing rooms after the fire had started, to recover his honorable discharges from the United States army which were in his trunk there.

GRANDALL ANNOUNCES

CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Charles M. Grandall, attorney of Vale, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Representative, of the Seventeenth Representative District, comprising Malheur County, this week, with a platform of less taxes, retrenchment and strictest economy.

"I believe that the taxpayers of the respective counties should have a voice in fixing the salaries of their county officers, with proper safeguards in order that injustice to either officer or taxpayer may be avoided," said Mr. Grandall.

"Adjustment of the salaries of all public officers so far as is necessary to effect a reasonable accommodation with the economic and industrial conditions now generally prevailing in order that the rights and interests of lines of proper human effort may be rightfully considered and respected."

"We should have better law enforcement and proper education of the children of our homes must be jealously protected, and our public school must be maintained at the highest efficiency.

"I would advocate the abolishment of all appointive public commissions and those commissions that we must have to be elected by the people to whom they must answer for the discharge of public duty."

In Parma

Harold Romph spent the early part of the week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Romph who live near Parma. He returned to Vale where he is attending high school as a senior, on Wednesday.

Vale Loses

Against Pitcher Penson in Practice Game

but has Chance to Try out Material At Parma

By Texas Leaguer

Last Sunday morn the baseball bug peeped out from between his wool blankets and seeing a white Easter, immediately turned over for another snooze, but along about eleven o'clock, bad dreams or the heat from the radiator, made him restless and he arose, donned his red ball uniform and beat it for Parma.

Cold weather did not have the effect on the fans that it did on the ball players as about two hundred braved the icy blasts to cheer the Prune Pickers.

Speed Ball Penson, who started for Parma, seemed to be in mid-season for his fast one was like a bullet and his hook made the batters cross-eyed.

Nichols, Vale's mound artist, pitched a good game but his support was continually up in the air, they accepted twenty-one chances out of thirty-three.

Swansen, the new short-stop, looks good both in the field and at the bat. And it is up to the fans to get him a job so we can hold him.

Bird Glenn played good ball on second and with a little more experience will make a name for himself. The high wind in the outfield made it difficult to gaze a ball as both sides missed quite frequently. All in all, everyone played a good game considering the weather.

The score by innings:
[1]2[3]4[5]6[7]8[9] R | H | E
Vale 0|0|2|1|1|2|0|x | 6 | 8 | 6
Parma 4|2|1|2|0|0|1 | 10 | 11 | 3

Batteries: Nichols, Stiles and Moudy; Penson, Grove, Cook and Burn. Umpires; C. M. Right and Callem Wrong. Called in the eighth so W. Randolph could crank his Ford.

The feature of the game was the high place hitting of Ike Robinette; He stepped up and he swung, Then he hit a foul,

The third was a ball Which made the pitcher scowl, But his striking out Made the home fans howl.

Was Malheur County The Garden of Eden?

Was Malheur County once the Garden of Eden, or is there a more logical theory to be advanced? This could once have been the shore of an inland sea, and other hazy suppositions may be made, but, at any rate, C. Smith, who lives in the interior of the county above Westfall, brought in petrified fruits and nuts last week that may be seen at McGillivray's Pharmacy. There are perfect, figs, almonds, pecans, hazel nuts, peanuts, bananas and other forms of vegetable life. In the spring when snow and ice melt, when water washes down off the hillsides, these petrified fruits are among the sand and soil.

For several years past Mr. Smith has found these bits of stone and last week he brought some of the most perfect forms to Vale.

ROBBERS ARE PAROLED

PROSECUTING WITNESSES DISAPPEAR; WEISER HOLDUP GANG GET OFF EASY

The Weiser hold-up gang which robbed a sheep camp across the river from Weiser and who, later, were caught by their two victims, were on trial Thursday. The men were Buster Adams, Wallace Adams and Robert Burns. They pled guilty and the judge sentenced them to ten years each, and paroled them from the bench. The two Basque boys, victims of the robbery, could not be found to act as prosecuting witnesses.

The robbery occurred early in February and they were indicted before the grand jury at a special session. Jim Burris and Chris LeRoy, Basque shepherds, were the victims of the hold-up. It was perpetrated at the point of drawn revolvers. The sum of \$75.00 was taken. It is thought the robbers expected to find several hundred dollars in the camp which the shepherds had received that day from the sale of a small flock.

The disappearance of their money convinced the two Basque boys that the robbery was no joke and they saddled their horses and trailed the three into Weiser. The two Adams boys and Burns were arrested in the Idaho city and were later brought to Vale by Deputy Sheriff Glenn.

Dave Lawrence of Ironside spent most of the week in Vale visiting friends.

VALE TEAM WINS AGAINST LOSTINE

WILL COMPETE WITH TEAM FROM PENDLETON

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS

DR. BROWN ENTERTAINS VISITORS AND VISITORS AT HOME

A unanimous decision for Vale was the result of the inter-district debate between the Vale High school and the Lostine High School of Wallowa county, held here Friday evening.

The Vale team, champions of the Eastern Oregon district, will now compete with Pendleton, champions of another district, and if they top the Pendleton debaters they will go to Eugene and debate against the representatives of Western Oregon for the championship of the entire state.

Vale's representatives are Miss La Vera Moe and Herschel Brown and their competitors Friday evening were Miss Maxine Pearce and Harley Allen of Lostine. The question for debate was, RESOLVED, That a graduated income tax should be made a feature of the state system of taxation in Oregon. Vale upheld the affirmative. The question as presented by all four students showed careful preparation and was very much enjoyed by the large audience that attended. The delivery of the Vale students was excellent, however, and those present felt certain of the decision as was given by the judges, who are educational men from Fruitland and New Plymouth, Idaho.

After the debate, Dr. Frank J. Brown entertained the Vale High Debating team and the Lostine team, and those who are training the debaters with a delightful dinner party at the Drexel Grill.

A chorus by the High School Glee Club and a selection by the Vale High School Orchestra added to the entertainment of the evening.

FORMER VALE GIRL DIES

MRS. WINSTON GOULD DIES TUESDAY AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. Winston Gould who lived in Vale until recently passed away Tuesday evening at her new home near Redmond, after a short illness. It is reported that Mrs. Gould died of diphtheria and her death was probably due to the fact that she lived in the interior of the country where it was impossible for her to receive proper treatment in time.

Mrs. Gould was Miss Blanch Slayton before her marriage and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Slayton who have lived in Vale a number of years. She was eighteen years old old and leaves to mourn her loss a baby son, Harold Winston, besides her husband and members of the Slayton family.

Before taking up their ranch in Deschutes county, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gould were proprietors of the Arlington Hotel.

P. T. A. COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING TO BE HELD IN NYSSA SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTY-NINTH

The County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations of Malheur County will be held at Nyssa, Saturday, April 29th. Mrs. Earl M. Dean, of Nyssa, newly elected president of the County Council to succeed Mrs. J. H. Smith, will preside. Day's program, Saturday, April 29th: 10:30 to 12—Business meeting; 1 to 5 p. m., afternoon meeting. Consideration of County Unit System; Supt. Luetie of Nyssa and Mr. Edward Everett, of Kingman Kolony.

Some economics in School Administration; Mrs. Robt. Hann, of Vale. Relation of Teacher to the Community; Mrs. John Boswell, of Vale. Vocal Selection; Miss Ruth Roberts, Ontario.

Practical Value of Music in the Schools; Mr. Vincent Engeldinger, of Vale.

The So-called "Frills"; J. Edwin Johnson, of Vale. Music arranged for by the Nyssa Parent-Teacher Association. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to attend.

The Advance Lodge Knights of Pythias will present the picture of Damon and Pythias at the Rex Theatre on Tuesday evening, April 25th. This show will be free and it is hoped that all will avail themselves of this opportunity to see this beautiful film of friendship.

Celebrates 103rd Birthday

Grandma Godfrey celebrated her 103rd birthday anniversary Tuesday, April 18th. She has the honor of being the oldest woman in Malheur County and probably the oldest woman in the entire state. But better than that, she is enjoying perfect health and could heartily participate in the birthday dinner given in her honor at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. H. O. Stacey.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON HAS CHARGE OF WORK ON BURRELLE RANCH

EXPERIMENTS SO FAR INDICATE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

William W. Johnson, assistant in soils of the Oregon Experiment station, who has been in charge of the experiment work on the Burrelle ranch above Vale, analyzes and explains the work and the results so far obtained in his communication to the Enterprise, as follows: The experimental work on the drained tract of greasewood and on the Burrelle ranch is being continued this year. There appears to be considerable lack of information as to the way in which this experiment is conducted and for this reason the following brief report is submitted, telling something of the general plan of the experiment and of the results secured during the first year.

OWYHEE

WATER FOR IRRIGATION

Miss Lillian Davis entertained her pupils at the Lowe home Saturday afternoon at an Easter party. The children were given pretty Easter baskets into which they gathered colored eggs hidden about the place. Egg rolling and races were also participated in, after which dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Wm. Peutz left Monday for Vale where he sits on the grand jury. Miss Bessie Whipple, who is employed at the Lowe home, spent the weekend at her home near Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schweizer and daughter, Lois visited Mr. Schweizer's mother, Mrs. Otto Schweizer, in Nyssa Sunday.

The community "sing" was held at Pullen's Saturday evening. Next Saturday evening it will be at the Klingback home.

Mrs. F. L. DeBord was on the sick list the first of the week. Several auto loads of picnickers from Nyssa and Big Bend visited the Hot Springs and Mitchell Butte Sunday.

Fred Snively and Lyle Keeler were down from up the river Monday, calling at the Peutz home.

Albert Caperton took a load to Dead Ox Flat Monday, where the Capertons will move soon. Mr. Caperton expects to be there several days before the actual moving begins, to repair fences.

Mr. and Mrs. Oee Schweizer and family visited at the Bradney home in the Bend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder and children ate dinner at the B. F. Kerr home Sunday.

The water was turned in to the Owyhee ditch on the tenth of April. Will Beam is watermaster again this year.

Geo. Glascock purchased a new spring-tooth harrow recently and is busily engaged in tearing his alfalfa fields to pieces.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe, Mrs. Chas. Schweizer, Miss Lillian Davis and Bessie Whipple heard the Whitman Glee Club at Ontario Wednesday evening.

BIG BEND

EARLY START OF GRAIN

EARLY SHOOTS OF GRAIN PRESENT FINE APPEARANCE. The Tucke family from West Vale has settled on the Ed Wilson ranch. The farmers have their grain in now. It is up and looking fine.

Mrs. George F. Russell, who has been visiting her parents at Seattle, Washington has returned to her home in the Bend. Irvin Lyman and Minerva Looney have been absent from school the past few days on account of sickness.

E. L. Tate has just put out a fine prune orchard.

Mrs. Charles Faubion made a business trip to Adrian last week. Russell Fleetwood bought a 20 acre tract of land from Mr. Robinson Monday.

Elmer C. Cone went to Caldwell early in the week on business. Cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Faubion on Wednesday.

Thomas O. Scott has been slightly under the weather for the last week, but is much improved in health now. Elmer Walker, who was in a buggy accident is slowly improving.

The Van Petten Lumber Company is building a line of sheds at Adrian. Nellie T. Jacobs, who has been in Vale the last two weeks has returned to her school again.

On Inspection Tour. E. E. Calvin of Omaha, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific railroad system, H. O. Clark, of Salt Lake, general manager of the Short Line from Pocatello were aboard the special train which passed through here on Saturday, on their annual tour of inspection of the entire system.

DRAINAGE DRIVES ALKALI FROM LAND

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON HAS CHARGE OF WORK ON BURRELLE RANCH

EXPERIMENTS SO FAR INDICATE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

The question of whether or not drainage ditches will actually be effective in removing alkali from this type of land is one in which most farmers are interested. The drainage ditch on the Burrelle ranch was sluiced last spring at a total cost of less than \$150.00. Records of the outflow were kept throughout the summer and samples were taken from time to time to determine the amount of alkali actually removed in the drainage water. This amounted to over 34 tons of alkaline salts. The drain is but 670 feet long and was not completed until fairly late in the spring.

On soils that take water readily, alkali can be effectively removed by first providing drainage and irrigating heavily to wash the salts down to the drain. The soil where the experiment is being conducted, which is typical of the larger part of the greasewood land on the project, will not take water readily and the reclamation of these lands is therefore more difficult.

With this condition in mind the experiment was laid out so as to show the effect of adding different materials which have been found of value in other localities. The purpose of these treatments is not to actually neutralize the alkali but to render the soil more permeable to water, so that the harmful materials may be washed down and removed in the drainage. The entire tract was irrigated uniformly but certain of the plots were treated with different amounts of gypsum, others with manure and others with aluminum sulphate. Soil samples were taken from the different plots in the spring and again in the fall, and during the winter alkali determinations were made on some 150 samples.

According to analysis the largest amount of alkali was removed on lots receiving the heavier application of gypsum and on the sulphur plots, as much as 3-5 of the total alkali being removed on some of the plots. On adjoining untreated plots which were equally close to the drain and which had received the same amount of irrigation water, little or no alkali was removed.

The work has not progressed far enough for definite recommendations to be made but these results are encouraging. If the gypsum treatments prove to be of value it will be possible to secure this material very cheaply, for large deposits of high grade gypsum rock are reported to occur a few miles from Vale.

Some alum deposits have also been reported and if the aluminum sulphate treatments prove to be effective, it will be probable that a local supply will be available.

William W. Johnston, Assistant in Soils, Oregon Experiment Station.

P. T. A. Meeting

The Vale P. T. A. held a special meeting in the music room Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing officers for next year. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Humphrey; Vice-president, Mrs. J. Edwin Johnson; Secretary-Treasurer, Fred Nitzel.

The association decided to donate \$35 to defray the expenses of the debating team when it goes to Pendleton.

The association wishes to thank all those who helped to make the chautauqua a success.

John Hunt Home

Little John Hunt returned home Tuesday with his grandmother, Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Parma. He has been visiting his grandmothers the last four weeks.