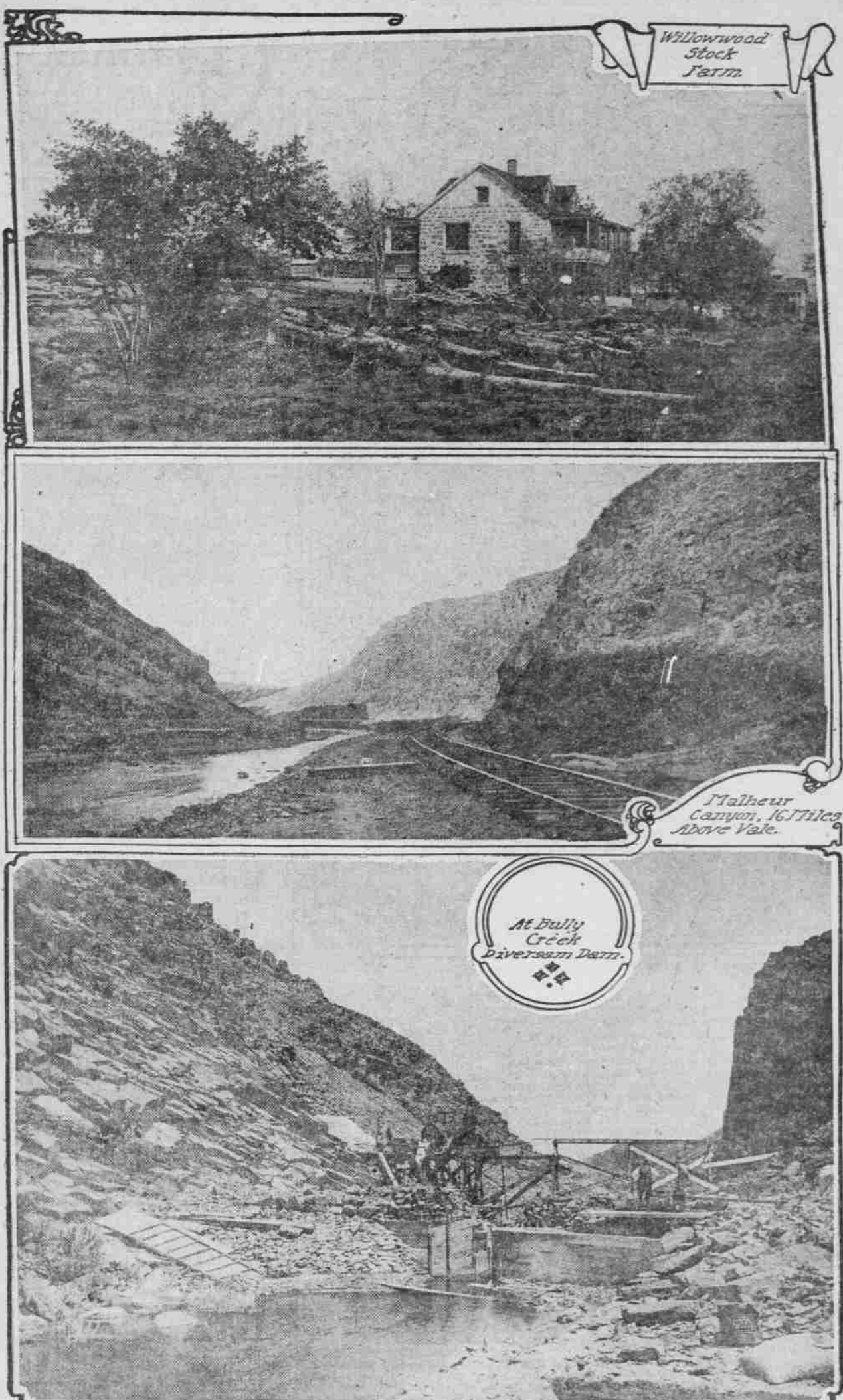


MALHEUR ACTIVITIES INDICATE THAT PROSPERITY IS RETURNING IN FORCE

Prices of Wool, Staple Output, Are Increasing and Herds of Cattle Move to Higher Grazing Grounds—New Drainage District With Larger Scope Is Organized.



BY JOHN RIGBY. VALE, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Returns of prosperity, predicted and proclaimed for the past two years, seems about to appear in Malheur County.

Wool, the great staple which has done more than anything else to repel the evil of psychological prosperity, is soaring and great hopes are built on coming season prices. The tremendous snowdrifts in the deep canyons and on the high hills assure grass in

plenty for the shepherd's flock and inspire hope for fat mutton and long fleeces this season. While hundreds of carloads were carried to markets last Fall, it is expected that the Assessor will find more sheep than ever in the county.

finest land in the Owyhee delta, stretching from Nyssa north for four miles and south an undetermined distance. Excessive irrigation from the splendid Owyhee ditch system, lack of care in handling waste water and utter indifference to the taking of hold, have resulted in drowning about 2500 acres, while impervious clay barriers cause the water table to rise constantly, resulting in destruction to other thousands of acres.

A similar condition is imminent in the section near Ontario and those people who have been taking hold and will soon inaugurate a drainage system comprising 15,000 acres, stretching from Ontario to Mallett, about half way to Vale.

Project One of First. Stretching from Malheur Canyon, 15 miles above Vale, to the Snake River at Ontario lies 25,000 acres of fertile land, the construction of which will be the first step in the reclamation of the Malheur River without storage reservoirs. This irrigation project was one of the first proposed by the government, but through unfortunate misunderstanding between the settlers and the reclamation officials it was abandoned.

The evolution of the present district law, meditations of 10 or 20 years ago, and the fact that the government edge acquired by both settler and reclamation officials, have started the community on the right track. Co-operation among themselves and thence to co-operation with the Government or state. Elections will be held in June to determine on the formation of a district embracing this valley land and looking to the construction of a great reservoir in the Warm Springs, 30 miles above Vale. Government engineers as well as private experts pronounce this the cheapest and most feasible project in America at a cost of \$4 per acre will store 120,000 acre-feet. The normal flow of the river will take care of all of the land for 12 months April and May. Half enough will flow for June and there will be then 120,000 acre-feet ready to be passed down to the basins for the remainder of the season. Another season, therefore, will in all probability see many new families at work under this system.

Private Project Not Completed. Another district project is on foot with a certainty of initial success, on what is known as Bully Creek. Five years ago a private promotion scheme was initiated on this system, covering about 30,000 acres of fine bench land between the Bully Creek and Willow Creek. The project was not completed. Hard times prevented a complete and immediate success of this venture and many of the settlers have scattered.

The company built, or began to build, a diversion dam, failing to complete it in 1915. In that year the water nearly washed out this Spring. The tremendous rush of water from the high hills carried 3000 second-feet into the reservoir and out through the gates, enough water for 18,000 acres. Twice has this occurred this Spring, and the water run-off not until April. With the diversion dam completed, and the big storage reservoir at Lamberston's, about two miles above Westfall, holding 15,000 acre-feet, it is possible that the great basin will be made to produce fruit and corn in boundless quantities.

The Willow River Irrigation Company, having a big dam on the Willow River and another at Pohl Creek, has developed a splendid fruit and corn country at and below Brogan. Through some unexplained litigation the company has failed to accomplish the good expected from it. It has, nevertheless, induced the planting of more than 4000 acres and much of this is in fruit.

Litigation has gone somewhat against this company and one of the old owners, who is now dead, leaving 38,000 acre-feet of the flood waters. This decree, represented by S. E. C. Brainerd, of Fayette, Idaho, has been organized. Using rather too general an irrigation district comprising 10,000 to 15,000 acres of broad valley land not covered by the Willow River Company. This proposition has the backing of W. J. Scott, C. H. Oxman, Frank McNeil, and other prominent farmers on Willow River and its success is assured.

100,000 Acres Involved. Thus the three district organizations practically certain of organization, Spring will eventually bring into use nearly 100,000 acres of the best land in Malheur County and equal to any in the great Snake River basin, of which they are part.

ROSEBURG HIGH BOASTS OF BEST AMATEUR ORCHESTRA IN STATE

Since Launching of Musical Organization, It Has Been Commissioned for All Functions of Local Moment. School Principal is Leader and Director.



Roseburg High School Orchestra

ROSEBURG, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—The Roseburg High School probably boasts of one of the most efficient amateur orchestras in Oregon. It comprises 23 pieces and hardly a night passes but what it is engaged in furnishing music for some local function. The orchestra was organized a year ago. It is under the

leadership of F. C. Fitzpatrick, principal of the high school. Following are the members of the orchestra: F. C. Fitzpatrick, director; Walter Hooper, trombone; Herbert Garwood, trombone; Leo Rapp, trombone; Stella Krohn, piano; Mildred Henry, cello; Earl Burr, drums; Bernice Jurgens, violin; Marcus Rice, violin; Helga

Krohn, violin; C. H. Cleaves, violin; Genevieve Bemis, violin; Ernest Arundel, violin; Andrew Smith, violin; James Campbell, clarinet; Clyde Carleton, clarinet; Waldo Marsters, cornet; Claude Crocker, cornet; Clifford Bemis, cornet; Harold Zimmerman, auto; William Balley, auto; Everett Teaster, auto; Otto Troxel, piccolo.

corners, apple corners, in regard to producing excellent quality, that I have seen in any other place. I have seen Yakima, Hood River or Wenatchee, and my own place at home.

Said Mr. Witherspoon, of the Oregon Horticultural Commission: "Regarding the delicious apple, I was surprised to find trees of that age in this community bearing like these. The pear trees are in better condition than any pear orchard I have ever seen. I have been through the peach orchard and consider it the best I have seen there is a most remarkable crop of peaches on the trees."

There are 25,000 acres of such land in the area three projects. The last developed project of the corn industry has added new hope to the future of the county. The land is in the hands of a man who has a heavy production of corn is certain and its need for water far less than the wheat land. The water is available, but lack two necessities—money and men. We hope to induce both to come to us and we are sure that success will attend intelligent effort.

Still another project awaiting the advent of some person or persons who can realize the possibilities of the county is what is known as the Star Mountain project, 40 miles from Vale on Cottonwood Creek. This creek has delivered more than 30,000 acre-feet this season. There are 5000 acres immediately contiguous to the dam site, and this site is only 30 feet in width. The dam will hold 30,000 acre-feet at this elevation. The cost of the dam would be no more than \$25,000. It seems almost inconceivable that so available sites as this one and the Warm Springs have not been built long since. The reasons are sure that they are so and can be seen at any time.

If Seven Hens Lay 5 1-3 Eggs Daily, How Many—? Cottage Grove Chicken Fancier Secures 420 in 79 Days From Scrub Chickens in Record.

COTTAGE GROVE, May 12.—(Special.)—If seven hens lay 5 1-3 eggs a day, how many days will it take seven hens to lay 420 eggs? That sounds like an example from an old arithmetic, but the problem is of interest in connection with an egg-raising record made by seven hens owned by a well-known Cottage Grove man, who, from reasons of modesty, asks that his name be not mentioned. He has seven hens which lay 420 eggs in 79 days, and are still at it, which he thinks surpasses any records that have recently been published in the papers. This is about five and one-third eggs a day. Although this man is a well-known chicken fancier, the hens that made the record are scrubs.

ache, but said it wasn't like any other stomach ache, that their insides and their tongues burned. In a few minutes another came in and the little ones appeared to her and told her they had been eating Easter eggs. She thought of the tablets and in the front room on the bed she found the empty bottle.

She caught the babies in her arms and ran to the Emergency Hospital, where the stomach pump was used on both children. Then physicians advised they be taken to the Episcopal Hospital and kept under observation. This was done and the little ones were again given antidotes and kept under observation. They became so much better the next day that the mother begged to take them home with her, and after releasing the hospital of responsibility she carried them off.

The family had a happy day. Mrs. Depew rejoicing in the escape of her little ones. She left them with a light heart the next two mornings and went to work. On the fourth afternoon Howard called his grandmother and begged her to hold him. He said he was burning inside. She gathered the child in her arms and suddenly he gasped, threw back his head and died.

"EASTER EGGS" ARE FATAL Two-Year-Old Child Dead as Result of Mistaking Poison for Candy.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—One two-year-old child is dead and his four-year-old brother is in danger of death as the result of eating bichloride of mercury tablets in mistake for Easter eggs. The little Howard Depew died in convulsions at his home after his mother and grandmother believed the poison to have been eliminated from his system. His brother Roland, while apparently perfectly well and ignorant of his baby brother's death, may share his fate.

The children were playing in the front room of their home while their mother, who has been deserted and who supports her little ones by working in a mill, was out at her employment. Suddenly Roland spied some small candy scattered up on the mantel and he scrambled up on the bench to get them. Near the eggs was a bottle with five bichloride of mercury tablets in it, and it is the belief of the mother that he mistook the tablets for candy.

The youngsters were delighted with their find. They ate the candy and the baby crammed four of the tablets into his mouth. Roland says he ate the remaining one. The children played for a while and then both ran crying to their grandmother. They complained of a stomach

Twelve Grandparents on List. BEDMINSTER, Pa., May 6.—Grandfathers, grandmothers, great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers are common to little Wilmer Harold Fretz, of this place. The list of living ancestors, follows: Two grandmothers, Mrs. William K. Fretz and Mrs. Reuben K. Strouse; three great-grandmothers, Mrs. Harry Fretz, Mrs. Reuben K. Strouse, Mrs. Samuel Snyder and Mrs. Jefferson Wood; two grandfathers, William K. Fretz and Reuben K. Strouse; two great-grandfathers, Harry Fretz and George Wood; one great-grandfather, Joseph Miller.

Sleepwalker Freezes Feet. MARYSVILLE, Ky., May 8.—While walking in his sleep, T. Wagoner, the 16-year-old son of Harvey Wagoner of Bourbon County, jumped from the second-story window of his home and in his bare feet and night garment stamped one mile in the ice and snow to the residence of Watt Kiser, and, knocking over the door, was admitted. He did not awaken until after his removal to his home. His feet were badly frosted and he is suffering from the shock.

PEDDLER'S KISS COSTS \$50 Plea of Gratitude Falls to Win Court From Assault Charge.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 3.—Gust Kekoa, of 1459 West Van Buren street, peddler of vegetables, didn't intend to be rough with Miss Henrietta Platt, or to kiss her on the lips, he said, he was simply extremely grateful for her because she had helped him among his first customers four years ago when he began to peddle, and he endeavored merely to kiss her hand.

Platt's brother, Robert, told Police Magistrate Kendall, of Oak Park, that his sister's throat bore traces of finger marks which Kekoa was charged with. The charge was \$50 on a charge of assault and battery.

The Platt residence is at 936 South Clinton street, Oak Park.

NEED TO REMEMBER BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD CITED IN SERMON

Gideons Request Publication of Talk by Rev. Oliver S. Baum, of Calvary Presbyterian Church.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the word of God which we heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.—1 Thess. 2:13.

THE passage of scripture in itself is a reminder of an imperative need in our lives. We need to remember when handling the Bible we are not handling the word of men, but the word of God. The question arises: Is there any such thing as the real word of God in the world? Says Burrell, there is a strong presumption in its favor. If there is any such thing as the real word of God in the world, it is in the Bible. It is the only book that has been written by God and is the only book that has been read by God.

to being inspired and that word theologians means "breathed of God." All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. The Bible also tells us definitely as to the method of the inspiration. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Now can this claim be substantiated by what we know, and if so, what are the things in its favor?

How did Isaiah know, centuries before the time would come when the papyrus would not grow any longer on the banks of the Nile? Then the tourist goes into the museum at Constantinople and sees the Greek inscription discovered by excavation at Jerusalem in 1880, verifying records in Kings and Chronicles. Going into the British Museum, he sees the stone, which also verifies the records in Kings.

The effect of the Bible. (a) The inspiration which it gives men. A legend of St. Dunstan says: "On a certain day, as he sat reading from the scriptures in his cell, the harp which hung against the wall sounded without hands, for an angel played the grandest music to the great delight of the saint. He was so enraptured that he could never come from merely human sources. Whatever we find in the world of achievement that bears the mark of greatness has the Biblical inspiration for its beginning. In scripture, there is Donatello's David; there is Michael Angelo's Moses; in painting, Raphael's Sistine Madonna and Murillo's Holy Family; in music, Bach's Passion and Handel's Messiah; in poetry, you have Dante's Divine Comedy and Milton's Paradise Lost. Emerson says that Shakespeare leans on the Bible. Matthew Arnold says that Milton wrote in the great style drawn from Biblical sources. George Eliot says of Ruskin, 'he teaches with the inspiration of a Hebrew prophet.'"

leaved upon the Bible. In just one of its felicities often seem to be things rather than words." Kaubach's great cartoon represents Luther holding up an open Bible like some shining orb of light. It is found in our own country, says Seward, "the existing Government of this country could never have been in existence without the Bible." Count Okuma, the Japanese Premier, said at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Christian missions in Japan: "Modern civilization has its rise in the teachings of the Sage of Judea, in whom alone we find the dynamic of moral progress." Where the Bible has not gone there is darkness, there is light.

Christ spoke of the Bible as the truth, as the word of God. If Christ believed the Bible to be the word of God, this is ground enough for me to believe it also. There is also a scripture statement given by our Lord that fills us with hope and with great encouragement. It is found in the 19th chapter of St. John's gospel and the 24th verse. The scripture cannot be broken. What a comfort the past centuries make upon this word of Christ! The Bible, untouched, unscathed by fire or sword, abides in all of its fullness still. Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's anvil, and I saw upon the floor the hammer that had been used for years. "How many anvils have you had," said I. "To wear and batter all these hammers," he said. "Just one," he said, and then with twinkling eyes. "The anvil wears the hammer out, you know." And so, thought I, the anvil of God's word. For ages skeptic blows have battered it, but the anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone.

These things express a universal instinct and a universal belief. If there is a God, he must reveal himself to his children. The presumption therefore is, there must be in the world a clear and authoritative word of God. Where is it? Well, our Bible claims to be that word of God. It lays claim