

PROSPECTS AT ECHO

GOVERNMENT ENGINEER LOCATING RESERVOIRS THERE

New Buildings Going Up - Two Grades to Be Added to the Public School - Old-Time Settlers Turn Locators - Some Excitement Prevails Over the Bright Prospects.

Echo, March 2.—No little excitement prevails here over the withdrawal of the nine townships of area land south and west of this city, to a government irrigation reservation.

Active work on the survey of reservoir sites has been in progress for the past three days, and many land hunters have visited the locality since the announcement of the withdrawal of this tract.

Plans are in demand and several locators have turned into locators and are doing a rushing business. Government engineer J. G. Camp, and assistants are now busy engaged surveying three reservoir sites in the range of hills that are south of this place from west to east miles.

An exact point at which water is to be diverted from the Umatilla river has not been decided.

One reservoir site is now being surveyed on the north side of the high butte six miles east of here, which lies near the Joe Vey land, known as the old North Pacific Grant.

A limited number of home-seekers have stopped here in quest of land, and considerable site is noticeable in the village as a result of the presence of the government engineers.

The results of irrigation on the excellent farms in this vicinity prove that this immense tract of sage brush land lying on the headwaters of Butler Creek, in Umatilla and Umatilla rivers, which produces three crops of alfalfa per year.

Several new buildings are now in course of construction here and only one vacant dwelling house remains in town.

There is a movement on foot to add a ninth and tenth grade to the public schools, to be ready for the spring term.

R. Jones has the contract for furnishing teams to the government engineer, J. C. Camp, while surveying the proposed ditch and reservoir sites.

UNUSUAL PROSPERITY. J. H. Gwinn Finds More Activity in Northwest Than is Usual for Spring of Year.

"There is more general prosperity among all classes of people in the Inland Empire right now than there has ever been before, at this particular time of year," said J. H. Gwinn, secretary of the Woodgrowers' Association.

"Usually business relaxes after the holidays. Money is tight, and after the increased outlay incident to that time and becomes scarce and hard to raise.

"These who have ready cash to spend in business enterprises become infected with the general tendency to 'freeze on it,' and public and private business reaches a stationary stage.

"Not so this spring. From Boise City to Portland there is universal activity. Business men, stockmen, real estate dealers, farmers and workmen all appear to be plentifully supplied with money. There is not the usual stringency that is noticed in the spring months. Newcomers are plentiful in the country and all of them have money to spend. The home-seekers rush has distributed cash all through the country.

Hotels are doing a good business at every point I have visited. Merchants tell me of better spring trade than usual and the country people are improving their stock and farms, in a degree that is highly commendable to them and of permanent benefit to the country at large.

"In a wide personal acquaintance with the stockmen of the Inland Empire, I can say from actual contact with them that they are unusually prosperous this year. Their wool, mutton, beef and horse stock has been on the upward tendency for a couple of years and they feel the result of it.

NEWS OF MILTON

A FRUIT FAIR IS BEING TALKED OF.

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RIDGE AND VICINITY. General News of Nye, Ukiah, Gardane and the South End of County.

Ridge, March 2.—There was a fine surprise ball at the home of William Fletcher, of Nye, Thursday. It was largely attended and well enjoyed by all.

The farmers are busy plowing and seeding everywhere just at present. For example, of East Birch, was transacting business in Pendleton this week.

Joe Parkes, of Pendleton, made a trip in the vicinity of Ukiah this week.

R. F. Ogilvie, of Athena, spent a few days in this part looking after business this week.

George W. Linnar was transacting business in Pendleton this week. Charles Vinson, Ukiah, spent a few days in Pendleton on business this week.

Charles Van Hoy and Roy Cozell, of Alta, were visiting in Pilot Rock, Echo, Pendleton and Athena this week. They report fine weather in these localities.

John W. Adams, one of Athena's leading carpenters is going to begin the erection of his splendid eight-room residence next Monday, if the fair weather continues.

William Fletcher, of Nye, is at Walla Walla under the care of Dr. Blallock, who is treating him for a cancerous tumor on his face. The disease is of long standing, but it seems to have almost yielded to the X-Ray system.

DAVID YOUNG CHIEF KILLED. While on His Way Home Saturday Night His Team Ran Away, Throwing Him Out and Dragging Him to Death.

David Young Chief, aged about 30, a full-blooded Indian, was last Saturday night killed by his team running wild on his way to his home on the reservation from town.

Young Chief left town about 9 o'clock, tolerably drunk. Some say that he was in the company of another Indian, who some how escaped the wreck and identification, and whose name cannot be learned.

Others say he was alone. About 1 o'clock in the morning Henry Himes, on his way home from town, discovered the body of Young Chief lying by the side of the road, about a mile and a half east of town, near the O. R. & N. tracks.

When found his foot was in the front spring of the buggy, on the left side, and nearly all the clothes were torn off his body. He had thrashed the with blood, dirt and bruises. Bitter came at once to town and notified Coroner Cole.

The body was brought to Baker & Co. for the coroner's inquest, where it was examined. It was found that the right leg was broken near the hip, there was a gash cut in the upper part of the back, between the ribs, and the right eye was protruding from the base of the skull. The indications were that after falling or jumping from the buggy and catching his foot in the spring, the Young Chief had been dragged by the running horses, ran into a ditch and then the fence, and tangled up by the buggy tongue and relative yesterday.

When found, the horses were still attached to the buggy, which was badly wrecked, the top, dashboard and tongue being smashed to pieces. There were no indications of foul play. The man had been dragged to death, undoubtedly. The body was taken in charge by his Indian friends and relatives yesterday.

The deceased was a Catholic and will be buried today in one of the Indian cemeteries on the reservation. The above goes to prove to us men, practically, his fault being that he was addicted to liquor. His nearest living relative is his mother, his father, David Young Chief, Sr., died a few years ago. The team and buggy belonged to the deceased's uncle, Skeewah.

NEW LODGE ORGANIZED. Pendleton Odd Fellows Royally Entertained—Order at Pilot Rock Starts Out Favorably—Officers Elected.

The 28 Odd Fellows who went from Pendleton to Pilot Rock Saturday last were royally entertained by the brethren there, and enjoyed themselves greatly. The order at Pilot Rock has a neat, well-equipped hall, and starts out under most favorable auspices.

The following are the officers of the newly organized lodge: Noble grand, B. D. Smith; vice grand, Douglas Helms; secretary, C. E. Sturtevant; treasurer, L. E. Roy; warden, W. T. Harrison; inside guard, C. M. Hemphill; supporters of the noble grand, George W. Done and A. C. Hensley; supporters of the vice grand, Frank Done and John F. Smith.

The following were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree: Owen T. Edwards, C. E. Sturtevant, W. J. Rook, Charles Collins, Serphene Stone, S. M. Done, J. C. Cline, E. L. Wright, Paul L. Helts, George Tillotson, Alex. Manning, Art. A. Byrd, J. S. Cherry, Chas. Wright, R. A. Waldron, Mont Rippey, Jerry Durham, Chas. D. Smith, Alfred Smith, Bert Piersol, W. M. Hutchison, J. W. Smith.

Returns From Milton. W. P. Temple has returned from Milton, where he made a business trip in the interests of paid visit to his home northwest of Pendleton, and reports wheat looking well. He has 1,100 acres in club wheat and the rest in bluestem and barley. Last year his average yield from spring-sown grain was 27 bushels per acre. As all his grain is fall-sown this year, he counts on a larger yield this fall.

Jennie Davis Dead. Jennie Davis, aged 14 years, died at her home, at 121 West Adams street, Saturday 1:15 after only three or four days' illness with cerebro spinal meningitis, complicated with a heart trouble. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home, conducted by Rev. Marvin, and the interment was made in Olney cemetery.

Looking for Land. M. J. Coogan and O. D. Ternary, of Oelwin, Iowa, and Frank Dulock, Herman Snaud, Ernest Butels and Charles Gendrey, of Alma, Iowa, arrived on the morning train from the East and will prospect for land. Later a party of 17 other land seekers will arrive from the same towns.

Pleased With Home. M. T. Currow has just returned from California, where he went last October. He traveled over a large part of the state, and came back thinking more of Umatilla county than ever. He declares that he saw more rain and snow on the trip than he had seen here in seven years.

Finnish Settlement. Saker Hendricks, a farmer living six miles west of Adams, will build a residence this spring. In this connection it is stated that the Finnish settlement is prospering, and that no neighborhood in the county has better-kept homes, barns and fences or more carefully tilled fields.

Crushed Rock for Roads. Road Supervisor Campbell says that he has raised \$1,600 to meet the county cost on the proposition of grading and putting down gravel on the river road from Milton to the forks of the river, a distance of six miles. Some time ago Mr. Campbell told Judge Hartman what his intention was and Hartman promised to see that the county court put the road in shape and furnish a crusher. Mr. Campbell has been working quietly ever since, and last week he presented his petition to the patrons of the road and was rewarded by raising nearly \$1,600 to be paid when the road is put in shape for the rock. The proposition is to put eight inches of crushed rock 20 feet wide from the South Milton bridge to the forks of the Walla Walla River, near Marion Dorothy's place. If the county court meets Mr. Campbell's plan, graded roads will soon be tested in Umatilla county for all they are worth. There isn't a road in the state that has any more traffic on it than this piece of wheat-hauling road from the mountains and lumber from the mills, with two to eight-horse teams, will surely try crushed rock.

Umatilla Mission. The Presbyterian mission church premises on the reservation are undergoing improvements. Three hundred feet of piping for irrigation purposes are being laid around the church and residence, and the two yards will be irrigated the coming season. The yards will be seeded to blue grass and a large number of shade trees will be planted. Rev. Cornelson, who is at the head of the Presbyterian mission, reports its affairs as being in excellent condition.

Choice Reading. We take the following extract from a letter received from R. P. Johnson, Fairview Farm, Briggson, Ore.: "I herewith enclose a two-dollar check for which please extend my subscription for another year to the Semi-Weekly E. O., one of the cleanest and best newspapers published. It is morally clean and has the courage to advocate true and honest principles in defense of justice. It believes in fairness to all, rich or poor, regardless of any party, creed or political color. Honest, fearless, independent newspapers are the greatest factors of good government."

Wheat on the Reservation. R. F. Kirkpatrick, who has a farm on the reservation, reports the land in good condition for seeding. He is putting in 300 acres of Red Chaff wheat. He says while it is a little late, the wheat shows a good stand.

J. F. De Laney, postmaster at Lolo, Mont., had his son arrested for robbing the mails and then went on his bond for \$500.

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