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## NEWS FROM VALE

### NEW COURTHOUSE IS FORMALLY OPENED.

Rush of Oil Locators to Malheur County—Oil Struck in Sand Hollow—Grand Ball on New Year's Eve.

Vale, Or., Jan. 3.—The New Year in Vale opened auspiciously with a ball at the new courthouse, and the town full of strangers, mostly oil locators. As a consequence, the county clerk and his deputies are snowed under with oil locations.

Not one location was relinquished or any attempt at jumping, recorded. A severe snow storm greeted the oil locators and many laughable instances of locators getting lost are reported. However, the oil gang seemingly got their own property and no kicks are registered.

Sand Hollow seems now to be the greasy spot in Malheur. Messrs. Albrecht and Miles have been doing assessment work with a drill and found unmistakable evidences of oil at a depth of 160 feet.

The county seat fight has now got to the fighting point. Vale will send down three ex-members of the legislature fully equipped to do battle. Messrs. Hope, Editor McCulloch and Smith, of the firm of Smith Mercantile Company. That they mean fight is not to be questioned. Petitions against the removal of the county seat have and are being circulated in every nook of Malheur and they are being generously signed, remonstrating against the removal of the county seat from Vale and a fight is on that will try the metal of both sides.

One thing is very evident. Vale now has a courthouse that for commodity, beauty and solidity cannot be beat in any county in the State of Oregon. The court room alone has more floor space than all of Baker county's official buildings. It is well built, well heated and presents a lasting monument to the inhabitants of Malheur county for their public spirit, edness, as the whole structure was built by public subscription without one cent of expense to the taxpayers. Thomas Barton, one of the county commissioners, whose pet object has been to build the courthouse, has certainly shown what can be done by a determined man. He has provided a courthouse that will last Malheur county for ages and also made a county structure that for beauty and workmanship has no superior in the state. Fireproof vaults and lofty ceilings, with solid workmanship and great floor space, with plenty of light, marks the structure of Vale's courthouse, the walls being built of native stone. It certainly presents a handsome appearance. To say that the first ball was a success hardly suffices it. Malheur county, from the "cow" king to the festive rancher, from the remotest part of the county, put in an appearance and the greatest ball in the history of Malheur took place in the new courthouse, as a dedication, one and all voted it a beauty, and are ready to swear that Vale now has the handsomest courthouse in the state outside of Portland or Marion county.

The new railroad, which by the way is now sure of success, by way of Nyssa, has also caused many of Ontario's citizens to buy real estate, the price of which is now very elastic. Rumor reports Representative E. H. Test as having got a 40-acre plot near the town of Nyssa. Be this as it may, Malheur county is evidently on the eve of prosperity. What with several canals for irrigation, new railroads, oil developments, and a great number of immigrants buying farms, the country around Vale will take on new life. Plenty of wealth stands ready to back the enterprise and we confidently look for the population of Malheur to double within the next two years.

### THE DELAYED TRAINS.

Some of Their Wanderings Among Washouts and Freshets.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—The North Coast Limited has resumed the run cut of Portland on its own tracks to Seattle, and from Seattle to Spokane the tracks of the Northern Pacific railway are being used.

The adventures of the Great North-



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It is two years since the Swiss government assumed the ownership and operation of the entire railway system of that nation. There are at present about 2600 miles of road operated.

Nine years ago the Swiss government owned the greater part of the great Jura-Simplon railway, and in 1898 completed the purchase of the entire system.

Tickets over the entire railway system of Switzerland for 15 days are sold at the following rates: First-class, \$11.58; second-class, \$8.11; third-class, \$5.79. Tickets good for one month: First-class, \$19.30; second-class, \$13.50; third-class, \$9.65. Tickets good for one year: First-class, \$115.50; second-class, \$81.06; third-class, \$57.90.

These new tickets enable the holder to travel as much and as long as he likes over the entire system of Switzerland during the time of the validity of the ticket.

Thus it is seen that for \$57.90 one may travel over these 2600 miles of railway 40 times a year—a distance of over 100,000. How does this compare with railroad rates in America?—Ex.

### People Noticed in Traveling.

"The people noticed in traveling constitute a study in human nature that is not always pleasing," remarked a man recently to the Tacoma News. "A few days ago I was coming home on one of the delayed Northern Pacific trains. The coaches were crowded and there was hardly standing room in the chair car. Several women and children came aboard at Pasco. They were crowded aside by two Seattle men who dropped into two seats turned in opposite directions, forming a private box. The brakeman politely requested the young men to take another car and give the ladies and children the seats. This they refused to do, remarking

at the same time, 'Women and children can stand up just as well as we can.' That is a type of people noticed on every public conveyance. When I see them I wonder if they were brought up without the care of mothers or the companionship of sisters. They are objects of pity."

### Roosevelt's Thoughtful Act.

Jacob A. Riis, of New York, the author and lecturer, was the president's guest at breakfast a few days ago. In the course of conversation at the table, Mr. Riis said that his mother, 80 years old, living in Ribe, Denmark, was ill, and that illness at her age might prove to be of the most serious nature. Without waiting until the meal was over, the president wrote the following telegram: "Mrs. Riis, Ribe, Denmark: Your son is breakfasting with us. We send our loving sympathy.—Theodore and Edith Roosevelt." Mr. Riis, in relating the incident, said: "I do not believe I shall be called back to Denmark very soon now. They have a very good opinion of the United States and of its present head over there, and when that dear old mother of mine gets that cablegram from the president of the United States I expect that she will get right out of bed cured and live at least 10 years longer."

### Blue Island, Ill., Jan. 14, 1901.

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### Accident on Wallowa Hill.

Monday, while William Mars, of Joseph, was driving a six-horse team attached to two freight wagons which were heavily loaded, at a point in the Wallowa canyon not far from the Halfway house he happened to glance back while going up the grade and saw to his dismay, that the rear wagon was sliding off the grade, the roads being icy. He jumped, thereby saving himself from serious injury, if not death. As the grade at this point is 30 feet above the river, the whole team went down; but while one horse was seriously injured, none were killed.—La Grande Chronicle.

### Public Notice.

Parents will please take notice that schools, public and private, will not reopen until notified through the public press. Parents are requested not to allow children to attend any public gatherings.

By order Health Board.

### Heads Should Never Ache.

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va. She writes: "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from two years." Cure headache, constipation, biliousness. 25c at Tallman & Co.'s drug store.

A special land agent is investigating the timber and land entries in the Lakewood district and some 500 claims may have their titles canceled.



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