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THREE BIG MATTERS.

As we are about to go to press, reports are piling in regarding the three big matters that the people in this section of Malheur county are largely interested in: The removal of the county seat from Vale to Ontario, the establishing of a poor farm and demonstration station at Nyssa and the building of a bridge across the Snake river at Adrian for the farmers now isolated in the Big Bend district.

This paper has received telephone reports from all the affected area regarding these matters, and it would appear the people are convinced that their interests will be best served by securing each of them. Taking the county seat matter first, with no malice toward Vale, it cannot be denied that having the court house located at Ontario will be more convenient for the territory containing the bulk of the county's population. From Kingman Colony, Owyhee, Nyssa and Arcadia the roads leading to Ontario are much superior and more easily traveled in all sorts of weather by the farmers living in those sections. The country through which they travel is more congenial and more thickly settled. Besides, the Homedale branch offers rail transportation to these people into Ontario. True, they can also continue by rail on to Vale, but it means a loss of much valuable time. That there is great need for a new court house is denied by no one, and if the citizens of Ontario are willing to make the taxpayers of the county so magnificent a gift, why should it be refused? As concerning the people of Nyssa in particular, there is no need for argument that the Ontario location would better suit them and their needs. The road service, the train service, the telephone service, are sufficient reasons, without more particular details. Reports from Big Bend, Kingman Colony and Owyhee state the petitions circulated among them regarding this proposition were signed by the people almost as a unit.

The poor farm is something the county needs badly and Nyssa people feel that they have been unfairly treated in the past regarding the location of county institutions, and also in the matter of allotting public offices. None of her citizens have ever been given even a remote opportunity in this respect, and although this town is tributary to the best settled and most fertile portion of Malheur county, none of the county buildings decorate the landscape. Therefore, if such a farm is to be established, Nyssa is strictly within her rights in asking for it. The initial cost of \$15,000, placed as sufficient to buy the land and equip the farm, is insignificant when compared with its worth to the taxpayers and the county generally. That one of Nyssa's loyal citizens has proffered a tract of land remarkably well situated and already improved at \$200 an acre proves the earnest desire of this community to make the enterprise a success. The big saving effected in the budget of \$11,000 annually being paid by the county for the support of indigents would be so materially reduced by the establishment of the poor farm that no additional expense would be developed from it. In other words, it will impose no additional burden upon the taxpayers.

From the Vale Commercial Club comes a resolution strongly endorsing the Big Bend bridge movement. These are the reasons given and they are sufficient as logical. Under present conditions the geographical situation of Big Bend is such that the residents of that territory are compelled to do their trading largely in Idaho. The Big Bend consists of seven thousand acres of land that is fertile as any in Malheur county or the Snake river valley and the residents of that section are rapidly improving their property. Their trade is rapidly increasing in value and Malheur county is suffering from a loss of this business. The people of Vale—and this is the sentiment we find existing in all parts of the county—UNANIMOUSLY feel that the Big Bend is justly entitled to be permanently connected with the rest of Malheur county and is entitled to this bridge and has long been at a disadvantage without this bridge. We would add to these sentiments that the people of the Owyhee believe such an improvement would so increase the value of property on this side of the river as well as the Big Bend, the added worth of the land to the county taxes would more than suffice to retire the bonds in the twenty years allotted. Nyssa is practically unanimous for allowing Big Bend this improvement, and Ontario business men state so far as they are able to ascertain the feeling there is strongly in favor of it, both in the town and among the farmers in the adjacent country.

Owyhee Voters, Notice.

Owyhee voters are hereby notified that the registration books are open at the home of Wm. Peutz and as many important matters are to come up this fall everyone should be sure to register.

Wm. Peutz, Registrar.

VALE FAVORS THE BIG BEND BRIDGE

WHEREAS the Big Bend Good Roads Committee are at this time circulating a Petition for the purpose of submitting to the taxpayers of Malheur County the question of bonding the County in the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of building a permanent bridge across Snake River to connect the Big Bend territory on the Idaho side of such river with the rest of Malheur county, and

Whereas, the geographical situation of Big Bend is such that the residents of that territory are compelled to trade and do their business in the State of Idaho, and

Whereas, Big Bend consists of approximately seven thousand acres of land that is as fertile as any in Malheur county or in the Snake river valley and the residents of said section are rapidly improving their property and their trade is rapidly increasing in value and Malheur county is suffering from a loss of such business, and

Whereas, the people of the city of Vale unanimously feel that Big Bend is justly entitled to be permanently connected with the rest of Malheur county and is entitled to this improvement and has long been at a disadvantage without a bridge, now therefore

Be It Resolved, That we, the Chamber of Commerce, representing the people of the City of Vale, are heartily in accord with the proposition of constructing a permanent bridge at such cost as may be necessary across the Snake river at Big Bend and will use every endeavor to forward such enterprise, collectively and individually.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Big Bend Good Roads committee and to the press of Malheur county, Oregon, as well as to the county court of said county.

meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Vale, Oregon, this the 24th day of August, 1914, and after being read many arguments were heard in support of same and upon a vote the same was unanimously adopted.

Dated at Vale, Oregon, this the 24th day of August, 1914.
Geo. E. Davis, President.
Leslie L. Hope, Secretary.

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A wonderful chance for bargains in furniture will be found at Ontario Saturday afternoon and evening when the J. H. Farley furniture stock will be sold at public auction.—Adv.

O'd English Custom.
An ancient custom of a race deciding the rent was witnessed at Bourne, Lincolnshire, England, recently. A race was run by two boys during the letting of the Whitebread meadow, and upon the return of the winning boy the last bidder was returned the tenant for the year. After expenses are paid the rent money is spent in bread, which is distributed to householders in the town.

C. F. McCreary.
The motorist ought to be a wheel to pedestrian whom he has hit—I say, before you go if I haven't hurt your arm too much you might start my baby engine up a mile.—London Opinion.

Alum Considered a Charm.
Alum is worn as a charm in parts of Asia Minor. A triangular piece is placed in a case of silver and worn suspended from a string about the neck.

Cause for Vexation.
"What's the matter with McGrouch? He is more bitter against women than ever." "He had four queens beaten last night."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Bad Outlook.
First Factory Owner—"This Race suicide business looks bad for the country." Second Factory Owner—"Yes, the factory of the next generation will face a severe child-labor famine."—Puck.

Mother, the Ever Faithful.
The children are sick, mother is up with them all night; father is sick, and mother is up with him; but when mother is sick does anybody know of it but the Lord?—Frances Garside.

He Could Illustrate.
"Johnny," said the pretty teacher, "what's a kiss?" "I can't exactly put it in words," returned the boy, "but if yer really want to know, I can show yer."

Observation.
Some guys are so stingy they won't buy a drink for themselves when anybody's around for fear the other fellow may get some pleasure watching them drink it.

Let Mosquitoes Be Warned in Time.
Scientists have now discovered that mosquitoes can be killed with salt. If the method consists in sprinkling salt on their tails it won't work. We tried it on birds in our youth.

The Road to Peace.
There is one road to peace and that is truth.—Shelley.

Common Human Frailty.
Every man has a punch in his mind that he couldn't transmit to either hand to save his liver.

Compaction.
The sin leaves its human estimation as the sense of guilt increases.—Schiller

Keep Cheerful.
The man with a cheerful disposition doubles his power.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

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For removing ink stains and iron rust from wash goods, cream of tartar is excellent. Dampen with solution and put in the sun.

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ALL mothers who have not registered their babies for the Malheur County Better Babies Contest, to be held at Vale Sept. 3, 4, 5, should do so at once, as the time is growing short, and this is an opportunity that should not be missed.

All entries should be by Sept. 1. The county has been districted into seven divisions, as shown in former articles in this paper.

The business men of Vale will give a suitably engraved GOLD medal to the highest scoring baby of each district. The Womans Home Companion will give a BRONZE medal to the baby receiving the highest score in the county. A DIPLOMA to the best boy and girl in each age division. A CERTIFICATE to every baby examined.

The Vale Civic Club will give a suitably engraved SILVER CUP to the best boy and to the best girl in the county. Each mother will receive an eight page folder containing practical advice.

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