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PROJECT IS GIVEN O. K.

REPORT OF STATE ENGINEER VERY FAVORABLE

COST IS NOT EXCESSIVE

DISTRICT HAS A VALUABLE ASSET IN THE SURPLUS WATER NOW STORED

Following is the complete report on the Warm Springs Irrigation district, prepared and presented to the Irrigation and Drainage Securities Commission last week by State Engineer Percy A. Cupper:

On September 19, 1922, the Irrigation and Drainage Securities Commission had before it for consideration the application of the Warm Springs District for the extension of the period during which the State will pay for interest on the district bonds. The Commission at that time entered the following order:

"The application of the Warm Springs Irrigation District for an extension of the interest payment period by the State on bonds of said District in amount of \$1,550,000.00, was considered, and the Secretary was instructed to advise the District that the Commission would extend the interest payment period on bonds numbered 1 to 750, inclusive, for one-half year, and on bonds numbered 751 to 1,550, inclusive, for one year, provided the District secured satisfactory agreements for the sale of lands within the District in accordance with the requirements of Article XI-b of the Constitution. In the event that it is found impractical to fix the price at which such lands shall be disposed of, at the present time, the Commission will expect the prices to be fixed by the Oregon Development Board or some other disinterested committee. The State has paid interest on the Warm Springs Irrigation District bonds amounting to \$313,500.00, and if the full amount of additional interest is paid as requested in the application of the district, the State will be called upon to advance \$118,000.00 thus making a total of \$432,000.00.

However, if only six months' additional interest is paid on \$750,000. (and it would seem that this is the maximum period covered by the election held in the district for this purpose) the additional interest payments will amount to \$100,500.00 making a total obligation of the district to the State of \$414,000.00.

The District has filed with the Commission a contract for the sale of lands covering 7052.7 acres in the district at prices ranging from \$20 per acre for inferior, raw land to \$150 per acre for improved land with almost full credit for water rights.

A considerable area in the district had water rights prior to the creation of the Warm Springs Irrigation District and credits were allowed these lands so that in some instances practically no assessment is levied against the land excepting for operation, maintenance and drainage. These credits vary from practically a full water right to lands which had no water rights prior to the creation of the district.

On March 10th at a meeting of the Irrigation and Drainage Securities Commission it was ordered that the Commission should visit the Warm Springs Project, examine its affairs and determine whether the price of the lands listed for sale was reasonable.

Three members of the Commission were unable to make the trip. The Governor and State Engineer accompanied by Mr. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, left Portland on March 19 and arrived at Baker the following morning, and were joined by William Stewart and William Dubv. The State Highway Commissioners. The party drove to Ontario where they were joined by William Hanley, the president of the State Chamber of Commerce. The afternoon of the 20th was spent in driving over the project inspecting the lands listed for sale and the project generally.

The next day was taken up with a meeting of the land owners at Vale and Ontario.

The project is in rather serious condition, owing to adverse conditions.

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BROGAN WILL HOLD ANNUAL BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AGAIN

BARBECUE WILL FEATURE THE ENTERTAINMENT

Plans Being Perfected To Make This Year's Fiesta Better Than Last Year

In keeping with the precedent set last year, the people of Brogan will entertain to the world again this year at an Annual Blossom Festival, says Arden A. Reed.

The date has not been set and all of the committees appointed says Mr. Reed, but they have definitely decided to hold the Festival and will have date plans to announce within a short time.

During the day the affair will be a general festival in celebration of blossom time in the famous Brogan orchards. There will be a barbecue and many entertainment features free to the guests. In the evening a dance will be held in the Community Hall for which a charge will be made to go into the hall fund.

Last year's Festival was a decided success. Hundreds of people gathered in Brogan from all over the county and a good deal of interest has been expressed since then that Brogan make it an annual event.

SPOTTED FEVER IS INCREASING

EIGHT DEATHS REPORTED LAST YEAR IN OREGON

OUTDOOR WORKERS WARNED TO INSPECT BODIES OFTEN FOR SAGE TICKS

During the past five years Rocky Mountain spotted fever has steadily increasing in Eastern Oregon, according to a bulletin issued this week by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, collaborating epidemiologist of the Oregon State Board of Health. Increase in the number of deaths naturally follows the increase in the number of cases. The death rate is approximately ten per cent in Oregon. In Idaho the death rate from the disease is lower, while in the Bitter Root Valley of Montana the death rate is approximately ninety per cent.

So far the disease has not invaded that district west of the Cascade mountains. In Eastern Oregon there occurred eight deaths and approximately 100 cases in 1922.

The disease is contracted from the bite of the tick of the genus *Dermacentor*, commonly called the sage tick. In Oregon the months of April May and June show the greatest number of cases. Cases have been reported as early as February and as late as September.

Those who are out of doors and are accessible to ticks should make frequent inspections of the body, three times daily for ticks; since the tick is slow to attach and usually remains for a short period before beginning the act of feeding. The physicians are requested to report all cases of the disease coming to their attention.

On April 5 and 6 there will be held in Missoula, Montana a conference of all state and provincial health officers of the Rocky Mountain districts of the United States and Canada to discuss the problems of this disease. Mr. Stricker will deliver an address at the conference.

EGG NINE IN. AROUND

Some Record Breaking Hens at Westfall Farm

A monster egg was recently laid by a Rhode Island hen belonging to Mrs. J. B. Claypool of Westfall which is thought to be a record breaker. It weighed five ounces and measured nearly nine inches around the long way.

Mrs. Claypool has some fine pullets which are making astonishing records. One Plymouth Rock pullet began laying the day she left the nest with her brood of chicks and has not missed a day since.

Disease organisms are apt to be found on ground where old poultry stock has been recently run. It is desirable to rear chicks on ground which has not held stock for some time.

County News of Interest

OWYHEE

Little three year old Robbie Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, narrowly escaped drowning Monday, while playing with his little sisters near the Owyhee ditch, which is now running full, he fell into the ditch. One of the little girls called her mother, who ran down the ditch watching for the child to come up. Presently his little hand came up in sight and though unable to swim Mrs. Wallace plunged bravely into the water after him. She succeeded in getting him the second time he appeared but went under a couple of times herself before being able to struggle out. The child was unconscious but his mother succeeded in reviving him and at last reports he was making a good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Loye and son Milford were Vale visitors Saturday. Milford went on to Creston, where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Guy Shumway, and attend school there until close of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klingback and little daughters were Nyssa visitors Monday.

Miss Cora Elliott was a guest of Evelyn DeBord Sunday.

County Club Leader W. D. Kinder met with the dairy club Saturday. Plans were made for participating in the coming interscholastic track meet to be held in Ontario. Nine boys and two girls will take part.

H. Walters started his cattle to the hills last Tuesday.

J. P. McGinnis, Henry Slippery and Jesse Cantrall cleaned out the Collins ditch last week preparatory to starting irrigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lu de Goede moved onto the Overstreet's Owyhee ranch last week, Mr. de Goede being employed by R. R. Overstreet.

ARCADIA

Charlie Bullard and family and John Vanderpool and little son spent the day with C. W. Barrett and family.

R. J. Miller and family and Mrs. Margaret Clark spent Sunday with Jim Miller and family of Vale.

John Zittercob and wife were visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dial, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Splon of Vale were visiting relatives in this vicinity Sunday.

Rev. Blom of Ontario preached here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Quinley and Mrs. Jim Benall went to Ontario to buy new hats Saturday.

A surprise birthday party was given at Charlie Bullard's Friday evening for Mrs. Bullard.

Lloyd Oris and wife and baby were calling at Ira Dial's Sunday.

Miss Miller, one of the Ontario teachers, spent the week-end with Miss Helen Butler.

Charlie Gossett and wife, formerly of this place, now of Nampa, have a fine baby boy, born a couple of weeks ago.

Mrs. E. B. Butler, Sr., were calling at C. W. Barrett's Sunday afternoon.

Bee Snow of Nyssa was in this vicinity on business Friday.

Tom Perrian's children were out of school last week with pinkeye.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lackey attended a dance in Ontario Wednesday evening.

ADRIAN

Clarence Elliott and his sister Elsie were supper guests at the Felix Harris home Tuesday evening.

Business is very good on Saturday evening nowadays, the farmers coming in after work to do their trading.

Peter Christensen, the well known rancher just east of town, has bought 40 acres of land from William Edwards, and expects to farm it this season.

Mrs. Susie Johnston, W. E. Edwards and Web Otis were in Parma on business one day this week.

Mrs. Chris Anderson, who has been in poor health while living at Rome, Or., has come to spend the summer with her two daughters, Mrs. D. T. Holly and Mrs. J. W. Gibson. Mrs. Anderson's health is much improved.

C. E. Winkler has been trucking for Morgan & Fine to Ontario this week.

J. C. Watson of Parma is a frequent visitor in Adrian nowadays, while looking after the potatoes that are being shipped from this vicinity.

The first postoffice inspector ever known to visit Adrian, came Saturday with the mail carrier, and reported things in the Adrian postoffice in good condition.

R. C. Enos made a trip to Nyssa one day this week, returning with a load of wire and hardware in general.

The citizens of Adrian were very sorry to lose the Harris family as their neighbors, who have moved down on the old Ed Gibson ranch in Big Bend. Mr. Harris will work for Mr. Looney this summer.

R. C. Enos and family accompanied by Mrs. Dollie McCreary were Vale visitors Tuesday.

P. W. Milsap of Big Bend was in Adrian on business Friday.

V. Mendiola shipped a carload of wool from this point Friday. He states that there is very little feed in the hills as yet.

Mrs. W. J. Robinson has been on the sick list this week. Mrs. Johnson has been helping them out the last few days.

Mrs. Herbert Hickox reports that she has 600 little incubator chicks all doing nicely. She will have about that many more the 13th of this month, as she expects to reset her incubators.

Adrian expects to make a big showing in the baseball line this summer. The boys are practicing hard now.

The officers for this season are Verne Eachus, captain; R. C. Enos, manager, secretary and treasurer.

J. E. Holly and family motored to Jamieson Sunday, where they spent the day visiting with relatives.

Four carloads of Masons from this vicinity attended the regular lodge meeting in Nyssa Monday evening.

D. T. Holly is having his Ford overhauled, the work being done by himself and Clarence Elliott in the Adrian garage.

WESTFALL

Mr. Weaver and wife came up from Vale Wednesday of last week, bringing Rev. Trevor Orton, who held services at the school house that evening.

Plans are being made for improving the church house doors, windows and paint has been ordered. As soon as they arrive, Rev. Orton says, he will be back to help with the work.

The teachers took their pupils out for a hike Friday afternoon and treated them to a weenie roast and marshmallow toast.

Louis Napton of Payette was here on business last week.

Mrs. G. A. Claypool and daughter Edna and John Boswell visited at the Joe Claypool ranch Saturday and Sunday.

The dance given by the base ball boys Saturday night started with only a small crowd until about 10:30 when 12 couples came over from Harper. Music was donated by local musicians who were aided with excellent music by Edna Claypool, piano and John Boswell, saxophone, both students of the Vale high school. Supper was served at \$40.

Master Roland Hyde who had his arm broken last week is getting along nicely.

Felix Barclay is moving to Vale this week.

L. M. Estes has taken charge of the stage line formerly conducted by Mr. Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Highsmith visited in Ontario Saturday.

A large crowd witnessed the ball game Sunday on the local field with the Bonita baseball players. The Westfall boys were defeated by a very large majority but expect to reverse the score at Bonita this Sunday.

Mack Lee and Frank Scott spent Saturday afternoon leveling off the ball diamond.

Frank Smith is again home after a month's work at Beulah.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Small was quite ill Sunday and was taken to Vale to consult a doctor. Upon his improvement in the afternoon he was brought home.

Ike Crosby of Jordan Valley spent a few days in town on business last week.

James Graham was in Westfall looking after his bees Monday.

James Becker was an outgoing passenger on the stage Monday.

MANWHO PROSPECTED HERE BELIEVES OIL WILL BE FOUND

OLD OIL MAN SAYS THERE ARE GOOD INDICATIONS

Only a Question of Capitol and Honest Drilling He Believes

There is not a doubt in the mind of W. D. Patch, of Weiser, but that oil will be struck in the Vale district.

Mr. Patch is an old oil man. Fifteen years ago he prospected this district for oil and asserts the indications are most favorable. In his opinion all that is necessary is for some concern with plenty of capital to come here with the determination to strike oil and drill until it does.

Mr. Patch was in Vale the first of the week and recalled many of the experiences he had in prospecting the Vale Oil field.

OREGON SLOPE

Albert Craven left Monday for Brogan, where he has employment for the summer.

O. C. Miller and W. L. Stevens were Huntington business visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sullens and son Harold motored to Nyssa Sunday and visited at the Sitton and Johnston homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Natta were guests of Payette relatives Sunday.

C. H. Robertson of Payette and I. I. Culbertson motored to Home, Oregon, Tuesday, where they transacted business.

The Dead Ox Flat baseball enthusiasts met last Sunday at 10 o'clock on the baseball grounds and held the first practice for the 1923 season.

Jim Carico, manager elect, and Ernest Lauer, captain, were present and outlined the work for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vincent transacted business in Vale Wednesday of last week.

Misses Louise and Mariam Davis entertained a group of their school friends at their home Friday evening. Games were enjoyed during the evening, followed by dainty refreshments. The guests included Ruby and Velda Johnson, Minnie Matteson, Nettie and Mary Bartsh, Chester Holloway, Curtis Carico and Harold McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Troxell were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carico.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Clough entertained at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Boals, Gordon, Gertrude and Mary Boals and Miss Maude Culp.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Karst and daughter Evaline were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis.

Gordon Boals returned to school at Walla Walla, Wash., Tuesday morning, after having spent his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Boals.

Mrs. L. R. Breithaupt of Ontario is spending a few days with friends on the Slope.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McVicker, who recently moved to their new home on the J. D. Orr ranch, were delightfully surprised Friday evening when about 30 of their friends and neighbors gathered at their home for an old fashioned house warming.

Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour, when a delicious luncheon was served.

Mrs. Nickerson of Middleton, Ida., was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Heslop.

One of the most enjoyable social affairs of the week was the musical given by Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Heslop at their home Sunday evening. The program included piano solos by Miss Dorman and Miss Colman, violin and cello solos by Mr. Kinder and C. C. Wilcox and readings by F. B. Wilcox.

At about 7 o'clock a dainty luncheon was served. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Kinder and Miss Kinder of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Aiken, Mrs. Breithaupt, Miss Alice Dorman, Miss Callan and Miss Myran of Ontario, Mr. Nickerson of Middleton, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilcox and F. B. Wilcox of the Slope.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McVicker entertained at the following districts.

Harper—J. D. Fairman, Bob Copeland and John Turner.

Westfall—Ben Payne, Steve Woodward, and Cleve Cammon.

Malheur—C. H. Morfitt, J. B. Woodcock and W. M. Worsham.

Brogan—Tom Logan, J. Hamstreet and C. H. Oxman.

Ironside—H. C. Elms, Ernest Lacey and Arthur Nichols.

Watson—William Griffith, Frank Davis and Frank McKnight.

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Miss Amanda Gregory left for Jordan Valley last week where she will visit her brother for a while.

V. A. Becker moved his cattle from the Sells ranch to his home place Monday.

ROADWORK OUTLINED

REPAIRS TO BE DONE UNDER DISTRICT SUPERVISION

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON LITTLE VALLEY TO HARPER CUT-OFF

Three definite road projects were agreed upon between the county court and representatives of various road districts at the April meeting of the county court Wednesday afternoon. This get-together meeting was sponsored by the Vale Commercial club which sent out a call for representatives from various interior road districts to meet with the court and a committee from the club.

Broadly speaking, the roads effected are the Vale-Harper road, the Brogan-Malheur road and the Vale-Watson road.

The Little Valley-Harper cut-off will be opened at once and constructed as far as the funds of the Harper district will permit this year. Judge Test appointed J. D. Fairman, Bob Copeland and John Turner as the supervising committee for the Harper district and authorized Mr. Fairman, who was present, to begin the work at once. County road tools and machinery will be loaned the district and a construction camp opened in Little Valley.

While most of the Harper road from Vines hill to Little Valley is in the Vale road district, Mr. Fairman stated that he would have it dragged through to the hill and later look for some like co-operation from the Vale district.

The Little Valley-Harper cut off will shorten the distance from Vale to Harper by seven miles. While it is several miles farther from Westfall to Vale through Harper, Mr. Fairman said this route would be 30 minutes shorter in time for Westfall people and would be used almost exclusively when the cut-off is open.

With three districts co-operating, Brogan, Malheur and Ironsides, the roads in the northern part of the county will be improved. The first of these to receive attention will be the canyon road from Brogan to Malheur. Work will begin on it at once. The bridge at the Golden Eagle mine on the Malheur-Ironside road will be repaired and the highway smoothed up.

The third project to be discussed was that of making a connection between the gravelled highway southwest of Vale and the Watson road. Percy Purvis advised the court that farmers in his part of the district will gravel the short stretch across the valley from the McLaughlin bridge to the foothills providing the county will grade it and repair the culverts. County Engineer Tamblin was instructed to make an estimate of the cost.

This proposed outlet from Vale to the Watson district will join the present Watson road in the upper end of Sand Hollow. It will shorten the distance a little, it is said, and give ten miles of gravel road.

Judge Test said it was financially impossible to think about a bridge over Dry creek on the Watson road this year. He advised that a petition be made to the court before the budget was made up this fall and said that provision could then be made to build this bridge next year.

At the outset of the meeting the county court advised that building roads required tax money and that taxes were coming very slow this year. Request was made to all interested in road improvement in the county to recommend three responsible men in their districts to supervise the spending of the district's road funds. These committees will be permitted, the court advised, to improve the roads until the district's funds were exhausted.

Supervising committees were appointed for the following districts.

Harper—J. D. Fairman, Bob Copeland and John Turner.

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