

JOHN DAY UNIT NEAR COMPLETION

TEN DAYS WORK WILL COMPLETE LITTLE LOST VALLEY SECTION.

WORK DONE IN COW VALLEY

Road Workers Move To Vale To Spend Winter Months—Concrete Workers Done.

From the Malheur Enterprise.
Despite the rainy weather of the last two weeks, the Malheur county unit of the John Day highway which runs from the foot of the Brogan hill, through Cow valley and Little Lost valley to Unity Beam creek section, is practically completed. The entire stretch covers a distance of over twenty miles. Tom Craig, sub-contractor for H. C. Boyer of Ontario, wound up the Cow Valley stretch this week. Only the last ends of the work remain to be finished on the Little Lost Valley stretch, which has been constructed by Brown, Drummir, Smith and Enebeck.

Good Road Construction

Again very favorable reports reach Vale regarding the construction of this particular section of the John Day highway. It has been said that the grading excels any road in this country. The Little Lost valley section was also a most difficult road project. Its construction necessitated the filling in of two very deep cuts and the levelling of rather a steep hill. However, the contractors have exceeded highest expectations and have built what has been called a masterpiece road.

Surfacing Next Year

The surfacing on the stretch from Austin to Unity has just been completed, and it is understood that the surfacing on the Malheur county unit will be done in 1926. This will complete one of the finest road projects in Oregon, a road that opens a new country to long needed development.

TURKEY SHIPMENT VALUED AT \$7000

From the Malheur Enterprise.
R. E. Weant, local dealer, has estimated that turkeys for the holiday trade valued at about \$7000 have left the city this week for Payette, where they have been loaded into cars and shipped to the far eastern market. Every day in the week farmers of this county have brought in truck loads of fine, fat birds, and they have been picked at Mr. Weant's headquarters in the Diven building.

Again this year, county farmers have been fortunate in growing a produce that has brought a topnotch market price. On Wednesday turkeys jumped from 36 cents per pound to 40 cents, the growers' price. "Turkey growers are sure making the money," says Mr. Weant. "Last year I paid as low as 20 cents for most of the turkeys bought. I am glad to see them get the price, however," concluded the dealer.
The \$7000 valuation of last week's shipping includes some thousand turkeys, most of them having weighed around fourteen pounds. They also complete the season's shipment east. From now until Christmas, the birds will be shipped to the coast and used for local trade.

One of the finest turkey sales was that of Fretwell & Inman, of Owyhee. The birds were unusually large weighing around 16 pounds, and were perfectly fattened on corn. The birds grown by Orvall Scott, Mr. Coon, Geo. McLaughlin, of Vale, by J. L. Pope and John Norwood of Jamieson also graded high.

DELINQUENT TAX SALE ON PROPERTY VALUED AT \$482,000

On Saturday, November 19th, at the courthouse in Vale, Sheriff C. W. Glenn will sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to property lying in Malheur county, on which taxes have become delinquent since 1920. The lands will be sold for taxes and accrued interest, to satisfy same to Malheur county, debtor.

The land is valued at \$482,000, according to the decree of foreclosure signed by Judge Dalton Biggs on November 28th.

Practically all of the land to be sold at public sale next Saturday consists of farm land, and lies in various parts of the county. The delinquent list for 1920 also includes a few outlying lots in Vale and other townships.

There will be no better opportunity for prospective land buyers, and much interest in the sale has already been manifested.

Steiner, Carey Stanfield

A valued subscriber to The Voter submits the following brief analysis: "Steiner? He was in the Senate when I was a member of the House; heavy, distant, not constituted to make close affiliations; not an orator; very ordinary as a speaker; we have better timber.

"Judge Carey? A brainy man; excellent lawyer with genial personality; would be my choice of the two.

"Stanfield? His usefulness to the state is incalculable; we want results, accomplishment; he knows how to get results; is in a position that could not be caught up with in 10 years by equally able man, and none so able to get results; he as a trader and a trader always gets more results than a scholar or a lawyer in a legislative mix-up."—Oregon Voter.
The above estimate of the candidates for the Republican nomination for United States Senator brings out the situation exactly, and it is unnecessary to add that, for the next few years, Oregon needs the most influential and able man available.

The present time is most critical. We have outbuilt our ability to pay.

Accruing interest has taken the form of taxation that simple economy will not reduce or legal advice relieve.

It is a predicament that nothing but constructive business will relieve, by placing more valuations on the tax rolls.

Who is offering to, or who can, deliver the goods?

STANFIELD.

ROAD BOOSTERS MEET HI-WAY COMMISSION

Judge H. Lee Noe, of Malheur county, was asked to accompany Judge Johnson of Harney county and an advisory committee to Portland this week where they went for an important conference with the state highway commission, the bureau of public roads and state forest service. However, Judge Noe was unable to attend. The meeting was called for the purpose of making up the road budget for the coming year, and no doubt money was included to match the bond issue of \$200,000 which Harney county will spend on roads.

The proposition now facing Harney county is to get the most practical roads designated by the highway commission the first of the year, thus putting the state in a position to share expenses of road building with state funds.

As \$35,000 was included in the Harney county bond issue for the construction of the Burns-Drewsey road to the Malheur county line, a section of the proposed Central Oregon Highway, it too will likely be designated by the state highway commission.

OWYHEE

Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet and son Robert and the faculties of the Kingman and Owyhee schools visited at the Lowe home Thursday night and listened to some popular old time or old time popular music on the Lowe's new Silvertone.
Our box supper was a great success from every viewpoint and \$24.75 was realized from the sale of the beautiful boxes and the lovely cakes and special lunches. Harry Evans did the auctioneering and received top prices for each box. We enjoyed the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Pullen from Roswell, and Mrs. Frank DeBord and daughter from Payette, as all these helped with our program.

Mrs. Evans and daughter Mrs. Hennis received a much appreciated Christmas gift from Mrs. Evans' parents in Colorado. It was round-trip tickets to visit them and they will leave Saturday. Mr. Evans will ship out to Colorado a car of apples for the Idaho Equity about the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klingback entertained at a big farewell dinner for the Evans Sunday. Those present were the honor guests and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher and Rev. Snow.

It was decided at Sunday School that Rev. Snow would hold a series of meetings at the schoolhouse this week.

After this writing Mrs. Thomas Lowe will take over the correspondence and we sincerely hope she may have the cooperation in this work that we have always received. Mrs. Lowe's telephone number is 73F12 and please call her when you have a news item, for news from each family is what the absent ones rejoice in. So please take time to help her as she is a very, very busy lady and it seems that she is given everything to do because she is so willing and kind.

COLLEGE INCURSES COUNTY AGENT WORK

REPRESENTATIVES IN VARIOUS COUNTIES PROVIDED FOR IN TENTATIVE BUDGET.

Work of the college in cooperation with Oregon counties through the county extension agents last year met with more than usual approval by the people, reports F. L. Ballard, county agent leader. The number of extension agents cooperatively supported by the counties promises to be greater next year.

All of the 35 college county representatives are provided for in tentative budgets made out by the county courts for 1926. In addition, Polk county has made provision for an agricultural agent, Clackamas for a county club leader, and Umatilla for an assistant county agent, according to Ballard.

The widespread adoption of federation wheat east of the Cascades, development of alfalfa as a forage crop in the Willamette valley, and a big increase in vetch acreage in the coast counties, are three pieces of extension work that have attracted much attention during 1925. Due to the three-year demonstration program carried on by the extension service, the acreage of federation wheat totalled approximately 400,000 this year. The average increase in yield is at least five bushels per acre.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS IN MANY COUNTRIES

Every land has its Christmas customs and superstitions, but it is only since the Christian era that the spirit of kindness and good will has prevailed all over.

The Christmas stocking originated in Italy and the legend goes that good old St. Nicholas of Padua is responsible for it. He had a habit of going about the windows of the poor and slyly throwing in a knitted purse of money. After a time the purses were hung just outside the windows, so that he might skip no one. In northern Italy it was so cold that a stocking was substituted and hung by the chimney place, and slipping down the chimney he would put his gift there.

The Russian children fill their shoes with hay ten days before Christmas and place them outside the door, so that St. Nicholas may have food for his horse, for this is the time he makes the rounds to find where the good children live, before going out to take the gifts.
The Bulgarians think that the animals talk with each other on Christmas night; the sheep walk in a procession about the place, and the bees hum in their hives.

In Sweden and Norway, thirteen days are given over for the Christmas festival and are called "Yule days," or "Tretten Yule." For days the house mother is busy making everything spotlessly clean. Boughs from the juniper and fir trees are spread upon the floor. The family go, in turn, to the bake house, which has been made warm, and here each takes a good wash from head to foot. This is considered an important part of the ceremonies, for in many cases it is the only bath taken until next Yuletide.

The children of today, and of all the days to come, will be glad that the Roundheads of Oliver Cromwell's time, and the Puritans of New England, did not succeed in losing Christmas off the map, as they tried so hard to do. The Bay Colony of Massachusetts did prohibit the making of mince pies, for a time, and declared that trimming the house with greens was a wicked and pagan custom. But we have good authority for even this custom, for Christ's only day of public honor on earth was marked by the strewing of palm branches before Him on the day of His entrance into Jerusalem.

In pagan days the boughs of holly and spruce were supposed to be placed so that the sprites and fairies might have a place to hide, and bring good luck to the family. But the Christian world has given a spiritual meaning to even this custom. The boughs of fir and spruce signify the power and love of God, which shall flourish as a green bay tree, and live to endless time.

"I wish to cordially endorse the coming anti-tuberculosis campaign in Oregon, through the sale of Christmas Seals. I note with pleasure the report of the great decrease in the death rate from tuberculosis in our home state, during the past fourteen years, and believe that this is due in a large measure to the money derived from the sale of Christmas Seals.

"The Christmas Seal campaign is a most worthy one and I consider it a distinct privilege to be able to add my testimony to the great number who hold a like opinion."

HON. N. J. SINNOTT,
U. S. Representative from Oregon.

JORDAN VALLEY

Walter Looney is here from Portland looking after business interests. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cowgill announce the marriage of their daughter Ethel to Russell Dentel, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Thanksgiving Day. They will continue their studies at O. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lambert are moving their household goods to the 45 ranch at Owyhee, Nevada. Mr. Lambert will visit relatives at Weiser and Baker until spring.

Mrs. Mary Shepherd will leave this week for Stevensville, Montana, and after the holidays will enter the State Normal at Dillon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baltzor of Cow Creek are spending the week at Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ditton visited at the Stanford home Saturday.

Mrs. Haylett and son Daniel, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Strode were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fahin Sunday.

Miss Irene Stitzel spent Monday and Tuesday the guest of Maxine Haylett.

Tom Creicher is visiting his niece Mrs. J. W. Baltzor.

Miss Edna Lee spent the week end at the Cliffs, as the guest of Miss Margaret Hardisty.

It was intended at the beginning of school on Cow Creek to have a month's vacation at Christmas, but as the weather is so nice it has been decided to postpone the vacation until later, when the weather will be more stormy. There will be no holidays except Christmas and New Year's day.

The program committee of the Cow Creek literary society is in charge of the Christmas tree and program to be held at the schoolhouse.

Ted Blackstock of Squaw creek was a business visitor at the Ditton ranch the first of the week. He took home the herd of purebred Red Polled cattle which have been pasturing here this fall.

The debate for the next meeting of Literary to be held December 18 is, Resolved, That there is more pleasure in pursuit than in possession. The speakers for the affirmative are Mrs. Chevally, Mr. Haylett, Daniel Haylett, negative, Maxine Haylett, Irene Stitzel, R. A. Ditton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ditton and family called at Hayletts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wolfe spent the past week at railroad points on business.

Miss Lydia Thiel was an all night guest of Mrs. Riley Wyatt Saturday.

E. F. Baltzor returned home Wednesday from Homedale with lumber and winter supplies. Mr. Baltzor is rebuilding his house on the Spring ranch.

Robt. McConnell is laying new floors in his house on Mahogany Mt.

CHRISTMAS SEALS AND TUBERCULOSIS FIGHT

In 1924, 593 Oregon people died with tuberculosis. Best estimates indicate that probably 5000 are afflicted with the disease. Careful studies show that between the ages of 15 and 40, which may be called the best years of life, more Oregonians die of tuberculosis than from any other cause of death and the same is true throughout the United States as a whole. All this is in spite of the fact tuberculosis is known to be preventable and curable.

"We know enough about tuberculosis to scotch it within a generation. It is not lack of knowledge, it is lack of application of knowledge that impedes our progress." These were the words of Dr. Allen K. Krause, leading American authority on tuberculosis, when he visited Oregon last summer. He also pointed out that the knowledge which makes physicians confidently assert that "tuberculosis is preventable and curable" is not knowledge regarding medicines or treatments that can be called "specific cures." It is knowledge regarding the fundamental rules of healthy living.

It is disregard of the rules of healthy living that permits tuberculosis to continue as so great a menace to humane life. It is knowledge of these rules, and care in their application which will eventually overcome tuberculosis. It is the tremendous progress in this direction which has made possible the 50% reduction in the tuberculosis death rate in the United States within the last 15 years, and the 28% reduction in Oregon's rate within the last ten years.

Christmas Seals finance the campaign of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association which is specifically designed to meet the need of teaching health. Public Health nurses are put into the field in Oregon. Health teaching is taken into the Oregon schools. Literature is distributed, exhibits are prepared, and every known channel of teaching health is employed.

The objective of the health teaching is to overcome tuberculosis by striking at its vulnerable spot.

When They Do, They're Fas.

A Portland woman is having a dress made of red, white and blue, because she says that they are colors that were never known to run.—Portland Express.

THE CALL FOR A MAN

Wanted: A man who can find things to be done without the help of a manager and three assistants.

A man who gets to work on time in the morning and does not imperil the lives of others in an attempt to be the first to quit work at night.

A man who is neat in appearance and does not sulk for an hour's overtime in emergencies.

A man who listens carefully when he is spoken to and asks only enough questions to insure the accurate carrying out of instructions.

A man who moves quickly and makes as little noise as possible about it.

A man who looks you straight in the eye and tells the truth every time.

A man who does not pity himself for having to work.

A man who is cheerful, courteous to everyone and determined to "make good."

A man who, when he does not know, says, "I do not know," and when he is asked to do anything says, "I'll try."—Powell River Digester.

IT MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

While it seems impossible to say anything new on the subject of Christmas celebration, the miracle of the season is that the custom of nearly 2,000 years makes practically all things new. The aged become young again through their rejoicing in the delights of the grand-children with the thing that once made their own eyes open wide in wonder—memories of their own childhood also come back to them.

It is not simply a jest that papa also likes to play—even though he may say it is just to test them—with the toys he buys for the youngsters. Thus, while the holiday is particularly a festival for the children, emphasizing the story of the Babe in the Manger, it also has for the elders its pleasures and the wider significance of that world-inspiring event in Bethlehem.

SIDELIGHTS

Mohammedanism, too, has its modernist problem according to recent reports which tell of the dismissal of Ali Abd-el-Razek, famed scholar, from the University of Cairo, and his subsequent movement for a reform of Islam. With an engaging personality and a new brand of religion he will not lack for enthusiastic followers.

Those who buried King Tut were apparently determined that he should stay put. His mummy was found to be firmly glued to the bottom of his gold coffin with a dried pitch-like material, which defies removal.

Students of the University of Alabama recently took a vote on the advisability of the United States joining the World Court, with an affirmative result. This ought to settle that little matter and relieve our statesmen of further worry about it.

Quite a stir in prohibition circles has been made by the recent report of the united committee of a large group of reform organizations, which says that if present enforcement is the best the government can do it "ought to be pitied for its imbecility and damned for its incapacity." In reply Secretary Mellon described the prohibitionists' session as "a meeting of radical reformers to blow off."

It may or may not be of interest to know that Feng, famed "Christian general" of China, is a teetotaler, a non-smoker, and a plain dresser, with a decided liking for ice cream. He has also been described as a "special kind of Christian, who teaches his soldiers to pray well and shoot better."

Clubwomen of Sioux Falls edited a newspaper for one day and kept all crime news off the front page.

Charles Vincent of Glencoe, Ill., mistook his war medal for a piece of candy in the dark and swallowed it.

Charles Ames of Carleton, Minn., was freed of a charge of making home brew by order of Judge H. J. Gannis, who said he sometimes made it himself.

A number of girls at Columbia University have adopted small turtles as pets, since dogs and cats have been barred from the institution.

Congressman Hoch of Kansas declares that many rural mail carriers have soft snaps, working only three or four hours a day, while the farmers they serve must work from dawn to dusk.

Russian dives have found the wreck of the English ship, Black Prince, sunk 59 years ago with eight millions of treasure.

Mrs. R. C. Shelton of Chicago buried her pet canary in a small mahogany coffin which she had made for it.

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