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HARPER LOOKS TO THE VALE PROJECT AND WHITEURTH

J. D. FAIRMAN, PRESIDENT HARPER COMMERCIAL CLUB WRITES ARTICLE

SEES DAWN OF DEVELOPMENT

Irrigation Project And Extensive Diatomaceous Deposits Will Prove Vital Factors In Development

By J. D. Fairman

To succeed in any industry where the production of a commodity comes from the earth or soil, it is necessary to interest the local population and capital will come to assist in the establishment of that industry and the development of the surrounding country.

With this conviction the Commercial Club of Harper, in Malheur county, has encouraged local enterprise in developing resources and encouraging new settlers to come to its valley.

Harper is located in the first district under the Vale Irrigation project which the Government has now set under way. On this project will be expended within the next five years about \$20,000,000 to reclaim 170,000 acres of land, most of which is in Malheur County.

With rich soil to till it is apparent that what we have needed is water, and this is now being supplied from the Warm Springs dam. When our project is finished the supply will be sufficient to take care of several hundred families whose surplus labor can be used in our industry at home.

For Harper is also the home of the Whiteurth Company, which is extracting from the hills which surround the Harper Valley various grades of the purest diatomaceous earth from what is said to be the largest deposit of this material in America. These hills do not rise abruptly but in folds which encompass the 12,000 acres of fertile lands through which flows the Malheur River from southwest to northeast, coming in through a scenic canyon which we hope will be the Central Oregon Highway location, and departing through a ten-mile canyon cut by erosion and faulting in its steep sides of lava rock.

To the north and northeast of Harper lie the hills of Whiteurth rising to heights of from 500 to 1500 feet above the surface level. They appear to be solidly white and from seven different locations which are from 300 to 700 feet above the Valley, the crude "Diat" is quarried and transported about six miles by truck over good roads coming down to the altitude of 2515 feet to the mill at Harper on the Eastern Oregon. Milled to the required screen mesh, the material is sacked and trade marked "Disilo." Shipped in carloads, "Disilo" goes to manufacturers on the Coast and in the eastern territory, where it has been well received. Repeat orders are proving its worth.

A sawmill for making the diatomaceous earth into insulating brick is being installed at Harper. It is said that these brick are of the finest quality, being free from laminations.

Teachers Favor Free Textbooks

Free text-books for Oregon public school students were favored and state printing of text-books was opposed by the representative council of the Oregon State Teachers association in Portland this week.

Permission for school districts of the first class to select their text books independently of the State Text-book commission, a text-book committee composed only of persons residing in school districts over which the body has text-book authority was recommended.

H. E. Inlow, superintendent of city public schools at Pendleton was elected yesterday to the vice-presidency of the teachers organization and Mrs. Suzanne H. Carter, of Jacksonville, superintendent of Jackson county public schools, automatically advanced to the presidency of the association.

The English Language is spoken by more than 180,000,000 people, while German is second with 120,000,000.

OWYHEE

The Harva Otis and Beaumont families were entertained in the Conrad Martin home on New Years Day.

Florence Bach who was home for the holidays left Sunday to resume her teaching near Emmett.

Wade Nichols was taken back to the sanitarium at Caldwell where a cast was put on his injured foot. He returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morgan left for Twin Falls, Idaho.

The Fred Klingback family spent several days visiting relatives on Squaw Butte last week.

Clyde Benton was a week end guest in the Klingback home.

The Owyhee P. T. A. meets Friday January 14th at 3:30 at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis and Virginia May returned Monday from a few days visit with relatives in Weiser, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and children arrived home from Eugene, Oregon, Saturday after a six weeks visit with relatives. They made the trip home in a car and report that the roads were good all the way.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hite of Ontario, December 27th a daughter. The little lady has been named Marjorie Lue.

Mrs. Pearl Marx of Diamond, Oregon, arrived last week and will keep house for her father Oscar Pinkston on the MacLafferty ranch.

The Alvin McGinnis and Henry Slippy families were dinner guests Sunday of Andrew McGinnis on the Mendiola ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Johnson of Caldwell returned home last week after a Christmas visit in the Walter Pinkston home.

August Tuelson left Tuesday for a visit in Boise, Idaho.

The little son of Vincent Mendiola is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McGinnis were host and hostess at a New Years supper and party.

Grandma Bontager is quite ill with pleurisy.

Mrs. Dwight Smith is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Harry Goshert of Emmett, Idaho.

Mrs. Wm. Schweizer is spending the week with her brother John Hite and family of Ontario.

The Klingback family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Benton of Nyssa on New Years. The Frank Debord family of Payette and Lewis, Elmer, and A. L. Debord of Nyssa were guests also.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moses were dinner guests in the Barney Fisher home on New Years Day.

RABBIT POISONING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)

The countywide campaign against jack rabbits is on, but it is not too late for a few remaining farmers to get in. Conditions at present are ideal for rabbit poisoning and united effort at this time will destroy thousands of the pests and save crops next year. "United means every farmer in the Vale district, and in every other district that has been organized by County Agent W. L. Shovel. It isn't up to the other fellow to take part in the drive but it is up to every farmer to plant the poison on his own acreage.

Drive Going Over Big
Mr. Shovel was here Thursday and said that he was finding good cooperation but not quite 100 percent. It is not too late to come in now, he said, as a new shipment of poison will arrive at the office next Monday.

Comparing this campaign with the one held two years ago, Mr. Shovel says that at that time 500 ounces of strychnine was secured by the farmers, and the total this year has already topped the 700 mark, with more orders coming in every day. The farmers are realizing the importance of united action, they know that a few dollars worth of poison may save a thousand dollars in crops next year.

Farmers who have already distributed the poison are getting results. One morning J. F. Phelan of Bonita found a thousand dead ones, J. L. Pope counted 400. Now is the time to act if Malheur County is to be rid of its rabbit menace. It will not take much time, and the time will be well spent.

Farmers are urged to get in touch with their local leader, one of the following: James Graham, Vale; Trent Johnson, Vale, Ernest Looney, Ironside; C. W. Pearce, Westfall; W. J. Scott, Jamieson; H. Washam, Malheur and Chas. Keplinger, Ontario. J. F. Phelan, Bonita, Oregon.

COUNTY FACES THE NEW YEAR WITH BRIGHT PROSPECTS

THRESHOLD OF 1927 FINDS MALHEUR COUNTY ON VERGE OF GREAT DEVELOPMENT

MILLIONS FOR VALE-OWYHEE

Appropriations Of About \$3,000,000 Reclamation In Malheur Have Passed House And Senate

(From the Malheur Enterprise)
Vale and Malheur county face the New Year with everything favorable to long sought development and growth in 1927. It will be a banner year. Never before was the New Year ushered in under brighter conditions. Vale is not alone in facing an outlook so encouraging but Harper, Jamieson, Brogan and other towns tributary will be affected through development of the Vale project. Nyssa and Ontario are looking for a prosperous year as a result of the start of work on the mouth Owyhee project.

Has Senate Approved
Now that the senate has passed the interior bill including new appropriations for the Vale and Owyhee projects, there is millions of dollars that will be expended in this territory in 1927. The appropriations now stand at approximately \$1,000,000 for the Vale, Owyhee at \$2,000,000—the figures fixed by the house.

An appropriation for the Baker project was also included, which amounts to \$450,000, although it has been stated that Secretary Work is still hostile to construction of the Baker project. For the Vale and Owyhee there is still a balance of the 1926 appropriation to be spent this year.

The final completion of the Vale project will bring 30,000 acres of the richest agricultural soil into productivity, land which surrounds this town. Vale will be the natural and most convenient trading point for a big farm area, where farming and dairying will be the chief factors. The coming of the right kind of settlers will mean the greatest problem solved.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded.

A. H. York et ux to C. E. Taylor—W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34; and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-15-40. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2-16-40. 2-17-26. \$10.00. (Q. C. Deed).

C. E. Taylor et ux to P. H. Marcus—Lot 4, Sec. 2; Lots 1, 2, and 3, Sec. 3-16-40; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33-15-40; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34; and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35-15-40. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3; and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2-16-40. 2-17-26. \$10.00. (Q. C. Deed).

L. G. Pickell et ux to J. J. Kerr—N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17-15-46. 8-31-26. \$10.00.

Edward Edge Sr. et ux to Edward Woodcock—N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9-13-40. 12-16-26. \$100.00.

Frederick Greenwood et al, Trustees to William J. Hyke—W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 16-16-42. 8-3-26. Exchange of property.

Warm Springs Irrigation District to United States of America—undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in Warm Springs Reservoir and water rights. 12-18-26. Consideration not given. (Q. C. Deed).

U. S. A. to The Commercial Mining Co.—mining claims in Sections 21 and 22-13-42. 9-30-1912.

REPORT SAYS JOHN DAY HIGHWAY WILL BE PUSHED

In a state road report for the decade, just closed, a summary of the work on the John Day highway, is included which says: The John Day highway will be finished in six months, as the remaining unit of 32 miles in Malheur and Baker counties has been graded and under contract for surfacing. This will give a through road from Nyssa and Ontario, on the Snake River between Oregon and Idaho, through Vale and on as far west as Arlington, on the Columbia River. The length of the John Day is 293 miles.

WORK IS AN ALLY TO GOOD HEALTH

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SAYS WORK IS HEALTHFUL

Few people look upon their work as an ally to their health, yet it is and it should be so. All, except a favored few of us, have to work, and we are better off for it. The work of an individual should be inspiring and stimulating. It should be pleasant and profitable. It should have a definite purpose. If it would meet these ends, his health would be better.

Strain should be avoided by those employed in work. Strain may be either physical or mental. Good posture will do much to prevent physical strain, and faulty position of the body will do much to help bring it on. A man who sits at his desk all day should get up and walk around now and then, or work for a while standing up. The environment, as well as his mental attitude, has much to do with his personal welfare. The work place should, in the first place, be kept clean and free from dust. Dust causes irritation to the nose and throat and predisposes to acute cold and other infections which enter by these canals. Places where people work should be well ventilated and airy. Lighting arrangements are important. The light should be sufficient but not too strong. A person should not look directly at a light or have it shine into his face. The force of light should be directed clearly over the left shoulder.

Nature hates an idler. A man who has nothing to do is worse off physiologically than one who toils a good eight hours a day. Idlers form that vicious class of people who find time to write long windy epistles to newspapers taking exceptions to every progressive movement. There is a most happy medium between idleness and over-work, which every useful citizen ought to try to attain. Hard work, properly done, never harmed anyone.

Health and efficiency always seem to go together. The combination of physical and mental health is essential to the mind as it will not perform wonders by itself. All persons who want to live rightly should endeavor to cultivate serenity of mind along with such physical benefits as fresh air, exercise, proper food, water, rest, proper care when needed and avoiding disease.

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THE DALLES GETS STATE HOSPITAL

BOARD OF CONTROL VOTES UNANIMOUSLY FOR SITE OFFERED BY THE DALLES

Salem.—The new state tuberculosis hospital for Eastern Oregon is to be located at The Dalles, according to unanimous vote of the state board of control consisting of Governor Pierce, Secretary of State Kozer and State Treasurer Kay Wednesday afternoon.

Selection of the site was based upon information gained by the board on a visit to the numerous sites offered for this institution, two weeks ago, but more largely upon the recommendations of Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at Salem, and Jamieson Marshall, institution secretary of the National Tuberculosis hospital.

Both Dr. Bellinger and Marshall, whose headquarters are in New York city, accompanied the board of control in its tour of inspection over the eastern section and have spent the past few days on a second visit to the site at The Dalles and several sites in the vicinity of Bend after the board of control had eliminated all other claimants for the hospital location.

The new hospital is to be constructed on a 49-acre tract of land immediately adjoining the eastern boundary of Sorosis park and within the city limits of The Dalles. According to Marshall, whose duties have taken him to practically every tuberculosis hospital in the United States, The Dalles location is the most sightly of any occupied by a similar institution in the entire country.

The girls of Constantinople and Angora are bobbing and shingling their hair faster than those of New York or London.

ARCADIA

Reuben Saur, wife and son returned to their home in Portland last Wednesday. They have been here since last fall working in the fruit and visiting Mrs. Saur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Zittercob.

Evelyn and Helen Lackey of Ontario were visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Long last week.

Mrs. Lester Lamb and little daughter and Mrs. Clyde Long and children were Ontario visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Shaver spent part of Christmas week with friends and relatives in Boise.

While at the Christmas program here John Molenaar, Jr., of Ontario had the misfortune of having his new hat stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt and two daughters, Ruth and Thelma spent Christmas week in Boise.

J. T. Long and son, Clyde were donating work at the M. E. Church at Nyssa last week where they are putting in a new basement.

Shorty Jenkins has moved from the Hunt ranch to Ontario.

Morris Lamb and family have moved back to their ranch at Caldwell. His brother Lester Lamb and family will run the place here and Mr. Lamb will divide his time between the two places as his son, Hugh will run the Caldwell ranch.

C. W. Barrett had a good work mare stray away or stolen last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mull and children took dinner with J. T. Long and family Wednesday.

ONTARIO ISLANDS OPENED TO ENTRY

JOHNSON, WELCH AND ONTARIO ISLANDS IN SNAKE RIVER OPEN MARCH 4, 1927

Johnson, Welch and Ontario Island in the Snake River have been opened to entry, according to a notice received from George W. McKnight, register at the Vale land office. The approved plat of survey of the Islands will be officially filed on March 4, 1927. The following regulations were contained in the notice:

(a) SOLDIERS' PREFERENCE.
From March 4, to June 2, 1927, said lands will be subject to entry under the homestead and desert land laws, by qualified ex-service men of the World War, PROVIDED applicants file their applications to enter at any time from February 12 to March 3, 1927. All such applications together with those filed on March 4, 1927, will be treated as simultaneously filed, and conflicting applications will be disposed of by lot.

The preference right above provided for is subject to valid prior rights or equitable claims recognized by existing laws.

Beginning with June 3, 1927, said lands will become subject to entry by the public.

For twenty days prior to June 3, 1927, any qualified applicant may execute and file his application.

NOTICE has been given that a large portion, if not all of the land represented on said plat is being claimed by J. R. Blackaby, Samuel H. Corliss, Floyd C. Corliss and E. D. Gilliland, of Ontario, and it is expected that appropriate action will be taken by these parties to protect their rights and secure title to the land.

Income Tax For 1926 Called For

Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, has announced that 45,000 income tax return blanks for individuals, corporations, and partnerships were placed in the mails. They reached practically all the taxpayers in the state by Tuesday. The blanks are for the filing of taxable returns upon incomes for 1926.

Individuals can start making their returns to the office of internal revenue service at Portland any time, but all such returns must be in by the close of March 15. Exemptions for individuals remain the same as last year, \$1500 for single and \$3500 for married folk. The only change this year is the increase in the tax rate for corporations from 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Return of income tax blanks by individuals must be accompanied by at least one-fourth of the amount of the tax, Mr. Huntley has stated.

Field agents of the internal revenue department will start their annual trip to all parts of the state after the first of the year, to help taxpayers to complete their reports.

IDAHO SPUD LAW MAY RESULT IN MALHEUR LABEL

COUNTY AGENT SHOVEL BELIEVES NEW IDAHO REGULATIONS PROVE BENEFIT

CROPS ADVERTISE COUNTRY

New Regulations Will Result In Malheur Establishing A Reputation For Home Grown Produce

Copies of the new Idaho potato grading regulations have just been received at the County Agent's office and are of considerable interest to Oregon potato growers, as the majority of our stock has in the past been marketed under the Idaho brands. One section of the regulations states as follows:

"Containers marked with Idaho Official brands must not be used as containers for the shipment of potatoes grown in any other state, such act would be mis-branding and a violation of the Federal Pure Food & Drug Act 1."

A letter received in regard to this section of the new regulation states that all violations of this section will be reported directly to the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry Office at Seattle, Washington.

In commenting upon the above regulation, W. L. Shovel, County Agent, states: "This new law has a very direct bearing upon the labeling of shipments of potatoes from Malheur County. There is no question but that the products of Malheur County are just as good as those of the neighboring state but hitherto shippers have apparently been "riding" on the reputation of Idaho rather than building up one of our own. The best advertisement that a community could have in building up a land settlement program such as this County, on account of the new Vale and Owyhee projects, will need is a steady flow of agricultural products of high quality marketed under a name or brand carrying the identity of the district in which these products are grown.

"For this reason it may be that this regulation will work out as a benefit instead of a hardship. Malheur County should be "sold" to its own citizenship at least sufficiently to allow the marketing of its products under its own name. If not, how can we expect to "sell" it to someone else?"

DAIRY SPECIALIST IS COMING TO MALHEUR

Neal C. Jamieson, extension dairy specialist from the Oregon Agricultural college, will spend three days in the county beginning January 10.

GEORGE W. MCKNIGHT FINDS MUCH INTEREST IN PROJECT

(From the Malheur Enterprise.)

Tuesday was a bumper day in land office business. Five filings were made before the withdrawal of lands under the Vale project. The visitors were Olen R. Shira, Ira O. Webster and James A. Shira of Fruitland. They filed on land in the vicinity of Harper. The other entryman was Daniel O'Conner of Lakeview, who made two filings. Register George W. McKnight says this was one of the best days in the year for the land office. He finds much interest in Vale project lands, inquiries reaching his office nearly every day from the coast and from the east. He is confident that the project will not lack good settlers when once the work is underway.

The state highway commission at its meeting in Portland last week decided upon the road oiling program for 1927. Although it has been surmised that the John Day highway from Vale to Nyssa would be oiled, it was not officially announced until last Thursday that the road from the "Y" to Vale and Nyssa would be on the program next spring. The road from Ontario to the "Y" will be given new oil, the estimate said. Nothing was said about oiling the John Day highway from Arlington to Vale.

The color of Apples depends upon their nitrogen content, the highest colored fruit having the least.