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LAND OFFICE IS MOVED ON ANNIVERSARY

GOVERNMENT OFFICE SERVED
LARGEST OREGON DISTRICT
FOR 17 YEARS

OFFICIALLY CLOSED JUNE 30

Records Transferred to The Dalles
By Executive Order—Vigorous
Protests Not Heeded

Land office records were shipped to The Dalles Monday and the office closed June 30. Vigorous protests against closing the Vale office were made throughout this district. Its area embraced about 8,500,000 acres of the best grazing lands left vacant in the nation.

It was coincidence that its records were shipped away on the 17th anniversary of its arrival June 27, 1910.

In 1909 Charles Herron of Alaska sensed the need of a land office here to accommodate the people who were to undertake the settlement of the last frontier. It being a matter of public interest he rightfully asked for financial help. George W. McKnight contributed the necessary amount. Herron went to Washington and with the help of Senator George E. Chamberlain secured the land office.

During its 17 years it served 9114 entrymen, justifying in full its creation. Its closing at this time is not understood here and its wisdom doubted.

All the treasury can fall heir to is the register's salary, as all clerks are cared for. The deposed register is the stalwart Republican, George W. McKnight, that 17 years ago "cast his bread upon the waters" and Monday celebrated its anniversary by seeing the records shipped from Vale.

County Statistics

Read Estate Transfers Recorded

Malheur Investment Co., to Crawford Moore, Lots 1 to 10, inclusive, Block 235, Ontario. 6, 9, 27. \$10.00.

Mike Needham to Eugene F. Pratt, Jr. et al, W 1/2 Sec. 25-15-40. 6, 27, 27. \$10.00.

E. E. Silkett et ux to J. L. Pope, 1 acre in SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 10-16-43. 6, 27, 27. \$700.00.

William J. Scott to Fred F. Scott, SW 1/4 Sec. 8-17-44. \$10.00 and love and affection.

Hattie B. Draper et vir to E. M. Moore, Lots 11, and north 15 feet of Lot 12, Block 29, Ontario. 5, 16, 27. \$100.00.

Effie Mudd et vir to Mary E. Crockford. Lots 1 to 20 inclusive, Block 209, Ontario. 6, 27, 27. \$10.00.

Elizabeth Jane Farmer to Enid L. Gowan. Lots 8 and 9, Block 2, Rineharts Add. to Vale. 8, 23, 26. \$800.

Malheur County to State of Oregon, 2.30 acres in NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 33-15-47. 3, 2, 27. \$1.00.

Malheur County to State of Oregon, 2.189 acres in SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 21-18-45. 3, 2, 27. \$1.00.

Malheur County to State of Oregon, 1.46 acres in Sec. 2-17-47. 3, 2, 27. \$1.00.

U. S. J. A. to Robert Wade, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 29; NE 1/4 NW 1/4, and N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 32-37-46. 5, 28, 27.

Marriage License Issued

John Arthur McKinney and Verna F. Peters. 7, 2, 27.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court

Portland Cattle Loan Co. vs F. B. Ball. 6, 30, 27. Recovery on note, \$6,516.83.

W. R. Homan vs Vale Trading Co. 7, 2, 27. To set aside deed.

Petitions Filed in Probate Court

Estate of E. T. Tiday. 6, 29, 27.

WATSON

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mattingly have returned.

This community was well represented at the celebration in the county seat again this year. Everyone praised it very highly.

Jesse Griffith and John McNulty have been gathering beef cattle.

Last week M. N. Fegly, Carl Syme spent a day in Nyssa.

Violet Shaver was a guest of Vivian Palmer for a few days.

NYSSA NINE MANAGER CONGRATULATES VALE TEAM

From the Malheur Enterprise (Robert Barney, manager, Vale Baseball Team)—Enclosed you will find check for \$175, being \$150 for league pennant winner and \$25 on refund on your deposit. Accept my congratulations on the fine team you had this year and excellent showing which they made. We, in Nyssa, would like to have won of course, but as we could not do so, we are glad that it was Vale. Very truly, C. L. McCoy.

This is the contents of a letter received from the manager of the Nyssa ball team, which makes the local nine feel almost as good as the purse they received from the treasurer of the Idaho-Oregon league.

OWYHEE

Clayk Enos of Monteur Idaho, is spending his vacation with his uncle Ray Cantrall.

Willie Compton of Enterprise, Oregon, is visiting his mother and daughter Mrs. Cras, Fisher and Miss Nellie Compton.

The Daily Vacation Bible school which has been held in the Colony school house closed Sunday. Fifteen certificates were awarded and the school was voted well worth while by all.

Paul Fisher of LaGrande is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher.

The Klingback family made a trip to Greenleaf and Star Sunday taking the Bible school teachers to their homes.

Mr. W. R. Boyd of Weiser was a dinner guest in the B. F. Kerr home Sunday. Mr. Boyd and Mr. Kerr were boyhood fiends in Ohio and had not been together for 46 years.

Word has been received by the Wm. Smith family of the death of Robert L. Harris in Detroit, Mich. on May the 11 of this year. Mr. Harris was an old timer of Owyhee.

Mrs. Hex Johnson and two children of Caldwell Idaho, are visiting in the Walter Pinkston home.

The S. D. Bigelow family spent the 4th with the B. F. Kerr family. Grandma Bradley who was so badly bruised by a fall is much better now and able to be around again.

Miss Ruby Bradley came home from Boise to spend the 4th.

Quite a number of families from Owyhee attended the celebration in Vale and all express themselves very much pleased with the new road being built across the hills to the city.

The T. T. Elliott family attended a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simmons near Nyssa. A large crowd and splendid time is reported.

Mrs. D. McDonald of North Yakima is visiting at the home of her brother Joe Minton this week.

The P. T. A. of Oregon Tpail gave an ice cream social on the lawn at the Franklin Fry home on Thursday evening. \$10 was taken in to swell the treasury fund and a good time reported.

The Dean family of Payette were visitors in the J. B. Smith home on the 4th.

A large crowd and a good time is reported from all who attended the celebration at the Big Bend Park.

CENTRAL OREGON MEET IN BEND

County seat and Malheur road enthusiasts are invited to attend the meeting of the Central Oregon Highway association to be held in Bend on July 15. Archie McGowan, Burns president of the association has called the meeting to be held in conjunction with the dedication program of Crooked River bridge.

Governor Patterson, Senator McNary, Judge Doby, chairman of the highway commission, C. B. McCulloch, state bridge engineer and L. A. McArthur of the Pacific Light & Power company are some of the prominent men of the state who will be in Bend at the time.

Daniel Gallagher of Juntura is Malheur county's director in the association.

LIQUOR FINES LAST

WEEK TOTAL \$1495

Fines on liquor charges last week totaled \$1475. Those who were convicted for alleged possession and respective fines include Jim Miller of Juntura, \$400 and 90 days; Dick Malloy, \$350; John Chiturd, \$225; Gus Azucenaga, \$500, all of Jordan Valley.

MALHEUR COUNTY COMPLETE VOTE

TAX MEASURES FAIL IN STATE
—MALHEUR CARRIES
INCOME TAX

Complete Count of 33 Precincts in Malheur County

Negro suffrage: yes 413, no 269. Portland school taxlevy: yes 298, no 267.

Criminal information: yes 427, no 200.

Legislators pay: yes 226, no 443. Voters registration: yes 249, no 389.

Officers salary: yes 287, no 379. Consolidation amendment: yes 165, no 370.

Veterans' memorial: yes 204, no 378.

Tax limitation: yes 182, no 423. Income tax: yes 416; no 300.

Blue blank bill: yes 223, no 364. Nestucca closing: yes 211, no 310.

Vale carried an emphatic no on all tax measures.

Malheur county did not turn all tax measures down, one of few counties in that state that did not. However, it is apparent that the people do not want governmental expenses increased. Public opinion was divided as to what result the state income tax would bring about, and it seems that the majority of voters believed it would relieve the tax situation somewhat. In many counties farmers opposed it and it was killed in the general onslaught against new and higher taxes.

The state voted down the income tax, as well as every other measure that tended to increase the tax burden. Only four measures passed, negro suffrage, criminal information, voters registration and Nestucca fish bills.

Recordable contracts have been coming in very rapidly of late.

ONTARIO

The city was a deserted place over the week end as hundreds of people went to Vale to celebrate the Fourth. The interior department this week advised that the construction had been awarded to the Tertiling company of Moscow and Newell company of Portland.

Mr. Tertiling was in town recently and advised that he will have machinery on the ground at once. He was the low bidder on the first six divisions of the Vale project canal in the Harper vicinity.

Dr. Harriet Sears was in attendance at the osteopaths' convention in Lewiston, Idaho, last of the week.

Mrs. Samuel Light is here from Sydney, Nebraska, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Palmer. Dr. Light went on to their home after a coast trip and a brief visit here.

Miss Edna Walters and Volney Hickox, winners in county club work, have returned from Corvallis where they attended the O. A. C. summer session. County agent Shovel brought them home. Young Hickox went on to his home in the Big Bend country.

Ruel Maule, automobile accident victim, is recovering at a Boise hospital reports say.

The S. D. Dorman family are home after an extended coast trip, following a visit in Eugene to attend graduation of their daughter Alice.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McFall have

SNAPPY STUFF

John Hoffman of Laeper, Mich., aged 99, reports that he has four new teeth toward his third set.

Earnest Smith, an air mail pilot, will attempt a flight from San Francisco to Hawaii.

Mary Todds, 13, of Brooklin was painfully injured through being stung by a falling airplane.

Arthur A. Armstrong and Miss Mattie L. Strickland of McPherson, Kan., have been married after a courtship of 35 years.

Isaac Rice of Quinter, Kan., was found to have shot 56 bird shot in his appendix, the result of his fondness for squirrels and birds.

Thomas Mooney, a baldheaded man of Arlinton, N. J., won first prize at a church social, an order entitling the holder to a permanent wave at local barber shop.

About 1,500 feet of copper wire carrying 2,300 volts of electrical current was stolen from a transmission line at the government plant at Muscle Shoals.

"Rags" Riley, lifeguard at Des Moines, Iowa, has saved 135 lives and has been mentioned for a Carnegie hero award.

Jean Viveau, sexton of a church in Paris, committed suicide because his daughter had her hair bobbed.

John Goslin's father, not wishing to see his son take so much punishment in his bout with "Cuts" Burdy, at Port Huron, Mich., stepped into the ring and ended the uneven contest.

MEAD ORDERS VALE PROJECT WORK TO START

ADVISE RECEIVED BY BOARD
THIS WEEK DIRECT FROM
COM. MEAD

EXECUTE CONST. CONTRACTS

No Chance For Future Appropriation, Until 75% of Land Owners Sign

Elwood Mead, United States commissioner of reclamation, has informed the Vale Irrigation district that he will not include in the next budget any item for an additional appropriation for construction of the Vale project, unless at least 75 per cent of all lands are signed up under the recordable contract and 75 per cent of the excess lands are signed up under the excess contract.

The district boards feels assured that the contracts will be signed up in excess of the demand. Land owners are urged to execute the contracts when the district representative calls upon them in order to expedite matters and also urges that owners, who have not yet been interviewed, to send in their signed contracts without waiting for personal solicitation. It is desired to have the contracts signed within another week.

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Work to Start

The commissioner had agreed that the construction contract would be let as soon as larger land owners had executed the excess contracts. These contracts have been executed. The interior department this week advised that the construction had been awarded to the Tertiling company of Moscow and Newell company of Portland.

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Mrs. O. H. Graham and children accompanied them to Portland, en route to Seattle for the remainder of the summer.

Miss Dece Dearborn is spending the summer on the coast.

Mrs. Clarence Oxman is at her summer ranch at Jameson.

Ontario dairy farmers, George Markham, E. O. Wolters, C. W. DeBoer, Bert Koppin, P. F. Countryman, Joe Zuger, report over 50 pounds of butterfat produced in May by one cow on their respective farms.

Bert Koplin and C. W. DeBoer had the highest average for herds in the county. C. E. Secoy, C. W. DeBoer and L. R. Kinney had the three highest averages for cows.

EVENTS AT VALE TOWN

From Boise— Mabel Woodward came over from Boise last week to visit Mrs. H. S. Sackett.

Improving Property— Percy Purvis is having a new foundation built under the house he recently purchased. A fine concrete basement is practically completed.

in Nyssa— The Bob Madden and Glen Pounds families drove to Nyssa after the ball game in Ontario Sunday to spend the evening with relatives.

Good Hay Crop— Hay has been nearly completed this week throughout Malheur valley. Good crops are reported.

Painting Houses— Leo Schmidt is planning to have several residences painted within the next few weeks. George Petrig and Clay Killgrew of Payette have been here working on one house this week.

M. N. Fegly III— M. N. Fegly came in from Watson Tuesday enroute to the Baker hospital. He has been in poor health for some time.

Miss Farmer Coming— Mrs. H. C. Farmer, a former resident of this community and for years a helpful church worker, is expected to arrive in Vale to day to make an indefinite visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tamblin.

Buy Weiser Property— J. E. Pratt made the purchase of a residence and several lots in Weiser last week and moved there Sunday. Their house here has been rented to Bill Elston.

Begins Welfare Work— Miss Margaret Cueveland arrived safely in Los Angeles Sunday. She and a friend spent two days in San Francisco sightseeing. On July 1 Miss Cleveland assumed her duties as a case worker for the travelers' aid.

With Reclamation— Tom Miller went to Harper Tuesday to begin work with a government survey party under Engineer C. C. Ketchum.

Take Day Off— On Monday Mrs. David Graham and daughter Christine, Mrs. Donald Graham, Mrs. W. L. Hutton and Miss Clella Russell declared a day off and were visitors in Payette and Ontario.

Birth Announcement— Friends here received a birth announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stanfield of Weiser this week, announcing the arrival of a daughter.

Barkeley Return— Mr. and Mrs. Felix Barkeley arrived home Wednesday to spend the summer in Vale. They spent the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Gettys Griffith in Pendleton and in LaGrande, where the Griffith family located a few weeks ago.

At Meridian— Mrs. Harry Tamblin and children returned home Saturday from Meridian where they spent the week with Mrs. Tamblin's parents.

With Pageant Orchestra— John T. Hawkes came to the city Friday to play with the Vale Symphony orchestra for the Sunday pageant. The orchestra includes Mrs. C. C. Coats, director, Mildred Bennett, Ray and Jim Moe, Harold Hadley, Mr. Hawkes, L. P. Lumpee and John Houston.

Visits Arrowrock— Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sperling and son Carl made a trip to Boise and on Sunday enjoyed a visit at Arrowrock dam. The water pouring over the top of the dam was an interesting spectacle. They saw Boise defeat Caldwell in the afternoon ball game.

From Texas— Mrs. Paul Houston and three daughters of Slayton, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Houston on Thursday. They will spend a part of the time visiting with Mrs. J. P. Dunaway of Nyssa another relative.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weant returned to their home here Thursday, after a year's sojourn in California. They returned at the opportune time for Vale's annual celebration. Mr. Weant is glad to note the remarkable strides in the growth Vale has made in the past year.

The electric dredge working on the Mallett drain below town experienced a little difficulty in crossing the road Monday. Engineer D. J. Paul said that the dredge sank into a quicksand bed and that for a few minutes it looked like the heavy machine was bound for China. Quick action on the part of the crew avoided this catastrophe and the crossing was made safely after a brief delay in furnishing the necessary foundation.

HORSES TRAMPLE RANCH HAND

FRANK TATE SERIOUSLY HURT
WHILE WORKING AT STACEY
RANCH THURSDAY

Frank Tate sustained serious injuries when he was trampled on by horses Thursday afternoon while working at the Harry Stacey ranch near town. He was driving a work team and the lines caught on the double trees. While attempting to straighten the lines, the horses became frightened and started to run trampling the unfortunate victim under foot.

He was taken to the sanitarium at once. One rib was broken and it is believed internal injuries may have resulted as he suffers intense pain.

Plan Building New Theatre In Near Future

In the near future, Vale is to have a new theatre building, according to T. C. McElroy, who returned from Portland after several days spent in the city looking into building plans. Soon after the Fourth work will start on the site of the old Rex Theatre, which burned down several years ago.

Heating and ventilating is to be an important factor, to be given more consideration than any other detail. The floor will be rebuilt on the old plan. The stage will be large and appropriate for the presentation of entertainments. In every way the new "Rex" will be an up-to-date show house.

Mr. McElroy and his companion from Portland left the deluge at Arlington 15 minutes behind.

BREAKS LEG, BUT MAKES GOOD TIME

OLE SCAMPER, RUGGED CATTLE
MAN, OF JORDAN VALLEY
SUSTAINS INJURY

Over in the Jordan Valley country the latter part of the week Ole Champfer cattleman, sustained a broken leg as the result of a runaway accident, the bone being shattered in two places. He was alone and it was up to him to take care of himself. How this was done is told by Dr. Jones of Jordan Valley, who attended him, and is highly interesting as an illustration of what a rugged outdoor man can endure when put to it.

With both bones of his right leg broken above the ankle he crawled to his cabin jerked several boards off the woodbox and with a lariet bound the boards around the leg, making a crude splint. With the aid of another board he made a crutch and managed to catch a saddle horse, late Saturday night rode up to the "C" ranch having covered fifteen miles. His neighbors furnished an auto with which to take him the remaining sixty miles. And, said Dr. Jones, Ole seemed to feel that he had worked a good joke on his neighbors who have volunteered to put up his hay while he enjoys an enforced vacation. All of which illustrates that while those cow-punching men are good citizens, they are in point of health, endurance and "inwards" surely in a class by themselves. —News.

JUNTURA

Mrs. Alex Hanley and H. W. Welcome's sister and children were here the former part of the week. They all spent the 4th of July in the mountains which was enjoyed immensely.

Ralph Chambers was in town purchasing food supplies.

Mrs. Walter Skiens took her daughter Jessie, to Burns to see the doctor for her hand.

Mrs. J. P. Joyce has gone to spend the summer in Cottonwood.

Chelsay Boyer was among the traveling salesmen here last week.

Frank Schultz's son Irvin, arrived here to spend the summer at Otis Creek. He is an Idaho star football player.

Mrs. W. P. Allen has been caring for two of Mrs. Skien's children while she is in Burns.

Mrs. Dewey McLaren's sister and husband were here last week visiting her and friends of this community.