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STATE OFFICIALS VIEW VALE AND WARMSPRINGS

IMPRESSED WITH OPTIMISM—
GET FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON PROJECT

GOVERNOR PATTERSON VISITS

State Secretary, Engineer, Treasurer
Other Executives in Party Here
Tuesday

For the purpose of obtaining first hand information and to visualize the Warm Springs irrigation project so as to have a better understanding of conditions as they are here, Governor Patterson, Secretary of State Koser and State Treasurer Kay, State Engineer Luper and W. L. Powers, soil expert of O. A. C. spent Tuesday in Vale. State officials are now working out re-organization of the Warm Springs district with Warm Springs officials and with the bondholders. With this in view, the party spent an entire day here looking over the land, in meeting with officials and settlers.

Impressed With Optimism

While talking with a representative of this paper, Governor Patterson stated that he was impressed with the optimism of the people of Vale, saying that "with this kind of spirit and with the wonderful richness of the soil in this locality, your country will find great agricultural wealth."

The governor's party made a trip of inspection over the Warm Springs, Vale and Owyhee projects while in Malheur county. From here they went to Ontario and on to The Dalles to inspect the location for the state tuberculosis hospital. They were due to arrive in Prineville on Thursday for the Oregon irrigation congress.

P. T. A. COUNTY MEET OCTOBER 29

STATE OFFICERS WILL ATTEND
DEDICATION OF NEW OWY-
HEE SCHOOLHOUSE

The annual meeting of the Malheur County council of the Parent-Teacher association will be held at the new Owyhee schoolhouse on October 29 so that the state officers of the P. T. A. and some of the most notable workers in the state who will be in attendance at the state convention at LaGrande on October 25, 26, 27 and 28 can be in attendance. The date has been changed to October 29 from November 5.

"This is to be a great meeting—the dedication of the new Owyhee schoolhouse and the presence of state officers fresh from convention where our own council theme, child health, was the chief topic," writes Mrs. Arden A. Reed of Brogan, who is president of the county council.

CRESTON

We are having near zero weather these nights.

Frank Shumway, Jr., has gone to Powell Buttes.

David Rogers and T. R. Beers are hauling coal from Riverside and delivered a load of wheat at Riverside.

A. V. Clark was a guest at the home of Frank Davis on the Owyhee. Frank Davis has rented A. V. Clark's ranch for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Clark motored to Riverside Thursday.

Dave Rogers and Harry Littlefield were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tipton Sunday evening.

Lester Tipton has taken over the contract of carrying the mail from Creston to Riverside from Mrs. C. A. Stoute.

Harry Littlefield is attending school at Creston.

John Wall went to Riverside for a load of fruit he had shipped up on the train from Ontario.

T. R. Beers was a Crane business visitor.

Kelso Nickle was in Creston for a load of seed rye.

STATE TREASURER TAKES TO PHEASANT HUNTING

(From the Malheur Enterprise)

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer and no novice in pheasant hunting, did not choose to spend a day in Vale without trying his luck in the best pheasant district in Oregon. So friends borrowed George Carey's hunting dogs, Stanley Mallett and J. H. Russell secured the firearms and ammunition and out to the Russell field they went. Mr. Pheasant appeared on the scene and bang! went Mr. Kay's rifle. Imagine his chagrin when the rooster gracefully flew away. After scouting around more pheasants were sighted and Mr. Kay carefully fired again and again. Results were the same but at this juncture the traitors laughed and Mr. Kay discovered that the rifle had been loaded with blank cartridges. To turn the joke, Mr. Kay then proceeded to get the limit.

OWYHEE

Mr. and Mrs. John Hite and family were visitors in Ontario on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cantrall returned home from a trip to Long Valley Saturday.

The Chas Bradley family were Ontario visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. F. LaFreiner of Owyhee and Loye Marshall, principal of Kingman Kolony school spent the week end deer hunting in Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. F. Fry returned home Saturday from St. Alfonso's hospital, Boise where she had an operation on her ear.

A fast Basketball game from beginning to end was played on the Oregon Trail school grounds where they met the Kingman Kolony team. Kingman Kolony won the victory by a score of 12 to 7. Line up as follows: center, John Adams; forwards, Harry Gorman and Earl Marshall; who is also captain; Guards, Dwight Johnson and LeRoy Sitton; subs, Sherman and Demer Keck. Line up for Kingman Kolony: center Jas McGinnis; forwards, Howard Points and Leonard Smith; guards, Robert Walters and Orval McEwan, Subs Jack Walters and Berthal Caverhill.

Wm. McEwan and Bill McGinnis returned from a deer hunt in the vicinity of Steens mountains Saturday, both bringing the limit, two apiece.

The Owyhee P. T. A. held its regular meeting in the school house on Friday. In a short talk Mr. LaFreiner, the principal, stressed the necessity of regular attendance of the pupil is to obtain the best results in his school work.

The Wm. Peutz family were Payette visitors Saturday, bringing home a load of fruit.

Bruce Pinkston was quite badly hurt Sunday when he rode his bicycle off over the edge of the Owyhee bridge. In falling his head hit on a rock, necessitating three stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. M. M. Points of Midvale, was a visitor in her son Silas Points' home the first of the week.

Several families from Owyhee attended the sale in Apple Valley Wednesday.

Mrs. Susie Johnston of Adrain was pleasantly surprised Friday by the visit of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooley, of Bend, Oregon. They left for home Sunday.

Kenneth Bach and Harold Elliott spent the week end with Ted Simons family near Nyssa.

HOMEDALE

Mrs. Charles Martin accompanied by her sons of Portland were recent visitors with her sister, Mrs. George Martin and husband.

Jim Fitzgerald and Jack Hamby were on a deer hunt in the vicinity of Warren last week.

Five and six carloads of apples have been shipped out daily since the season opened.

Pete Kershner, who was injured when thrown from a horse at a rodeo near Winnemucca, Nev., has recovered sufficiently to return home.

Mrs. Bart Brewster has been in Nampa with her sister, who underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster of Chicago were recent visitors with relatives here.

We believe Babe Ruth could lick either Dempsey or Tunney if the referee would let him take his bat into the ring with him.

VALE FARMER SHOT TO DEATH BY HIS WIFE

TRAGEDY OCCURS ON OLD
VINES PLACE ABOUT SUN-
DAY MIDNIGHT

CHARGE 1ST DEGREE MURDER

Mrs. Aafje Van Twisk Tells Tragic
Story to Officers—Robert D. Lytle
Defense Attorney

(From the Malheur Enterprise)

Pieter Van Twisk, aged 45, farmer of the Vale community, was shot and killed about 11:30 o'clock Sunday night by his wife Mrs. Aafje Van Twisk, aged 41. She notified Sheriff C. W. Glenn at 6 o'clock Monday morning. That afternoon an inquest was held by Coroner R. O. Payne and a jury. Mrs. Van Twisk was charged with first degree murder. She waived examination before a magistrate and was then bound over to await the action of the grand jury. She was remanded to the custody of the sheriff without bail.

Woman Relates Tragedy

There were no witnesses to the act but it was assumed that Van Twisk was asleep, and judging from the position of the body when viewed by the officers, that death was instantaneous. Two shots were fired from an automatic pistol, one striking in the temple and one just below the temple.

The scene of the tragedy is nearly a mile from the closest neighbor and Mrs. Van Twisk, almost overcome by nervousness, fear and sickness, sat covering in another room in the house until daybreak. She then went to a neighbor's home and telephoned to the sheriff's office advising that she had shot Pieter Van Twisk and requested that they come to the ranch immediately. She then returned to her home and awaited their arrival.

The officers looked over the scene and talked with Mrs. Van Twisk. She talked freely, giving all of the facts leading up to and surrounding the killing. At the request of the officers she delivered to them the weapon used.

Mrs. Van Twisk is a foreigner, having come to the United States from Holland about 10 years ago, is scarcely able to speak the English language and was in such an apparently dazed condition as to be unable to fully realize the gravity of the situation, but speaking in her broken English, she endeavored to tell the officers everything. It is impossible to tell her story as she told it on that occasion, with her four-year old child clinging to her skirts.

From her story it would appear that for a number of years her husband has been brutal in his treatment of her, has threatened her life that on several occasions she had attempted to leave him but that he had followed her up and brought her back home. This culminated in a scene on Sunday, October 9, during which Van Twisk is said to have struck and kicked her, kicking her so forcibly that she fell to the ground three different times, that this act coupled with occurrences during the following week and her fear of him, drove her to the point where she took his life.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Pieter Van Twisk came to his death as the result of a wound from a pistol in the hands of Aafje Van Twisk. The jury consisted of the county coroner, S. Humphrey, M. J. Slaght, R. E. Weant, C. L. Batchelder, R. A. Helte and Wm. E. Glenn. Attorney Robert D. Lytle of Vale who represents Mrs. Van Twisk when interviewed Tuesday refused to discuss the case except as to the statements of Mrs. Van Twisk as made to the officers, saying that the details of the defense had not been determined upon and will not be until a thorough examination of Mrs. Van Twisk's condition can be made. In the meantime she is being held by officials and is in a rather serious condition. Dr. Clyde R. Walker of Vale is attending her.

A College professor says the younger generation lack opportunities for expression. But not in expressing their opinions of the old-fogy ideas of their elders.

OREGON BLESSED WITH GOOD ROADS

TOURISTS PRAISE OREGON
HIGHWAY SYSTEM AS VERY
BEST

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter made a recent auto trip through several nearby states and has this to say:

In Oregon we are singularly blessed, not only by climatic advantage and scenic grandeur, but in having had a state highway program carried out by a commission composed of our upstanding, patriotic business men-men who were granted the means and employed the methods which resulted in our having today a highway system of better roads, more mileage and better maintenance than any other western state except California—and, population and wealth considered, far superior to California.

At meetings, at hotels, in camps, in national parks and on the road we met people seemingly from every state in the Union, and the road conditions were the usual subject of conversation, along with the weather.

"Oh, you're from Oregon! You have the best roads there!" we were told over and over again. The reputation of Oregon roads was universal among the motorists. Those who had been in Oregon spread the wonderful news, and those who had not reached our state yet were longing to reach it so as to enjoy the good roads they had been hearing about.

And, after what we went through in roads and weather, what a delight it was to cross the state line into Oregon and find our marvelous smooth roads!

There's no place like Oregon!

But it wouldn't take long for our good roads to go to pieces were we to reduce the revenues as proposed by the initiative petitions now being circulated for signatures.

ONTARIO

The month of October is rivaling the merry month of June in number of weddings in Ontario. Last Sunday Miss Theodosia Wells, became the bride of Ray Dodge, both of Ontario. The young couple were married in Boise. The bride is a graduate of Ontario high school and for several years she was a clerk in the First National bank, having retired from her position recently. Mr. Dodge is a local truck driver for the Standard Oil company.

Work is well started on the new school gymnasium by A. Ritchie, contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crawley were guests from here at a recent Sunday pheasant dinner at the home of Mrs. Crawley's parents in Brogan.

Ray Conway returned to Portland Sunday after a business visit here in the interest of the Oregon Motor Association.

Word was received by Isaac Holloway telling of the death of his son Loren, aged 26, who passed away as the result of an accidental shooting near Worland, Wyo. The young man was shot while on a hunting trip. His own rifle discharged while he was riding with two friends. Besides his father who lives here he has a sister, Miss Lillian Holloway and other relatives in distant places.

Judge Dalton Biggs is recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. August Young is recovering from an operation which was performed last week.

Mrs. A. L. Hunter was in charge of the splendid program for the regular meeting of the Study Club held on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Oxman and daughter Marjorie of Grayville, Ill., have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Oxman's son, Frank Jr.

O. H. Leubrs entertained the football squad with his annual wild goose dinner.

The M. and M. club was entertained at the Ralph Dunbar home at Payette last week. Another social event of interest was the meeting of Monday club at the home of Mrs. J. A. McFall.

About the only thing left in this world that can be shocked is grain.

Jazz music will never die. If it were of the dying kind the Jazz player would have murdered it long ago.

OWYHEE LANDS SHOULD AGAIN BE APPRAISED

To the Editor:

Disputes between individuals in this western country have frequently been settled by arbitration, each party to the dispute appointing an arbitrator and if these two could not agree, the two arbitrators appointed a third, and final settlement was made according to the findings of any two of them. Take notice that each disputant had representation on that board. Now, the appraisers appointed to value the lands to be taken over by the government in connection with the Owyhee Project were really a board of arbitration, and the land owners should have had representation on that board. They asked to have appointed on that board a man in whom they all had confidence, a man of good judgment and unquestioned integrity; but their request was not merely denied, it was ignored. Of these appraisers, one was from Washington, D. C., another from a town in Idaho and another from the Snake River Valley, good men, no doubt, but not sufficiently well acquainted with conditions and values to make a correct appraisal, and not a single land owner is satisfied with the sum the government proposes to pay. In most instances, the appraisal was made without giving him an opportunity to be heard in his own behalf, and valued at less than half of what his property cost and less than half of what he considers it worth. In one case the owner is offered less than one third of what he could have sold his property for.

The best asset that any nation can have is good citizens; but when the government takes the property of its citizens without just compensation it is apt to engender a bitterness that will convert them into law breakers. In such cases the government should lean toward the side of generosity instead of leaning toward the side of parsimony. The difference between what would satisfy the land owners and what the government proposes to pay them is a trifle when compared to the entire cost of the project and the loss of good citizenship.

A thing that the appraisers seemed to overlook altogether is the matter of incidental injury. Several ranchers have acquired title to hill land which, used for pasture in connection with the irrigated land, has considerable value. Apart from the irrigated land it isn't worth a nickel an acre, and the owner should be paid for the loss thus incurred. Another thing that should have been considered is the loss in farm machinery. Every farmer has farm machinery, varying in value from a few hundred to as much as a thousand dollars, and this machinery will be almost a total loss.

The appraisers probably took into consideration the fact that there has been considerable depreciation in farm values in purely farm sections; but there has been less depreciation in lands along the Owyhee river, for the reason that much of their value lies in their proximity to an open range—stock growing being the principal industry.

In the interest of exact justice and promotion of good citizenship, there should be another board of appraisers appointed and the settlers given a chance to be heard in their own behalf.

A Reader.

SAND HOLLOW

George Russell has had a large crew at work this week putting up his third crop of alfalfa. He has a splendid yield.

Allen Hainline sold 5 head of his farm herd to Mrs. Margaret Sloan. Dr. and Mrs. Karl Norvall, Charles Morgan, Allen Hainline attended the recent sale at Nyssa. Allen Hainline bought several head of well bred registered Holstein dairy cows.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Jackson Perry were dinner guests at the H. N. Hainline home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutson spent the afternoon with them.

Sam Smith sold a part of his poultry flock to the Payette Co-op. last week.

A. Shodin had a number of friends from LaGrande as his guests Sunday. They enjoyed pheasant hunting in the vicinity.

Trent Johnson has been threshing his wonderful crop of Grimm alfalfa seed this week.

Building Rail Link To Lakeview

The work of converting the narrow gauge Nevada-California-Oregon to standard gauge has been completed between Wendell, Nev., and Alturas, Cal., according to Southern Pacific officials. The Southern Pacific now controls the Nevada-California-Oregon, which makes connection with the big system at Fernley, Nev.

The remainder of the narrow-gauge road to be revamped is a slightly longer link than that already changed over, being the 54 miles between Alturas and Lakeview Ore. With good weather prevailing, the work may be completed this fall it was stated.

VALE

FERTILIZING WORKING ON
VALE PROJECT HARPER UNIT

Full of enthusiasm for the Vale irrigation project, J. D. Fairman was in Vale Thursday from Harper. Mr. Fairman says that J. A. Tertiling is putting in a large concrete culvert and that next week, his men will start pouring concrete. He will have a steam shovel on the job within two weeks' time. At the present time about 10 men are employed in hauling gravel and in preliminary work. Several carloads of lumber and cement have been unloaded for the first unit on the Vale project canal.

Visiting Schools—

Mrs. E. M. Crail, county school superintendent, left here Tuesday to spend the rest of the week visiting schools in the northern part of the county.

On Nyssa Job—

Thursday John E. Johnson went to Nyssa to begin engineering on the Nyssa street work. He expects the job to be completed in about a month.

In Boise—

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hon and children and Mrs. Esther Hon made a drive to Boise to spend Sunday with Mrs. Guy Hunt, a daughter of Mrs. Hon. They had a very pleasant visit.

Nyssa Company—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Madden and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pounds spent Sunday with relatives in Nyssa. When they returned that evening they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pounds of the Gate City who spent a few hours here.

Another Big Dance—

The dances given by Glenn Pounds' orchestra at the Legion Hall every Saturday night are becoming more popular every week. There was splendid crowd out last Saturday night made up largely of local people with a few out-of-town visitors. The music is fine.

County Road Work—

County Surveyor Harry Tamblin who is very busy seeing that necessary road work is done in various parts of his large district, accompanied Judge H. Lee Noe on an inspection trip to Jordan Valley Wednesday. Mr. Tamblin advises that surfacing on the Nyssa-Adrain connecting link will be finished this week.

Work has started on Vale's \$10,000 new theatre which will be built by T. C. McElroy, proprietor of the Rex theatre. It is estimated that the cost of lot, building and equipment will run close to the above figure, as an up-to-date, modern and attractive picture house will be constructed with all the latest improvements in ventilation and heating.

A beautiful black bear made a fierce but losing fight for his life when cornered by D. A. Clore and Roy DeArmond, while on a deer hunt last week on the South Fork of Burnt River. The bear was brought to Vale along with three deer bagged by M. H. Thayer, Clore and DeArmond when they returned Sunday evening. DeArmond made the limit record.

Leonard Bland, freshman student in the high school, sustained severe bruises and shock when he was thrown a distance of 50 feet in an accident which occurred while Leonard was riding to school Wednesday morning on his motorcycle. He was traveling at a rapid rate of speed when the motorcycle hit a chuck hole, jumped the road and threw him.