

PLAN PROGRAM DEDICATION DAY ON VALE PROJECT

GOVERNOR NORBLAD WILL HAVE LEADING PART IN EVENTFUL CEREMONY

OWYHEE TRIP ARRANGED

Four Towns Are Cooperating To Make March 16-17 Big Days In Vale-Owyhee History

Sunday, March 16, 9 a. m.—Governor Norblad will arrive for the dedication of the Vale irrigation project. A delegation in charge of Engineer H. W. Bashore, to consist of the chairman and directors of the Vale district and Senator J. D. Billingsley, will escort Governor Norblad to the diversion dam above Harper.

11 a. m.—Dedication of the Vale project and turning of water through tunnel No. 1.

12 o'clock—Lunch at Camp Derbon furnished by Vale project and citizens of Harper unit. Everyone welcome.

1 p. m.—Address by Governor Norblad and program.

4:30 p. m.—Governor will meet Vale commercial club and citizens at city hall.

7 p. m.—Banquet by Ontario commercial club at Moore hotel.

March 17, 9 a. m.—Directors of Owyhee irrigation district from Nyssa will escort Governor Norblad to the Owyhee dam. Lunch and afternoon meeting at Owyhee.

6 p. m.—Banquet by Nyssa commercial club.

8 p. m.—Governor Norblad will leave Nyssa on return to Portland.

The foregoing program for Vale project dedication day was lined up at the meeting of J. D. Fairman of Harper with other members of the Vale-Owyhee land settlement association in Vale Tuesday night. A day on the Owyhee provides additional interest. Harper, Vale, Nyssa and Ontario are cooperating.

A budget of \$3100 for this year's settlement work was also approved Tuesday night. Frank T. Morgan, J. P. Dunaway, C. C. Hunt, S. D. Goshert, Nyssa; Estes I. Morton, O. E. Walter, Senator J. D. Billingsley, Ontario; were among those present in addition to Vale officials.

Our cynical bachelor friend says he would be afraid to kiss some women he knows lest he contract parrot fever.

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Owyhee Desert Sprouts Wheat

Owyhee—While the children in the Owyhee school were building a model dairy on their sand table some of the wheat brought for feed fell into the sand. It started to grow so the table has been converted into a desert scene with the green blades for the oasis while across the scorching desert can be seen a caravan of Arabs with their camels hastening to the life giving bit of green with its mysterious spring (which upon closer observation proves to be the dairy watering trough).

The Owyhee school children "surprised" Viola Pullen at her home Tuesday evening. After playing lively games and listening to the radio refreshments were served. Mr. Pullen's exhibition of a bear dance was the crowning feature of the evening.

The Owyhee P. T. A. gave a basket social at the school house Friday evening. Some beautiful baskets were sold. Mr. Pullen was the auctioneer. Twenty-three dollars was taken in.

Miss Opal Ivers was a dinner guest at a birthday dinner given for John Wall, Jr., Friday evening, February 14. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McGinnis returned from a winter's stay in Alturas, Calif. They rented the Lee Noe ranch in Big Bend. They are at present staying in the J. P. McGinnis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fetter were Payette visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Rorer were week end visitors in Vale.

The Earl Dean and Geo. Major families of Payette visited in the Oregon Trail community Sunday.

Rev. Peterson of Caldwell held a meeting for teachers and officers of the Sunday school in Oregon Trail Tuesday evening.

Miss Opal Ivers entertained her pupils at a Valentine party Friday at the Klingback home. After the Valentines were distributed and games enjoyed refreshments ended an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Beers and daughters Jennie, Elnora and Delva, of Ontario, were dinner guests in the Maurice Judd home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Greeling were dinner guests in the R. R. Overstreet home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Harry Russell and two children of Big Bend are visiting Mrs. Oee Schweizer.

Oregon Trail P. T. A. will have a Founders Day program next Friday evening, February 21.

CARL WHITEMORE IS EAST OREGON MEMBER OF WOOL GROWERS

Carl Whitmore of Joseph was elected to represent Malheur, Baker, Grant, Umatilla, Union and Wallawalla counties on the board of directors of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers. The first meeting of the new board was held at Portland February 10.

This wool marketing association, which will be the northwest unit of the new National Wool Marketing Corporation, is strictly cooperative and is governed by a board of fifteen growers elected by and from the membership.

Operating plans for 1930 to take care of the greatly increased volume to be handled by the Pacific Wool Growers as a result of its participation in the national program will be outlined.

OREGON BUSINESS WRITES OF VALE-OWYHEE PROJECT

WATER ON FIRST DIVISION OF VALE PROJECT THIS SPRING

\$5,000,000 FOR 1930 WORK

Land Settlers Busy Selling Farm Tracts Before Water is Ready For Use

(From Oregon Business)
"The ditches and water are ready." Those six words, spoken by H. W. Bashore, engineer on the Vale irrigation project in Malheur county, were as gladly received by the farmers and business men of that district as any message ever sent to the folks back home by a conquering general.

"A big celebration is planned by the Harper Chamber of Commerce and the rest of the county to fittingly inaugurate releasing the water which will flow in the canals of the first unit. (Governor Norblad will officiate at this event March 16.)

During 1930, immense sums of money will be invested in Malheur county.

On the Vale project \$750,000 is available for further construction. A siphon will be built across Bully Creek and seven miles of ditches and laterals east of Bully Creek. Sixteen miles of ditches from Little Valley to Bully Creek, with lateral system for 3750 acres of land, will be completed this summer.

On the Owyhee project, one tunnel, six and one-half miles in length and nine and one-half feet in diameter, will be built leading from the dam toward the east and south, which will cost \$2,500,000. Another tunnel, three and one-half miles in length and 13½ feet in diameter, on the Owyhee project will be constructed that will cost \$1,500,000.

A siphon across the Owyhee river and a tunnel 4000 feet long, together with four miles of rock ditch construction, will cost \$1,250,000.

On May 1, it is planned to start pouring concrete on the big Owyhee dam, the tallest in the country, and this will proceed at the rate of 2000 yards per day. It will require \$25,000 yards of concrete and one year from now should be completed, as far as the masonry is concerned. Machinery installation in the interior of the dam will naturally prolong this time. It is estimated that \$2,000,000 will be spent on the dam this year. In addition to this work, approximately \$300,000 will be spent on highway construction within the county.

Appropriations are now available sufficient to bring under ditch another 12,500 acres of Vale project land, which will receive water in 1931. This land is now being offered for sale. Additional units will be added until the whole project is fully watered.

A land settlement commission composed of well known business men and farmers of the district is assisting prospective settlers get full and reliable information on these lands. There are no commissions paid on any lands sold and settlers may inspect the appraisal prices placed on every tract of land by the reclamation service which are on file at the court house in Vale, the county seat.

Malheur County Rail Shipments Of Farm Produce Show Big Gain, Year Report From Five Stations

JUNTURA LEADS IN STATION SHIPMENTS OF BUMPER FARM YEAR

Comparison Shows Gain of 229 Cars Over Total Used in Previous Year

That last year was a very productive one for Malheur county from an agricultural standpoint is further evidenced by reports of carlot shipments of farm produce from railroad station agents of Juntura, Harper, Vale, Brogan, Ontario, Nyssa and Parma (for a share of the Big Bend district). The railroad company furnished 1658 cars for shipment of farm produce in 1929, 229 more cars than was used in 1928. It is estimated that less than half of the entire farm produce of the county is shipped to market. Dairy products (a third of the volume of the Farmers Cooperative Creamery) and butterfat marketed elsewhere is trucked to market. The immense hay crop of Malheur county is almost entirely fed locally to Oregon and Idaho livestock.

The total shipments of 1929 produce are segregated as follows: sheep (the leader) 557 cars, apples 278 cars, cattle 228 cars, wheat 175 cars, hogs 29 cars, corn 8 cars, hay 19 cars, horses 83 cars, wool 29 cars, honey 5 cars, onions 15 cars, potatoes 89 cars, prunes 97 cars, poultry 6 cars, barley 7 cars, other grain 1 car, pears 1 car, peaches 1 car, oats 5 cars, mules 3 cars, clover seed 6 cars, mixed stock 18 cars.

The following station reports disclose some interesting information provided by the respective agents.

JUNTURA—Immense sheep and cattle resources again put this city in lead by 111 cars. Juntura used 498 cars, Ontario 387, Nyssa 375 in farm produce shipments alone. Juntura shipped over twice as many sheep as all other stations in the county combined. L. P. Delsole, agent, gave the following report: hogs 2 cars, sheep 324 cars, cattle 125 cars, horses 39 cars, wool 7 cars, honey 1 car; total 498.

HARPER—Hogs 3 cars, horses 16,

cattle 15 cars, sheep 70 cars, wool 15 cars, wheat 7 cars, onions 1 car; total 127 cars. Again Harper lead in wool shipments and was second to Juntura in sheep transportation. In addition to farm produce, Harper shipped four cars of White-guth from its great deposit of diatomite. P. G. Eberly, agent.

VALE—That the county seat territory is a poultry raising center is shown by shipment of 6 car of dressed turkeys. This is the only carlot poultry shipment report in the county. Poultry 6 cars, cattle 19 cars, sheep 42 cars, hogs 2 cars, wheat 38 cars, barley 7 cars, wool 3 cars, hay 9 cars, honey 4 cars, onions 2 cars, potatoes 1 car; total 133 cars. Vale lead in hay and honey shipments. H. R. Humphrey, agent.

BROGAN—The great spread of range and farms beyond Brogan and Ironside perhaps swelled the livestock shipments of Brogan, more commonly known as a fruit center. Apples 48 cars, cattle 33 cars, hogs 1 car, sheep 43 cars, wheat 1 car, grain 1 car, pears 1 car, prunes 2 cars, peaches 1 car; total 131 cars. A. B. Matson, agent.

ONTARIO—A wider variety of produce was shipped from the Ontario station than from others. In apples, Ontario doubled the shipment of all other stations. Corn 8 cars, hay 6 cars, oats 5 cars, prunes 29 cars, apples 149 cars, onions 7 cars, potatoes 34 cars, cattle 22 cars, mules 3 cars, horses 12 cars, hogs 2 cars, sheep 44 cars, wheat 62 cars, clover seed 6 cars; total 387 cars. In addition 25 cars were used to transport concrete pie, a product manufactured in Ontario. H. O. Drane, agent.

NYSSA—The Gate City report reveals a bumper year. Nyssa lead in hog, potato and onion shipments. Wheat 62 cars, hay 4 cars, wool 4 cars, apples 79 cars, prunes 66 cars, potatoes 54 cars, onions 5 cars, cattle 14 cars, hogs 19 cars, mixed stock 18 cars, sheep 34 cars; total 375 cars. W. T. Posey, agent.

F. S. Stringfield, Parma agent, reported 5 cars of wheat received from the Big Bend territory.

Altogether it is a very encouraging report for Malheur county.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF PUBLIC LAND FAVORED

SUBCOMMITTEE MAKES REPORT FOREST SERVICE URGED TO REGULATE GRAZING

If the federal government will place under the forestry department the regulation of grazing privileges on the unreserved and unappropriated public lands, then the retention of these lands by the government rather than the cession of their surface rights to the western states is favored by a sub-committee of Oregon's general public lands committee, in a report made public Monday. The report will go before the main committee at a Portland meeting February 26.

The sub-committee sees the question mainly as one relating to livestock grazing.

The committee states frankly that cession of the surface rights would not be a valuable gift, it would not be a recompense to the state "for its loss in taxable wealth through withdrawal of national forests, Indian reservations, national parks and other reserved public lands." It should be considered "as a release of land which the government itself has for many years permitted to retrograde."

In Oregon the issue involves about 13,000,000 acres, of which about 11,000,000 are in southeastern Oregon grazing land.

It is the opinion that the federal government is better equipped than the states to supervise and regulate the lands, to do it the committee recommends the federal forestry service be enlarged to include a forest preservation and utilization division that the grazing lands be placed in the forests and that the grazing system used in the national forests be extended to the unreserved land.

The report recommends that states should receive from the government the equivalent of taxes on the reserved forest lands instead of 25 per cent of the proceeds of timber sales and grazing fees.

Should the land be ceded to the states the report recommends that states should be withdrawn from the protection of watersheds and reclamation.

Members of the sub-committee are E. G. Calvert, Robert N. Stanfield, William Doby, Olin Arnsperger and W. B. Snyder.

MORE BOOK LOVERS IN MALHEUR COUNTY

Forty per cent of Malheur county's populace are registered borrowers of the county library system. This is 15 per cent better than the average, said Miss Jessie M. Choate, county librarian, in her annual report. Registered readers number 4,110—509 better than last year. A total of 75,610 books were circulated on an income of 64 cents per capita. In addition to the regular tax, the county court provided \$500 for purchase and rebinding books—this making possible an increase in circulation of 1894 books.

The library system comprises stations at Vale, Ontario and Nyssa and 23 deposit stations scattered over the county.

Teachers and pupils used 16,835 library books loaned through schools. Miss Choate expressed appreciation of the help of teachers.

Through the Vale library, 8,985 books were circulated. Mrs. C. C. Mueller is doing excellent work and the community appreciates her untiring service. She has served many years. Change in population has made it rather difficult to keep track of books of late.

Mrs. Marshall, Nyssa librarian, reported 7,102 circulation. Miss Fishburn had charge of a collection for school use and this resulted in an added circulation of 728 books.

With the closing of the Merit store at Owyhee dam, where Mrs. Christenson served as an able custodian of books, came the removal of the station as no other suitable place could be found by Miss Choate. Mrs. Christenson loaned 774 books to adult readers and 158 from the Owyhee school.

Brogan, Rockville and Adrian stations are active. Miss Shirley Baker, new custodian at Juntura, is proving very efficient.

Last year Miss Choate visited all but six of the interior stations.

Now that the reparations question is settled, and the Young plan adopted, if they will only get Babe Ruth's army settled we can begin to look forward to the approach of spring with some pleasure.

A famous doctor declares that love is a disease. And some fellows have found to their disappointment that it isn't always contagious.

WESTFALL

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jenkins were in Ontario and Vale Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Pauline Hart accompanied them and returned home Thursday.

Mrs. J. L. Lamberson's sister Mrs. St. Cyr of Portland visited here last week leaving Saturday.

The G. W. Gardner family, that has been on the Oliver Sandy ranch the past year, moved to Harper last week, having bought some land from A. E. Brannock.

Joyce Brothers returned home after spending several days in Juntura.

Mrs. Lex Anderson returned home Monday from Ontario where she spent several days with her daughter who is much improved from a serious illness.

Doris Edmondson and Vesta Wilson were dinner guests at the N. Butler home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Brannock were visitors at the Wayne Hyde home Sunday.

Valentine Day was observed at the school house last Friday afternoon.

Now the scientists have discovered that oat-tail soup is not made of oat-tails after all. Next thing you know they will be finding out that whoopee is not made of hoops either.

Arrangements are being made so that live hog futures can be bought and sold on the stock market. This is the first time we ever knew that a hog had a future.

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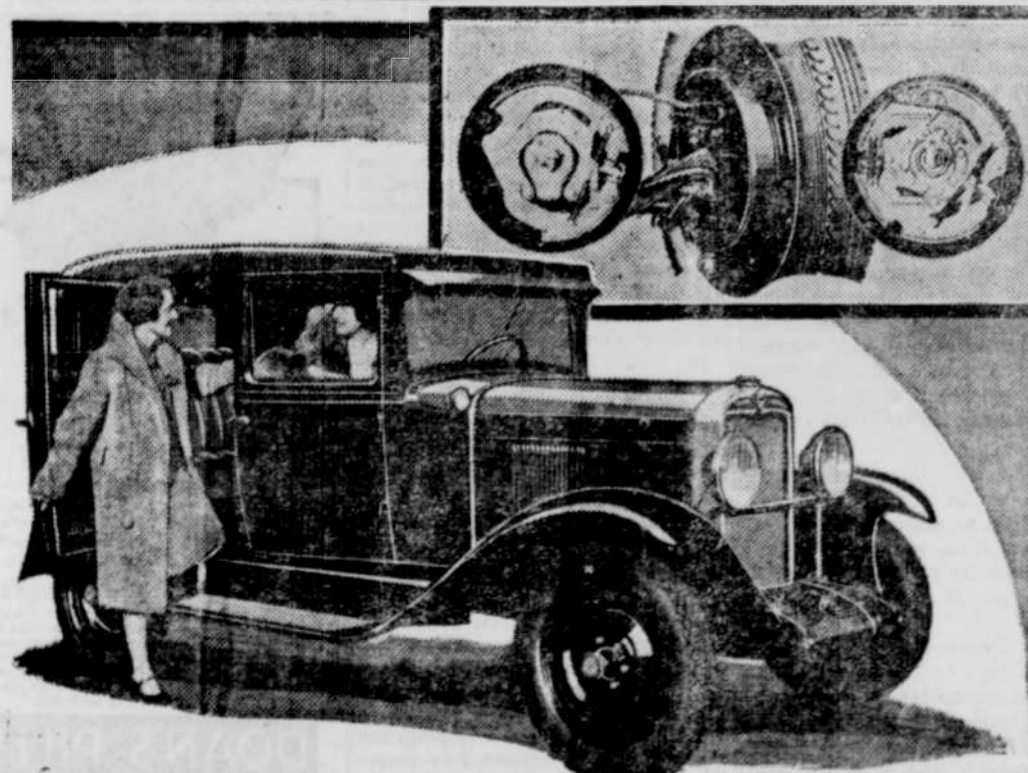
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