

## CROWD OF 2000 AT PROJECT OPENING AT HARPER SUNDAY

GOVERNOR NORBLAD GUEST OF HONOR—MANY STATE NOTABLES HEARD

### GOVERNOR NORBLAD SPEAKER

Big Dinner Meeting Here Brought To Close Red-Letter Dedication Day

With Vale irrigation works constructed, water obtainable for the first unit and settlers ready to begin actual farming, the realization of all that the Sunday dedication means to Harper, Vale and the rest of the county was expressed by speaker after speaker, in the very pulse of the community banquet arranged by the Vale commercial club for Sunday night at the Drexel hotel. Governor Norblad was the guest of honor. A hundred persons were present, a number of them from Harper, Ontario and Nyssa. E. C. Naftzger, club president, was toastmaster.

First stating that the dedication marked the beginning of an era of productivity, the creation of homes from waste, R. D. Lytle welcomed the assemblage.

Governor Norblad, the principal speaker, was then called upon. In his forceful manner, he stressed the value of Oregon history in selling Oregon to the world today. He reiterated his plea for a united, progressive state, working as a whole. He stressed the fact that if many tourists are attracted to Oregon, a good share will remain. It is said that Governor Norblad made many friends in Malheur county.

An earnest speaker was W. G. Ide, who again expressed his faith in this section. He told briefly of Malheur county's exhibit at the Los Angeles office of the state chamber. He praised the Vale-Owyhee association for settlement of the Harper unit in advance of water, in which settlement work the state chamber played no small part.

No one felt the events of the day more sincerely than did Jack Fairman or Jim Kyle. Mr. Fairman generously praised almost everyone for what had been accomplished and those who listened kept faith by giving a full portion of the credit to Mr. Fairman, rightfully called a father of the project, as it was he who called together a first organization meeting of the Vale district.

Mr. Kyle came all the way from Portland for the dedication, as did J. W. McCulloch and several others. The dedication was sunshine after years of shadow for Mr. Kyle as he spent many months in Washington in the interest of congressional appropriations.

C. H. Oxman, chairman of the Vale board, was called on. He responded by expressing his gratification of completion of the first

unit, generously stating that if he had been of any service, he had served only as any citizen should have served.

E. P. Hendrix and Estes L. Morton, Vale directors, expressed each in his own way an appreciation of the spirit which prompted the meeting and of advancement of the project.

C. M. Robinette, new president of the settlement board, paid tribute to the cooperation that assured successful work and expressed the hope that work would continue in the same manner.

J. W. McCulloch was received with enthusiasm by his old friends. He disavowed the toast of being father of the Warm Springs but did claim ownership of the Malheur valley's first railroad with Elmer Clark.

Walter Meecham, "the man who made the Oregon Trail famous," responded with words of praise for the Oregon county.

Dr. W. L. Powers of O. S. C. told of the possibilities of the soil. He urged local farmers to help the new settlers in their start on the new lands.

B. E. Stoutemeyer, government counsel, explained the sources from which the reclamation fund is received. Oscar I. Paulson, of the Union Pacific system, was present.

It was a pleasant dinner meeting and the numerous worthwhile talks made it an occasion long to be remembered. It was a fitting close to a red-letter day.

### WATSON

A well attended dance was given at the hall March 8, in honor of Virgil Maupin and family, who left for Harney county Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Ingram and Mrs. L. E. Palmer visited relatives and friends in Fruitland, Boise and Vale last week.

Mrs. Clyde Bethel and family spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Walter Perry.

Jack Palmer attended the dance last Saturday. Jack is working for George Palmer in Vale.

Lewis Haynes and Georgia Ferguson were Boise visitors last week.

Mrs. Amiel Claud is visiting Mrs. Bud Mattingly in Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith are in Weiser.

Theda Shover of Caldwell is visiting Mrs. Perry Maupin.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Davis returned Thursday from a week's visit in the county seat.

James B. Holmes has been in the hospital at Caldwell as a result of blood poison in his hand. He ran a pitch fork into his hand. He is getting along nicely and will be home soon.

### County Fair Days August 28, 29, 30

August 28, 29 and 30 were selected the dates for the Malheur county fair at Ontario, announced D. C. Deming, Vale, vice-president of the board, and W. C. Higgins, Ontario member, this week. The granges of the county will again take the lead in presenting the agricultural displays and afternoon show programs.

## R. D. LYTLE IS CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEY VIES WITH OXMAN FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

### DEFINITE STAND ANNOUNCED

Active Worker for Roads and Irrigation, Policies Consistent, Has Legislative Experience

With the announcement Wednesday of R. D. Lytle, former district attorney, for Malheur county representative in the state legislature, is booking of the first race in the local primary election campaign. Mr. Lytle is a candidate for the republican nomination as is C. H. Oxman.

In his filing with the secretary of state, Mr. Lytle announced very definite policies, stating: "If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office work to advance the interests of Malheur county, to conserve its resources and to improve its markets; to secure the removal of unwarranted restriction on shipment of its products and secure adequate protection for its producers; to protect and advance the interests of irrigation; and to secure a revision of the machinery of tax collection to make the process more equitable and yet more certain; I will support all reasonable legislation in aid of the enforcement of our laws."

In addition to the upbuilding of a sizeable law practice, Mr. Lytle has for years been among the foremost leaders of civic and county activities. It will be remembered he was among the organizers and first president of the Malheur county development league, that made possible first county cooperation with the state in local highway building; that he was the first president of the John Day highway association; is now vice-president for Malheur county of the Central Oregon highway association—a consistent worker for good roads. From a taxpayer's viewpoint he is interested in county tax problems. He has been a constant worker for irrigation development.

Mr. Lytle is not without legislative experience. He was chief law clerk of the senate judiciary committee in 1919 and has been in attendance for at least a part of nearly every session since that year.

### BIG BEND

Big Bend grange met Tuesday evening. A new member, Miss Irma Betts, was initiated. A program for the summer's work, in cooperation with O. S. C., was decided upon.

The March P. T. A. session was held at the home of Mrs. E. H. Brumbach Friday afternoon with Mrs. N. S. Phelan and Mrs. L. Pillsbury assistant hostesses. After the

business session Mrs. Brumbach outlined the Capper-Robinson bill and members were asked to be on the look out for information concerning this measure. Members responded to roll call with anecdotes of pioneer life. A delicious luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peck, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Chat Purdy and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott and Mrs. Tom Scott, all of Vale, spent Sunday with Bend relatives.

Miss Anna Phelan has a position in the postoffice and drug store department of Holly Brothers store in Adrian.

Miss Miriam Cudwell is quite ill at her home in Fruitland. During her absence Miss Frances Peck is teaching the lower grades of Wade school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bruning and Billy Joe were shopping in Nampa and Caldwell Monday.

Mrs. L. Eachus, who was seriously injured in a fall down the cellarway several weeks ago came home Sunday evening from the Caldwell sanitarium.

C. D. McCullough attended a meeting of the directors of the Wool Growers' association in Parma Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. D. McCullough, Mrs. Ernest Parker and Mrs. Clark Enos drove to Payette Wednesday to attend a surprise given by the Nyssa Eastern Star for Mrs. Frank Miller, who recently moved from Nyssa to Payette.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peck went to Ontario Saturday to attend a grange meeting with the Malheur county Fair Board. Misses Frances Peck and Marian Roberts accompanied them.

### OWYHEE

Mrs. Wm. Peutz was operated on for the removal of gall stones Wednesday at the Ontario hospital. She is doing well.

Rev. Wilson Colporter of the Baptist Church visited in the neighborhood last week end and held preaching services at the Kolony school house Sunday. He was an overnight guest in the B. H. Kerr home.

Mrs. Tom Rest and three children Mary, Betty Lou and Lillie May are spending a few weeks with her mother Mrs. S. Whipple of Nyssa.

Owyhee P. T. A. met at the school house Friday. Plans for the service shop were discussed and delegates appointed for the county council.

Mesdames M. M. Greeling and R. R. Overstreet were afternoon guests of Mrs. T. M. Lowe at the Hot Springs Tuesday.

J. P. Dunaway has a tractor working on his Mitchell Butte ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bigelow and son John attended the Harper celebration Sunday.

Mrs. Wm Strode and daughters of Ontario visited Mr. Strode at the sheep camp on the Bradley place Sunday.

Assistant County Agent Lawrence was at Owyhee school Monday.

County Agent Larson very ably explained the proposed grain growers' association at a meeting at the Kolony school house Friday evening. Delegates were appointed to attend the organization meeting of the Snake river grain growers' at Weiser March 22.

Claude and Paul Elsberry are in school again after a two weeks vacation spent in Nampa.

Born to Mr and Mrs Chas. Share now of Eugene, formerly of Owyhee, March 10 a son.

Kolony P. T. A. is arranging an evening meeting. Invitations are to be extended to P. T. A. circles of Oregon Trail, Owyhee and Wade. Watch the paper for further announcements. Date April 4.

Hugh Eldridge is enjoying a visit with his sister Ellen Jasman of Manawa, Wis., at the Archie Moses home in the Kolony.

### BONITA

Oliver Sandy and wife were at their Sunnyside ranch Sunday.

W. E. Bonfield of Los Angeles is a guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Pumphrey.

W. H. Allenbaugh has been dragging our road.

J. F. Phelan took his wife to Baker Saturday where she will undergo a serious operation.

Miss Corna Lewellen is staying in Baker with her sister Mary.

Dan Fackerall and C. Patterson were in town trading Saturday.

A. A. Derrick bought 25 hogs from John Lewellen last week.

Friends will be glad to know Robert Hall's health is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCarty (formerly Mrs. Bilyeu) were guests last week at the J. F. Phelan and M. Pumphrey homes. Mrs. McCarty is a recent bride.

Investigator who spent five months investigating says he discovers children prefer movies to school books. Ain't investigators wonderful.

The reason why we like to park our car next to a fine new one is because thieves prefer the spick and

## SAWYER REPORTS ON FEDERAL AID BILL

YELLOWSTONE CUT-OFF WAITS ACTION OF CONFEREES—BILL CARRIES INCREASE

"When the conferees report on the federal road aid bill they have had in their possession for two months, highway legislation upon which rests the hopes of the Yellowstone cut-off will make progress," said Robert W. Sawyer, Bend, state highway commissioner, who returned Friday from Washington D. C.

"There are three pieces of legislation involved, the first to increase federal aid appropriations; the second, the Colton public domain bill (not an appropriation bill but one which provides that highways may be built across the public domain. It is an amendment to a basic law. Before any money can be spent this must pass the house and senate. It is the hope of the Yellowstone cut-off). The third would increase forest highway appropriations.

"The house voted for the federal aid appropriation, increasing same from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000. This would increase Oregon's share about \$1,000,000 annually for three years. The representatives advocated increasing the per-mile limit, which has been \$15,000 for the country at large and \$18,000 in Oregon and other public land states. In the senate the bill passed with an amendment of \$25,000 limit per mile and a provision for public land states which would make the limit in Oregon about \$29,000 per mile. This bill is now in conference. The bill is held up in committee because Representative Dowell is opposed to the increase per mile."

### National Grange Lecturer Praises Vale's Poetess

Because she wrote the best poem in the recent Malheur county Pomona poem contest, Mrs. James Fifer received the following letter of congratulation from the national grange lecturer:

"Dear Mrs. Fifer: We want to congratulate you on the splendid poem which you prepared entitled 'The Seasons,' and to also congratulate you on winning the poem contest in your county Pomona grange. Poems like yours call attention to many worthwhile and helpful things in life as well as pointing the way to higher ideals and accomplishments. We appreciate your interest in the grange and the valued service you are rendering in contributing to its educational program work. James C. Farmer, lecturer, The National Grange, South Newbury, New Hampshire."

### WINNEMUCCA

Chiff Ragan, who escaped last month from Carson City, Nev., penitentiary, stole a horse at Reno and headed straight for his old haunts in the rimrock country of Owyhee, eastern Oregon. Sheriff Lamb of Winnemucca and Officer Renear tracked him to Battle creek



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ranch. He saw them and ran. Nightfall and a blinding snowstorm prevented his arrest. Some believe he perished. However, he knew this country well and may have escaped. He was known here as George Russell, George Davis as well as Cliff Ragan.

Randall Sage and daughter, Mrs. Alpetta Boudette, were called to California last week by the death of Clarence Sage at Richmond.

Miss Emma Duart, the Nevada school teacher, returned to her home in Winnemucca for a week's rest on account of illness.

Mrs. Geo. Harper left last Sunday for a month's visit in Chicago.

"Report shows drop in plane fatalities," says a current newspaper headline. And it is usually a drop that cause the fatalities.

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