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NUMBERS ENROLLING IN XMAS ROLL CALL

Early Reports If Followed Up Will Bring Large Membership In County.

Regardless of wether or influenza the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross is meeting with a ready response and hundreds of the little Red Crosses are being worn on coat lapels in the county this week.

A booth was established in the post office and opened for business Monday morning. Two women have been in charge each day and very few have refused to give their heart and their dollar for the cause. The first day netted more than 150 members in Vale. C. G. Daley was the first to enroll and he placed seven stars on his flag, one for a son in service. About three fourths of the business houses had 100 per cent flags up to Friday and it is the aim of committees to make it "unanimous" and have every business house display a 100 per cent enrolled flag on Saturday night.

To Finish By Monday.

Saturday a canvas will be made of the city and every home not showing stars for each adult member will be solicited. All reports will be finished up by Monday and anyone delaying joining until after then will not be credited in the Christmas Roll Call.

Rapid Work Reported

Ontario and Nyssa workers send in encouraging reports and say the work is humming in the Snake river territory. Two Ontario ladies the first of the week secured 80 members within a two block area. Reports like this are the ones that mean Malheur county Red Cross folks are in earnest.

Reporting In

From many parts of the county come reports that the people are responding splendidly to the call and that Malheur county intends to do more than her part in helping Oregon to a perfect mark in the drive. Juntura has already sent in a report that they had enrolled more than 100 during their first few days. On account of poor phone and mail connections a large part of the county's reports will not be tabulated until late the coming week but Chairman Mrs. R. E. Weant has received messages from all points of the county that workers are sparing no efforts to bring in every possible membership. The keynote of the campaign is don't wait to be solicited, volunteer your heart and your dollar. The Red Cross emergency organization will go on forever war or no war and your yearly dollar will help thousands who meet with misfortune or disaster. Right now it will help our boys until they are safe at home.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED

Bootleggers Captured After Auto Race—Other Court House Cases During Week.

Santiago Goicochea and John Iturriaga were fined \$400.00 each and relieved of about twenty-six cases of booze in the justice court this week. The men were captured after a sensational race across the desert between Jordan Valley and McDermitt, by Major Deich of the Military Police and Sergeants John T. Corcoran, Porter W. Benedict and Robert W. Smith.

The cars carrying the officers and bootleggers met on the desert and the officials ordered the boot leggers to halt, they responded by giving their car full speed ahead. The officials gave chase and taking an occasional shot at the car ahead finally punctured one tire. The pursued kept on for many miles until finally the rim gave way and their car disabled they gave up.

Two Get Small Fines

Bert Weidenheimer and D. H. York were also arrested for having liquor in their possession and were fined \$25.00 each.

LIEUT. BROWN RETURNING

Leaves Washington Shortly and Will Probably Arrive For The Holidays

Lieutenant Frank J. Brown who left Vale early last summer enlisting his services in Uncle Sams medical corps will probably arrive in Vale soon to visit with home folks. Lieutenant Brown has been stationed at Washington D. C. in one of the big army medical camps.

Lockley Puts Pep In W.S.S. Drive

Fred Lockley Writes of Irrigation Congress and War Saving Stamp Campaign.

Last week end Malheur County was honored by the presence of one of the best known writers in the northwest, namely Fred Lockley who has just lately returned from the battle fields of France where he administered cheer and comfort to our boys "over there" and where he wrote many inspiring and interesting articles relating to the war. Mr. Lockley is perhaps the best informed historian of the pioneer generation in Oregon. He is now heroically working to put Oregon over the top in the W. S. S. campaign and thus entitle this state to a 100 per cent banner for "going over the top" in every war drive.

Mr. Lockley wrote the following comments of his visit.

On Friday and Saturday of the last week there was held at Ontario an irrigation and drainage school. Interesting lectures by expert engineers and irrigationists and instructive talks by those in attendance made the two day session a profitable one.

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WINS NEW PLACE

Captain Robert Duncan Will Have Charge of Greene Park at Camp Lewis

Camp authorities at Camp Lewis have taken over the affairs and administration of Greene Park, the amusement zone for soldiers, Major-General Joseph D. Leitch terminated the license of the Camp Lewis Amusement Company and revoked authority given the company to operate by Major-General H. A. Greene, a year ago. Captain Robert M. Duncan, the General announced, will administer the affairs of the park.

General Leitch in a statement giving his reasons for Army control, said: "Greene Park has been taken over by the army for the reason it can be operated more economically and advantageously for all concerned without intermediate civilian control"

Captain Duncan enlisted from Vale last spring attending the officers training school at the Presidio. Mrs. Duncan and baby are with him at Camp Lewis.

Dies of Wounds

Brogan Boy Wounded in France Dies At Base Hospital—Nurse Writes Family.

Clarence Howard son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Howard of Brogan died from the effects of wounds received in battle at a French base hospital October 14, 1918. He left his home at Brogan in November 1917 and was sent immediately to Long Island and sailed for England about the first of the year going to France from England in two weeks time. News of his death was sent by Adjutant General Harris.

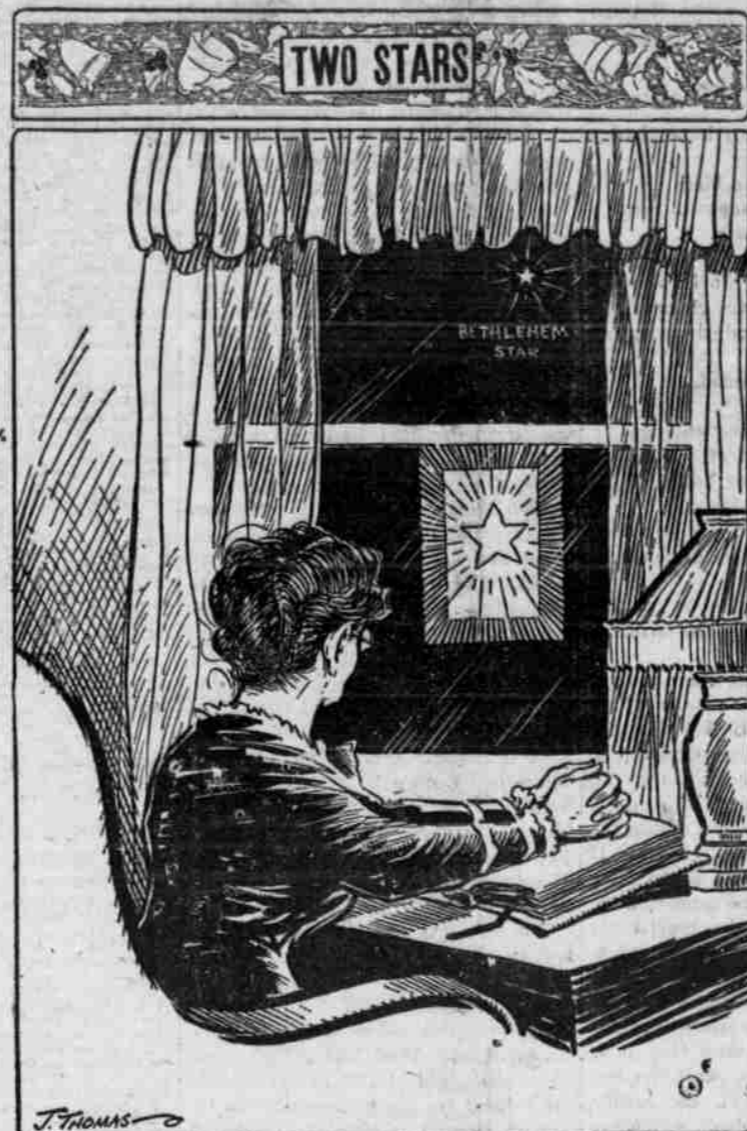
Private Howard was born at Mitchell, Oregon January 18, 1893. He is survived by his parents, three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Rhoda McIntosh, Buhl; Mrs. Floyd Arnold, Nampa; Mrs. D. L. Harrington, Weiser; Simon Howard, Deltrich; and Ted Howard who lives with his parents. He was well known over the county having lived at Brogan with his people for some time.

Nurse Writes

The following letter was written by his nurse to the mother and shows the care received by the wounded over there.

Base Hospital, Somewhere in France
Dear Mrs. Howard: You no doubt have been informed about the death of your son in the hospital, but I know there are many things that you would like to know and I want to do all that I can for you at this time. Your boy came to us several days ago with shrapnel wounds. It did not seem serious at the time, but Gas Bacillus complications set in, and in spite of all the care of nurses and doctors he passed away at 11:30 A. M. October 14. I wish you might have been here to see the tender care that nurses and doctors gave your boy. No one ever had more tender care in his own home. He did not suffer much.

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HUGH THAYER ILL

Vale Boy Ill at New York City—Late Advice Say Condition Improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Thayer received a telegram this week from army officials at New York city to the effect that their son Hugh was seriously ill. They immediately wired for particulars and the return telegram stated that his condition was somewhat improved and satisfactory for the present. The nature of his illness was not stated. Letters received from him the day before the telegram made no mention of illness and stated that he was expecting to join a bunch of flyers who would make flights from Boston to New York.

Improving Ranch

F. H. Townley Watson has been hauling lumber from the Home Lumber company yards in Vale this week to his ranch on the Owyhee where he is adding a new farm building.

CAPT. BARTLETT RETURNING

Word Received From Former Vale Doctor That He is Bound For Home

Homeward bound—was the gist of a letter received from Captain Carl J. Bartlett by J. P. Dunaway this week. The letter written November 15th stated that there was no use of mailing any answers for he intended to beat the mail to the States, and was to embark the following day. He stated that his wounds were healing in satisfactory condition but he still felt the effect of the gas, received when a piece of shrapnel broke the mask he was wearing while working in the front lines.

New Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Williams who live near the school house are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday night, Dr. Burrow attending. Mother and babe are reported doing well.

DITCH AND DAM WORK NOW UNDER FULL SPEED

Construction Camps Under Full Way—Election of Directors Set for January 14th

Satisfactory progress is being made in all departments of the Warm Springs project construction. The contractors are making good headway at their camps at the dam site and on the ditch north of Vale. The district directors and engineers are rapidly working out the many details of procedure and clearing the future for undelayed construction.

This week Project Engineer John Lewis left for a few days visit to Portland where he will discuss a number of matters with Clark, Kendall & Company, the bond buyers.

A full crew is working at the camp near Riverside, and have nearly completed a permanent road from the

railroad to the dam site, and also have made considerable progress in stripping the site, and stone quarry. Work has been started on the plant buildings.

At the canal camp near Vale there is still need for a few Fresno men and teamsters alro most of the teams have been kept at work the past week. The ditch has been opened and work is being done along a line of about one and a half miles.

January 14th is the date of the annual election of directors for the district, and to conform to the new state irrigation law the district has been divided into three districts and three directors will be elected to succeed the present board of five members. The directors to be elected will serve for one, two and three years their terms to be determined by lot after the election.

OFFICIALS SIGNING WARMSPRINGS DISTRICT BONDS



President R. E. Weant, Secretary M. G. Hope, and County Treasurer C. C. Mueller signing the \$750,000.00 of Warm Springs Irrigation District bonds by which 32,000 acres of valley land will be irrigated.

Next Luncheon Last Day In Year

Plan Big Booster Meeting for Noon of Day Before the New Year.

At the last Business Mens Luncheon it was decided to skip Christmas week so the next luncheon will be held Tuesday noon, December 31. Robt. D. Lytle was appointed Chairman and a splendid program is being planned. The Drexel Chef promises a first class New Years "feed" and every business man, professional man, and farmer interested in Vale is expected to attend. The word businessman includes every man who works for a living or obtains three meals a day in any other way. The only requirement for attendance at the Tuesdays luncheons is an interest in the advancement and development of Vale and Malheur County.

The next luncheon to be held on the noon before the eve of the New Year is expected to sound the key note of progress for Malheur county during 1919. Many new and important matters will be presented and an enthusiastic and profitable meeting is assured.

VALE SALE SUCCESS

Going—Gone—But Coming Again—Success of Vale Monthly Auction Assured.

The first Vale Monthly Market Day and Public Auction Sale held Saturday December 14, was a decided success. J. M. Swanson sold \$3600.00 of live stock implements etc during the afternoon. Bidding was brisk and most entries found ready buyers and brought excellent prices.

Among the sales made were 15 mules, over 50 head of cattle a number of horses, hogs rabbits, implements and numerous other articles. Although the day was rather cold buyers attended from many outside points as well as from nearly every section of the county. One of the noticeable effects of the sale was the crowds that were on the streets during the day, making things appear extraordinarily active and lively.

The next auction will be held on Saturday, January 11, 1919 and already a number of head of first class live stock have been listed. The January sale is expected to double the first market day in both entries and attendance.

One of the most pleasing features about the first sale was the general satisfaction expressed by everyone, and the entire absence of any by hidding. Every sale recorded was bonafide and the public should thank the men who are pushing this movement which will rapidly bring Vale to the front as the leading live stock center of Eastern Oregon.

The men who are backing the movement are G. F. Wildhaber, A. W. Reed, C. C. Mueier and C. G. Griffin, all well known business men of Vale and interested in the development and progress of Malheur County.

Oil Test Soon

Oil Indications at Western Pacific Well Better Than Ever—Test Expected Before Long.

General Manager W. D. Meyer was in Vale this week from the Western Pacific Oil and Gas Company's well in Sand Hollow attending to business matters. Mr. Meyer has been suffering from an injured leg but is now nearly recovered.

Conditions at the well are in good shape with prospects never brighter. Several mishaps to gather with a couple of attacks of the flu have prevented much progress the past month; but things are expected to be restored to apple pie order in a few weeks. If all indications prove themselves, it is expected that the Western Pacific well will become the long looked for demonstration of the Vale field soon after drilling operations are resumed.

Daughter to Visit

Dr. R. D. Burrow is expecting a visit from his daughter Miss Burrow of Portland during the holidays. Miss Burrow is one of the foremost kindergarten teachers of the coast and has been in the Portland schools several years.

OPEN SALES OFFICES TO SELL COMPANY LAND

Colonization Company to Make Every Effort to get lands in Cultivation.

W. P. Davidson, St. Paul Capitalist, President of the Oregon and Western Colonization Company, while in Vale last Thursday made arrangements for the opening of a sales office in this city. Accompanying Mr. Davidson were W. J. Pinney who is in charge of the Company's branch office at Ontario, J. R. Heuring of Seattle and J. A. C'Brien of Pittsburg who will assist in colonizing the lands under the Warm Springs project, and B. F. Johnson, formerly Sales Manager of the company in Crook and Harney counties, who will be in charge of the new Vale office.

Mr. Johnson is well known thruout central Oregon and was on the job as sales manager last year in Crook county where the company sold every acre of their land that was under the Ochoco project in less than ninety days after water was guaranteed.

The new offices will be opened in the Hope building, now occupied by J. W. Dorsey. The building will be remodeled and refitted to accommodate the shop of the present occupant as well as the new offices. Mr. Johnson expects to have the new offices open soon after the first of the year.

Mr. Davidson while in Vale expressed himself as very confident of the success of the Warm Springs project and said that his hope was to see a prosperous family on every forty or eighty acres in Malheur Valley. He announced the plan of the Colonization company would be to secure the very best class of farmers and home builders. No difficulty will be experienced in attracting plenty of land buyers, but the company will conduct quite an extensive sales and advertising campaign in order to reach the most substantial class of the land hungry. Mr. Davidson intended making a visit of several days in the county but was called away on account of the death of his daughter.

It must be remembered that it was thru the offer of Mr. Davidson and the backing of the people of Vale, and many farmers, sheep and cattle men that a local subscription of nearly \$400,000 was raised to buy the Warm Springs bonds, which lead directly to the actual sale of the bonds and the letting of the contract.

INFLUENZA IMPROVES

Week Shows But Few New Cases and Great Improvement of General Conditions

According to doctors and nurses who have cases of influenza in hand the situation during the past week around Vale shows great improvement. But a few scattering new cases were reported two of which are men ill at the temporary hospital in the old jail building. The general situation over the county seems to be better and it is thought that the worst of the epidemic and its recurrence has been passed.

Schools which were closed made no effort to open for the few days remaining before holiday vacations and this will in all probability stamp out the disease's spread from that source. It is thought that by the first of the year things will be generally readjusted and schools and public places will be opened.

TO ELECT DIRECTORS

Willow Alder District To Hold Annual Election of Directors Second Tuesday In January.

On Tuesday January 14 the Willow Alder Irrigation District will hold the annual election of directors. The present directors are I. W. Hope, Mr. Fosselman and Geo. E. Davis. It is the hope of the land owners under the district, better known as the Bully Creek project, that construction can be undertaken and completed during the year. This will add an additional 20,000 acres of producing land to Malheur county's rapidly increasing acreage.

Superintendent E. J. Carrillo in charge of the work for Shattuck Edinger construction company, at the Warm Springs dam was married in Vale last week end to Miss Ruth E. Straley of Montana. Judge McKnight officiated at the wedding and the ring ceremony was used.