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Warm Springs Bonds Carry By Big Majority DRAINAGE IS SALVATION OF IRRIGATED REGIONS

RAIL ELECTION RESULT AS GREATEST FORWARD STEP TAKEN IN YEARS

Eleventh Hour Opposition While Not Active Caused Surprise—Total Vote 86 For Bonds to 23 Against—Ontario Division Vote Tie 11 to 11—Vale Cast 29 to None Against.

By a vote of 86 for to 23 against, the Warm Springs bonds carried at the election held on Tuesday. This result is declared on every hand to be the biggest forward step taken in Malheur county for years, the importance of which to Ontario, Vale and the ranchers of the valley can not be over estimated, according to the most reliably informed students of the local agricultural situation.

While the general result was forecasted correctly an eleventh hour opposition appeared, which for a time gave some concern to the advocates of the bonds. Perhaps the most surprising result of the ballot was the vote in what is known as the Ontario district, which was cast at the C. E. S. Wood ranch in section 13. There the vote was tie, 11 for to 11 against.

Unanimous at Vale.

In contradistinction to the vote there was that in the Vale division where there were 29 votes for the bonds to none against. In the second district above Vale the vote was 16 for to 8 against; in the first district above Vale it was 18 for to two against; in the Mallett district the vote was 13 for to two against, showing the general approval with which the obligation was approved by the property owners.

"It is impossible to estimate the full import of what this election means to this region," said A. W. Trow, when the result was known. "It means that nearly 49,000 acres of land have now a complete water right. It means that the water which hitherto has every year run useless to the sea, yes worse than useless, which has destroyed the banks and wasted property will now be stored to be spread on lands now barren and serve to raise abundant crops."

"It is the most important forward step that has been taken for Malheur valley in years," said Attorney J. W. McCulloch. And this sentiment, variously expressed was heard everywhere on Wednesday.

The Warm Springs project, which has been declared the best in the West from every view point will conserve the spring flow of the Malheur river by the building of a dam across the mouth of the canyon four miles from Riverside. The opening is but 200 feet wide and the dam will be about 87 feet in height. When completed the storage will cover 2,500 acres of the Pacific Live Stock company's ranch to a depth of 87 feet, thus furnishing an abundance of water for the entire valley during the crop growing season.

Cost Not Great.

The first step toward the completion of the work will be the sale of the bonds. It is understood that offers have already been made for the bonds. This is due to the fact that the cost of the work is not great in proportion to the value of the land, and also because of the nature of the ground the work can easily be done.

The dam which will be built first will require an expenditure of about \$350,000, while the bonds authorized on Tuesday a total of \$750,000. The balance will be used for the enlargement of present laterals and the building of laterals to hitherto uncultivated lands.

The plans for this work have already been made after extensive surveys by both state and national government engineers. These surveys were most exhaustive and the specifications were so fully worked out that detail costs per acre were made. One of the facts most dwelt upon by the engineers was the easy meth-

**PROTECT BABIES BY
ELIMINATING TRAVEL**

That infantile paralysis is traveling westward was indicated this week by the development of seven cases in Billings, Montana.

When the attention of Dr. W. J. Weese was directed to this report he said, "There is but one means of protecting the children from this disease, namely by preventing contact. The parents of this section should not travel to the east with their children."

The doctor, added, however, that the scourge usually lasted but two or three months and disappeared and now must have about run its course.

HARNEY COUNTY NEVER BETTER

**P. J. Gallagher Tells of Big
Crops Grown in the Interior—Thinks Big Problem
Solved.**

P. J. Gallagher returned last Saturday from a long trip through central Oregon, which took him into the Catlow valley and Denio country. His trip was made primarily for the purpose of looking after the interests of his clients in regard to several water suits that are pending in the Harney county courts, but he had time to look around and size up the general situation in the Inland Empire.

"Harney county is perhaps in a better condition this year than it has been in many years past, certainly in better shape than in any year since I have known the country," said Mr. Gallagher. "The 'P' ranch and all of its tributary ranches will cut enormous hay and grain crops, as will all of the Harney valley ranches. Frank Clerf, on the Alvord ranch will harvest 4000 tons of fine hay, as well as a lot of grain and alfalfa. Mr. Clerf is building a fine rock barn on the site of the huge structure that was burned last fall."

"The late snow in the Steen mountains have kept the streams up well this year, furnishing an abundance of water for every purpose until late in the season. Harney county farmers and ranchers will greet the new railroad with an overwhelming tonnage in the way of live stock, wool and grain shipments, the country is prosperous which means that they will be heavy buyers of outside goods, giving the railroad work both ways."

"Just at present there is a little uncertainty about the future plans of the railroad people, but the one great problem is solved, there is steel in the valley, and this great wealth producing area in connection with the outside world and markets. Irrigation, and further development will follow fast. The oil situation will soon be determined and should the promoters strike the flow they anticipate, the future of Central Oregon will rival that of the richest sections of the United States."

Mr. Gallagher is an ardent booster for Harney valley, and is banking his judgment by launching another newspaper blint at the brand new town of Crane. His paper, the Crane American, will keep the outside world well informed of the opportunities and developments of the surrounding country.

Sees Big Results From Bond Vote



**A. W. Trow, President of Ontario Commercial Club,
Who Declares That Beneficial Results of Vote for
Warm Springs Bonds Can Hardly Be Measured.**

CONFLICTING GAME LAWS MAY FURNISH TROUBLE

Local sportsmen are in a quandry over the conflict between the federal and Oregon laws governing the shooting of migratory birds. The Oregon laws permit the shooting of these birds on September 1 while the federal laws place the opening day of the season as October 1.

In order to get straight on the matter it is understood that some of the local sportsmen are contemplating seeking a decision from the federal and state authorities and in the meantime are going to avoid trouble by staying out of the field.

J. R. Jenkins, the sheepman of Princeton in Harney county, was in Ontario Tuesday in his new Franklin car. His family accompanied him.

DOCTORS GIVE RELIEF TO BOY LAME FROM BIRTH

At the hospital Saturday local surgeons performed an operation which gave relief to the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colley. The gritty little chap, who prior to his birth, had suffered from a broken ankle which resulted in a turned foot, underwent an operation by which the lamed member was re-broken and the foot straightened.

The little fellow came thru the ordeal in good shape and he will now be able to use the foot and enjoy life with his playmates an evidence of the advanced surgical science.

Miss Ruby Waldron, who was operated upon at the hospital recently is convalescing and will soon be able to return to her home.

Spent But Four Bits In Repairs In 2000 Mile Trip

To A. R. Arnold of this city belongs the high honors for low cost touring trips. Mr. Arnold accompanied by Mrs. Arnold and their 18 months old son, Russell, arrived in Ontario Monday from Thief River Falls, Minnesota, in their new car and despite the fact that the journey was 1934 miles long the cost of repairs was only fifty cents and had he not been known to be a tourist the bill would have been but two bits.

On the long jaunt from the northern Minnesota city Mr. Arnold experienced all kinds of roads, most good, some fair and about 50 miles of bad road between the entrance to Yellowstone Park and Cody, Wyoming.

While the trip occupied three weeks and during all that time they slept in their tent and camped out in pioneer fashion, enjoying very minute of the day.

"Had we not endeavored to see everything worth while," said Mr. Arnold Tuesday, "we could have come thru in ten days or two weeks, but we were not in a hurry so took in the park and other points of interest. The trip from the park to Cody, 50 miles is equal in many respects to the Park itself. The roads there were bad it is a trip worth taking."

"Crossing Minnesota and North Dakota we had some hard going on account of the mud, the otherwise the roads were good. In Montana we found the highways fine, as we did thru the Bad Lands of North Dakota. The most unpleasant roads we struck, aside from the bad going in Wyoming, were the just deep roads Idaho. Of course there were good roads in Idaho too, after the cool days in Montana the hot plains were more noticeable."

"The only stop we made for repairs was that to replace a hub cap. This cap should have cost us but two bits, but the garage highwayman saw by our Minnesota license that we were tourists and doubled the price so we were out four bits and that is all. This I believe is some record for a trip of nearly 2,000 miles."

"Coming down from the Yellowstone to Cody we found all kinds of cars in trouble. Some of the big cars were in mud up over the hubs, one was so deep in a hole that the magneto was flooded and it took nearly a day to dry it out after they had it hauled to a garage and applied an electric fan for hours."

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold will be in town for some time before going out to their ranch west of the city.

GOVERNMENT EXPERTS COME HERE TO INVESTIGATE MALHEUR DISTRICT

S. Fortier and W. G. Sloan Relate Beneficial Results Obtained in Twin Falls Region—Declare Local Drainage District Well Formed and Want It to Serve an Object Lesson for Oregon.

**MORE FLOWERS—LESS
TOBACCO—MORE HAPPINESS**

"If the men patronized the flower stores more and the cigar stores less, there would be more happiness in this old world," declared Rev. D. E. Baker in his sermon to the congregation at the union service last Sunday evening. The services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Preaching on the theme, "The Symphony of Life," Rev. Baker averred that there never was a time when rag time amusements as well as rag time music occupied the time and attention of the public more than they do today. He urged the deeper consideration of life's realities.

For the purpose of making a complete examination of the Malheur Drainage district, S. Fortier, chief of the irrigation investigation office of the department of public roads, with headquarters at Washington D. C., and W. G. Sloan, drainage engineer for the Idaho and Oregon district arrived in Ontario Tuesday evening. On Wednesday they started on a tour of the district on which they will prepare a report.

The drainage board works under the supervision of L. W. Page, who has charge of the expenditure of the \$150,000,000 which during the next five years will be spent for public roads in the states having public lands. The solution of the road problem, depending also on the solution of drainage problems the engineers who visited Ontario this week will consider all the needs of this region.

Want Malheur to Be Model.

Messrs. Fortier and Sloan are not alone interested in gathering data for their report on the local drainage situation, but they want the preliminary work so performed that when the district is finally completed it will be a model for the entire state of Oregon.

In speaking of their work in solving the drainage problems of the irrigated regions of the West to the Argus, Mr. Fortier, said:

"We, Mr. Sloan, and I, have just completed an investigation of the Boise district which includes 29,000 acres on the north side of the Boise river down to the vicinity of Caldwell, where the problem is somewhat similar to that in Malheur county."

"For the past five years Mr. Sloan has been in charge of the work in the Twin Falls district, and due to his work, which I must commend very highly the problem has been solved. There a vast area of irrigated land was threatened with destruction by ground water. Mr. Sloan and his associates have recently solved the problem by drilling wells into the lava rock and liberating large quantities of water."

"Beside getting rid of the destructive water much less water is wasted. This is particularly true because the ranchers then run much less water during the winter months in the irrigation channels."

"There the local directors have purchased their own drilling outfits and drill wells for the ranchers at cost. When the ranchers are supplied with wells they turn the water off in the laterals during the winter and prevent logging. The whole result is a very fine piece of work."

"Mr. Sloan is certain, and I concur with him in his judgment, that the people of Malheur county should go ahead with drainage plans as fast as they can."

A Right and Wrong Way.

"Of course in every such work there is a right and a wrong way in which to proceed. The thing for the people of Malheur county to do is to avoid the mistakes of others."

"There are no serious obstacles in the Malheur district. The only thing to do is to see to it that the necessary preliminary surveys are made, including the location of the water table, that is the first step."

"The second step is to make careful plans including size of drains, grade and location. In addition at a still later stage comes the tile, competent and reliable contractors and finally the actual construction."

"The cost of such service in the Malheur district will be from \$10 to

ONTARIO YOUTHS SEE JOYS DEPART

**Vacation Days Coming to
Close—1916-17 School Term
to Start September 4—
Course in Music Added.**

These are the sad days for the boys and girls of Ontario and vicinity. After three months of joyful sport the youth of the community will have to go back to school. Swimming and fishing will be but memories while the prosaic pastime of perusing "readin'", "ritin'" and "rithmetic'", will occupy their attention.

The board of directors of school district No. 8, have decided to open the schools on September 4th for the 1916-17 term. It is the belief of those in charge of the schools that there will be a large increase in the attendance of high school students. It is to be hoped that the boys and girls expecting to attend high school will make arrangements to commence on the first day of the first week, for it is impossible for those starting later to ever become as efficient as they would were they to begin with the opening of school.

The Ontario high school has an enviable reputation among the schools of the state. It carries a regular business course, domestic science course and general science course, besides the usual studies carried in the high school curriculum. Added to the work of last year will be a course in music. Besides this a regular line of work is carried on in pedagogy or teachers' training class. One thing to the credit of the Ontario high school: Every member of the class of 1916 has found honorable employment. In fact, one of the strong features of the graduates of the Ontario high school is that it has never turned out a professional loafer.

The faculty members for the coming year are:
L. L. Culbertson, mathematics and history; Mame Berge, language and music; Everett Trousdale, science; L. G. Davis, English; Leona Rader, domestic science; D. A. Hiles, business; E. G. Bailey, pedagogy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell of Brogan are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, who was born to them on Wednesday at the Holy Rosary hospital.