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## LUMBERMAN'S TRUST CO. BUYS WARNSPRINGS BONDS

COMPLETE ISSUE SOLD FOR 95%  
WITH OTHER OFFERS MADE  
AT BUT 92.

### WORK TO COMMENCE SOON

Complete Reports of State and Reclamation Service Engineers Obviate Need for Surveys.

After months of uncertainty, the bonds for the construction of the Warnsprings Reservoir and the distributing system were sold last Friday at Vale. The board of directors accepted the offer of the Lumberman's Trust company of Portland of 95% and that ended the first step looking to the starting of work to reclaim 18,000 additional acres of land in the county and to give a complete water right to 12,000 acres which at present have a partial water right.

According to the terms of the offer for the bonds, the purchasers have the right of supervising the work to the extent of seeing that the money is properly spent.

The other bidders were a syndicate of San Francisco and Sacramento bond bankers with whom Fred J. Kiesel of Ogden was connected, this group was represented by George Peltier of San Francisco; the Henry J. Keiser company of Portland, represented by H. J. Wilton, both of these bid 92 for the issue. The Puget Sound Dredge & Bridge company was represented by Maney Bros. & Wells, who asked more time in which to investigate the field, but made no offer.

The sale of the bonds was greeted with pleasure by all of the men who have followed the various phases of the history of the project. This was especially true when it was pointed out that to await government action might endanger the entire for years for the government requires that all large holdings be subdivided and the owners agree to sell their land at a price set by the secretary of the interior.

## IN DENSE FOG ENGINE HITS CAR ON CROSSING

MRS. O. E. CLARK AND MISS ANNA FAIRBANKS ARE INJURED  
FOUR OTHER OCCUPANTS  
ESCAPE INJURIES.

## PARTY'S ESCAPE MIRACULOUS

Auto Turned End for End, Wheels Smashed—Investigating Committee Exonerates Engineer.

Mrs. O. E. Clark and Miss Anna Fairbanks were injured Saturday afternoon when the auto in which they were riding was struck by the Brogan passenger train at the Dunbar crossing four miles west of the city. The four other occupants of the car in some miraculous manner escaped injuries.

The auto was coming from the south toward the city and when approaching the track Walter Fairbanks who was driving looked west for approaching trains, but owing to the

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## JORDAN IS RECOGNIZED BY SHORT LINE, SAYS EXPRESS

Under the caption, "Jordan Recognized by Short Line, Daily train service to Homedale Established First of Year of Great Value to This section of the Country," the Jordan Valley Express says:

The Short Line railroad is improving its service more and more and is recognizing the small, outlying districts, and the citizens of this part of the country are gratified to know that they are to benefit by the latest move

## WELL KNOWN CAR LEAVES BOULEVARD FOR ALL TIME

B. B. Wood is back in Ontario after sending the holiday season resting in Portland. Not only is Mr. Wood back but he is now driving a new Buick, his old Stoddard-Dayton, one of the best known machines of this region, having passed from his ownership in the deal for the new chug chariot. With the passing of the famous big buggy a land mark is gone for the white car has streaked miles of Malheur county roads. Until his latest acquisition accumulates personality or peculiarities it will be impossible to tell it from dozens of other cars in this section. The new car has side curtains and, as yet, no couch.

## UMATILLA FIRM WILL SELL MALHEUR LAND

F. G. LUCAS SECURES OPTIONS  
ON TWO RANCHES, BRINGS  
BUYERS AND PLANS  
EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

## SHOWS EVIDENT AWAKENING

Is Investigating Conditions of Lands Under the Warnsprings System—Demand is Developing.

This week saw the first results of the sale of the Warnsprings bonds. This was the entry into the local field of F. G. Lucas of Umatilla county, one of the largest real estate operators in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Lucas is here to make a complete examination of all the land under the Warnsprings reservoir with the idea of handling all that can be secured at reasonable prices.

He was not long in getting action. After securing options on two ranches in the territory above Vale he brought two buyers to see the land on Wednesday, that is they arrived here Wednesday and went to view the property on Thursday.

The entry of the Umatilla firm gives concrete evidence of what advocates of the sale of the bonds asserted, a demand for these lands when assurance was given that sufficient water would be available.

While no immediate boom is expected local real estate men are firmly of the opinion that real estate will throw off the lethargy evidenced during the past three years and there will be an influx of settlers in this region.

## PORKERS DRAWING DOWN TEN CENTS IN PORTLAND

M. G. Sullens who ranches above Vale was in Ontario Tuesday on his way home from Portland where he went to market a car load of hogs. Mr. Sullens stopped at the Argus office long enough to say that prices for porkers are ruling strong in the Willamette market and that 10 cents was quoted for fair sizes with 10 1/2 cents for extra heavies.

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to give still better service on their branch lines. The daily train service to Homedale makes much easier the handling of the several million pounds of freight that comes through Homedale for points in this interior country. The old service of three trains per week caused much delay to the freighters who would arrive in Homedale with their large outfits on

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## ONTARIO SHOULD STUDY UP CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE

Having somewhat studied human nature and having had some practical experience together with a good deal of study and thought on the subject of co-operation, the writer would suggest an investigation, later the organization of a Co-operative Exchange association in Ontario which eventually might be the means of promoting a great deal of good in the near future to our city and surrounding farm community in the way of starting industrial enterprises already suggested by others in the Argus. For which an association of this sort is especially adapted and in other directions, which would later appear, among which might be mentioned the home supply of many of our now imported articles and thus keeping our money at home, and in the operation greatly increasing our circulation of money. The how, why and wherefore of this system is, to many, a somewhat new idea in co-operation, but is not in itself new. It works best in hard times, can be started in any community where a small bunch of public and community spirited citizens endowed with plenty of stability, stick-to-it-iveness and enough moral courage to weather public opinion at its beginning and which it will not take long to overcome when rightly carried on as the idea will soon spread when once in operation because seeing is believing with the most of us.

The system does not interfere with other business already located and established in the community and surroundings but on the other hand helps them all by its even-handedness.

Eventually proven when once understood, it helps the poor to help themselves in dealing with the association, it helps the skeptic, because it enables him to see prosperity in a new light, is good for the superstitious as it shows there are other gods besides the money-god.

The co-operative community check for instance, show that there is really a heaven here on earth as well, if we go after it, it drives away the blues and instills hope in its stead in a place, where practiced, it puts new hope and ambition into the farmer because reliable and lasting markets are opened for his products and at a better remuneration than usual because by the conversion of his raw material into the finished article and placed on a market where needed and wanted, through this system the farmer so contributing his material is credited in the association with his pro-rata share of profit resulting in their conversion or manufacture from the raw to the finished state, but stays and forms a part of the future working capital in the business the same as the working capital fund in any manufacturing enterprise. There is often a considerable margin in the manufacturing of many of our commodities consumed in every day use which usually goes into the pockets of the factory owner in the shape of profits and dividends, but in this case stays with the farmer and other workers in its particular department, broom making department, evaporator department, building department or any others the association might see fit to undertake. The worker, the contributor of raw material, or money in the enterprise being always entitled to his or her share in proportion to the money value of same on the market.

The association may if so inclined accept old farm machinery useless to or not needed by the farmer at its appraised value by the directors, the town blacksmith or any handy man with tools with plenty of time or out of a job might then buy the same with money or check which is most handy, repair same in working order, sell it to the farmer or back to the association at an appraised value accepting checks in payment because the financial system of the association being checks, it always pays in checks and checks only which is the rock upon which the whole system rests—checks backed with useful and mainly non-perishable commodities of a useful nature, the check being similar to our bank check in book form, also others somewhat like the merchant's store check being used for handy change, no checks go out until value is deposited, therefore in either work, money or commodity, any money that may be contributed to the promotion of same is always deposited in some local bank for safe keeping by the association and used only when necessity arises, as in paying railroad freight bills in the outshipping of products and otherwise where the co-operative check cannot be used, as on the replenishments of material and machinery demands their use. It is always advisable to start on a small scale at first and learn as business proceeds. There are pitfalls in this as in any other undertaking but they may be easily avoided by paying strict attention to the check principle as before stated, and by the regulation of the by-laws. As to the working details of this co-operative principle more will be said in subsequent articles in the Argus, in as concise and clear an explanation as the writer knows how on paper.

A CITIZEN.

## CITY GOES INTO COAL BUSINESS--BUYS CAR

City Council Decides that City Hall and City Library Must Be Kept Warm, So Orders Entire Car-load.

Determined that the city buildings, the city hall and the library, shall be kept warm even if the city has to go into the coal business, a special meeting of the council last Saturday night ordered a car of coal direct from the mines.

While a 40 ton car is more than the city needs several of the councilmen said they would care for the surplus and since this will mean a saving to them it is not anticipated that the city will have any trouble disposing of what is left after the city buildings are cared for.

"The council has no desire to go into the coal business," said Mayor

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## IRRIGATION DISTRICTS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

Directors Chosen for Dead Ox Flat District Said to Favor Abandoning Effort to Irrigate Lands—Other Results.

Tuesday was a busy day in the various irrigation districts. In all of the districts new directors were chosen and in at least one instance, that of the Dead Ox Flat district a warm contest developed. As the result of the election there a new board was chosen, which it is stated, is in favor of abandoning all efforts to irrigate the lands under the district and surrendering the water rights now held. It is also rumored that should this be attempted a contest will be waged. There is even talk of contesting the result of the election there Tuesday.

The directors elected for this district are: Ernest T. Sullivan, Pearl

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## POULTRY EXHIBIT PEER OF ANY HELD HERE IN YEARS

### MORE MALHEUR HORSES GO TO HAUL ALLIES BIG GUNS

A. McWilliams, local representative of the Caldwell Horse & Mule company disposed of another carload of Malheur county horses to buyers for the allies. The sale was made Wednesday to Jack Fells of Chicago who after inspecting the animals ordered one carload shipped. They will leave Ontario today.

A second carload will probably leave Ontario before the end of the week and these will be the property of a Kansas City firm, before they are turned over to the government officials for transportation to the war zone. All of the horses are big rangy animals and just the kind selected to haul the big guns along the firing line.

## HIGH SCHOOL FIVE PLAYS EMMETT HERE

OPENING GAMES OF THE SEASON  
SCHEDULED FOR OPERA  
HOUSE FRIDAY EVENING—  
LOCALS CONFIDENT

## BIG ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED

To Win Championship of Snake River Valley Conference is Hope of Local Basket Shooters.

Friday night, at the Opera House will see the 1917 basket ball season opened. The contest scheduled for that evening is between Ontario High School and the quintet from Emmett.

Manager Paul Van Petten, who is looking after the team's affairs expects the boys to win, but also looks forward to a gruelling contest. The advance sale of tickets shows that there is no little interest in the contest, especially among the students and it is hoped that a record breaking crowd will be out to help the locals take the first step toward the championship.

Coach L. L. Culbertson has selected the men who will represent the High in the first game at least. The elimination of candidates was not an easy task for from the various class teams represented in the recent tournament a number of promising players developed. For the opening game this will be the line up: Forwards, Gramse and Christiansen; Center, Maddox; Guards, Husted and Duncan.

The local five holds Emmett in high regard for the Idaho boys have a record of scraping for every point until the final whistle so the game which starts at 8 o'clock should be well worth seeing.

## NEW PASTOR COMING TO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Members of the Congregational Church have been advised that Rev. David Livingston will come here to take charge of the work. Rev. Livingston is expected here in time to take charge of the services on Sunday.

Attorney C. C. Wilson of Nyssa was in Ontario on business Tuesday.

## PRAISE GROWS IN VOLUME AND DEGREE FOR THE NEW SERVICE

From all parts of the great interior comes words of commendation for the new train service which was inaugurated Christmas day for the benefit of the entire county of Malheur as well as Burns and Harney county points.

This is what the Crane American of last week has to say in one of its leading articles, under the heading "Service Appreciated, R. R. Time Card Benefit to All:"

PROMOTERS PLEASANT WITH SUCCESS OF VENTURE—HOPE TO PERPETUATE SHOW.

## LOCAL FANCIERS GET RIBBONS

Exceptionally Fine Birds Shown and General Character of Exhibition Such as do City Great Credit.

Ontario's poultry show was a real success. Every day there were hundreds of people at the building to look over the fine assortment of feathered aristocrats, while on Saturday, the closing day the place was thronged.

The character of the birds shown was exceptionally high, and as was evident by the ribbons carried by many of the pens, they would have done credit to any poultry exhibition. While the association did not secure sufficient funds to give prizes, the business men of the city, after seeing the interest taken by the ranchers near by in the show indicated that all obligations would be met by them.

While there were many Ontarians at the show every day the crowd was largely made up of ranchers from the bench, Payette, Nyssa and the territory immediately adjacent to the city.

The following is the list of awards:

**Barred Plymouth Rocks**  
Cock: Wilbur Clayton, Payette, first; E. McGoldrick, Imbler, second.  
Cockerel: Wilbur Clayton, first and second.  
**Hens:** Eugene McCoy, Ontario, first; Wilbur Clayton, second; E. McGoldrick, third.  
**Pullet:** Wilbur Clayton, first and second.

**White Plymouth Rock.**  
Cock: George Howe, Ontario, first; Harry Peterson, Ontario, second.  
Cockerel: C. M. Lackey, Fruitland, first; Geo. Howe, second and third.  
**Hens:** Geo. Howe, first, second and third.  
**Pullets:** C. M. Lackey, first, second and third.

**White Wyandotte.**  
Cock: J. W. Matthews, Ontario.

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## YOUTHFUL HUNTER IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

LOYD HALLOWAY KILLED WHEN RIFLE IN HANDS OF HIS CHUM, EARL HICKEY IS DISCHARGED.

## YOUNG HICKEY PROSTRATED

Shock of Son's Sudden Death So Overcomes Mother that Only Simple Funeral Services were Held.

Lloyd, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Holloway, who live near the St. Paul Orchard tracts west of the city was accidentally killed last Sunday afternoon while hunting on the flat near the river. His death was due to the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of Earl Hickey, his chum, with whom he was hunting. The accident so prostrated young Hickey that he swooned when he re-

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Contrary to the most awful howl and unreasonable criticism put up by the citizens of Vale over the change of the time card of the Oregon & Eastern railroad, Crane and Harney county are more than satisfied with the new service. Arriving here every afternoon on time at 5:20 passengers bound for Burns or other interior points are given ample time to

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