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### UNITED FOR VALE?

For the purpose of blackguarding all those who dared to voice an opinion concerning the merits of the train schedules on the branch lines in opposition to the dictatorial demands of a small coterie of Vale citizens the former editor of the Malheur Enterprise returned to the saddle last week.

If he did not do so literally, he so imbued his spirit upon his successor that there was a striking resemblance in the style of the vaporings that permeated the issue with that of times gone by. The same multiplicity of words, the same paucity of ideas; the same exaltation of the selfishness of Vale; the same maligning of other communities; the same meaningless quotations, the same buncombe of sophistry, that deceives no one but the man who wrote it; the same telling of half truths, the same deception of not telling pertinent facts, was manifest thruout the issue.

One of the last named omissions was the attempt to make it appear that Vale had never been able to present its case to the railroad's officials by not having been invited to the hearing at Nampa where the railroad officials went into the question of service. No mention was made of the fact that Vale had a hearing all by itself, where no other community was heard and they had all the time they wanted to present their case.

No mention was made of the fact that at this hearing Vale insisted on having the evening train service, irrespective of the other communities. No mention was made of the schedule Vale wanted which would have had the train leaving Vale at 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the morning to make the trip to Brogan and back before any person on the line could have had any use of it. No mention was made of the fact that when asked directly by counsel early in the hearing whether Vale wanted this service, if it were shown that to secure it, it would be necessary to curtail the service given the other communities on the branches, Attorney Geo. E. Davis, representing Vale refused a categorical answer but when pressed for a reply doggedly said: "We want the service."

Of course Vale endeavored to make it appear that it was not trying to tamper with the service given the other sections. It is easy to make such a pretense, but the effort was and is so illy concealed that no one who has followed the schedule controversy or is acquainted with Vale spirit is swallowing the bunk peddled by the Malheur Enterprise and the few citizens of the community who are behind the fight on all the rest of the county.

It is obvious that the attempt to discredit everyone save the Vale witnesses is patent by the fact that every representative of the communities outside of Vale felt and said that the Vale crowd was trying to "put one over." Never was there a hearing in which so many communities were interested in, where there was such a unanimity of feeling, behind the railroad officials. Certainly it is mighty strange that the Vale crowd alone should be objecting and in her objections could find no support.

It is also mighty strange to find that only a small coterie of Vale citizens were behind the objection.

That Ontario's Traders' Day is a growing institution, one of the kind that gathers strength, surely and safely is indicated by the fact that an extra sale will be held this month. Every boost helps it, and every Ontarian should be boosting.

### WHY PLAY FAVORITES?

There is a strange inconsistency in the arguments of those who are opposing universal military training. In the same breath they declare that such service would inure to the benefit of one class of citizens only, ignoring entirely the fact that the class they malign would be compelled to give that service just the same as their traducers.

As a matter of fact the present system of a paid army and a volunteer national guard system is the most unjust imaginable, for by its operations those who desire to escape may do so and leave the defense of the nation to those who are willing to bear their share of the burdens of democracy. Under the compulsory training system there could be no escape every man would have to serve.

These same objectors to universal training have evidently overlooked the lessons of history. They fail to realize that a hired army has proven a weak rod upon which to lean. There is a parallel in the history of the Roman republic which is worthy of consideration. So long as every Roman was willing to serve the republic, so long was Rome the mistress of her own fate; so long did she grow and prosper; so long was the life of a Roman safe thruout the world; so long was Rome able to build great viaducts for the irrigation of her lands, and erect the masterpieces of architecture that became the glory of her people.

It was when Rome took on the fatted ease of conquerors and assumed the "too proud to fight" attitude and hired foreign legions from Germany, Britain and Gaul, that the decline set in and left her easy prey for Attila the Hun, and the marauding Goths and Visi Goths.

It was not that these hired warriors were not good fighting men. They were. But they had no interest in the defense of the nation, and were used by first one designing general after another to usurp power and take from the free Roman the fruits of that for which his fathers had fought. Gradually, from the man who could proudly say, "To be a Roman is greater than to be a king," the Roman became the vassal for foreign rulers.

So will it be with the American people, if they shirk their obligations. The recent German intrigues have plainly shown that this nation is not free from enemies. The very wealth accumulated thru the world war makes this nation the most desired prize for those who would rule the world, while the attitude of those who object to universal training make it an easy prey.

The only manner to avert such a catastrophe is to prepare for action. The only fair way to make that preparation is to provide that every man shall be ready when his services are needed. There is no reason why one man should go to defend the life and liberty of those who are "too proud to fight."

### THE POST ROADS.

Under the provisions of the Road bonding bill on which the people will vote on June 8, there is provided a post road across Malheur county to Burns, and one over the divide and down the John Day river to the Columbia highway. These post roads are to be built in part by the revenues to be derived under the proposed law, from automobile licenses, and in part from the United States government fund.

Not one cent of the money used in building the roads proposed under the law in Malheur county will have to come from the taxpayers, unless they happen to have automobiles, and only half of that will be derived in the state. The balance comes from the United States road funds.

And it is also well to bear in mind that unless the state makes provision for matching this government money not one cent will come to this section.

Now is the time to start some movement for better roads leading to Ontario. It has been suggested to the Argus that a good roads day along the boulevard would help, especially if the business men of Ontario and Nyssa would unite with the residents of the boulevard to make a real work day of it. By getting together and with the aid of the county equipment a big section of that road could be gravelled in a day.

### A BENEDICT ARNOLD

In the person of Private Sharfenberg of the Minnesota regiment on duty at the border American history was furnished a Benedict Arnold. The letter he wrote, ostensibly to his mother in Germany, but actually destined to reach the officials of the Teutonic power, shows how cheaply do the trained soldiers of the Kaiser hold the prowess of American arms. It also shows how close to the brink of serious trouble this nation has been drifting.

The one thing about the letter that is encouraging is the utter misconception the writer had of feeling of the vast majority of the Americans of German extraction toward their adopted country. His letter was a base slander on the loyalty of these worthy citizens, but being a traitor himself, he felt that all Americans of German birth are like him. In that he was mistaken, tho there would no doubt be some such, the vast majority, yes, ninety-nine per cent would be loyal to the stars and stripes. They would be found fighting in the front ranks if war be declared against the Kaiser's government. No one could have injured his fellow citizens, as has Sharfenberg, but his actions should serve to awaken the few, peace-at-any-price men who still prattle on the dangers of preparedness.

Nampa women are boycotting the haughty spud until he comes off his high horse and is willing to be passed over the counter at two-and-a-half cents per pound. Given time the women will learn how to control food prices themselves.

### DO IT NOW

"He cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.  
If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,  
If you like him or you love him, tell him now;  
Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration  
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow;  
For, no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it;  
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed;  
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him.  
For he can not read his tombstone when he's dead!  
More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny  
And the hearty, warm approval of a friend,  
For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver.  
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end;  
If he earns your praise—bestow it; if you like him, let him know it;  
Let the words of true encouragement be said;  
Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,  
For he can not read his tombstone when he's dead!  
From "Dipped from the Stream."

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