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UPPER-COUNTRY PUTS OVER BIG BOND SALE

COMMITTEES FROM VALE DEMONSTRATE FAITH IN GREAT PROJECT AND SELL \$175,000 WORTH OF ISSUE.

ONTARIO IS NOT REPRESENTED

Committee Here Appointed After Vale Had Start Made—Chances to Get Part of Issue Yet, Perhaps.

The Warm Springs bonds, to the amount of \$350,000 have been subscribed by the people of Vale and the upper country. As yet Ontario is not represented in the list of subscribers.

That briefly is the status of the most important development project attempted in this section for many years. Despite the fact that the issue was endorsed by representative Ontarians the committee which had the matter of securing subscriptions here was unable to get action before the work was completed. The last of the bonds were sold today.

Of course, Ontario may still have a chance to get some of the issue for the men in charge desire an over-subscription to insure the full amount in case any of the first subscribers fail to make good. This is not a likely contingency, however.

The board of directors of the district will meet next Monday to appoint an engineer for the project and plan to get action at once so that there will be a reservoir to store the waters of the Malheur for the 1919 season.

COUNCIL SEEKS TO SAFEGUARD CROSSING

Warning Bell and Signal at Idaho Street Crossing Declared Inefficient—Issues Clean-Up Order.

Councilman W. W. Letson at the meeting Monday evening called attention to the fact that while cars occupy the house track near Idaho street drivers cannot see the crossing signal warning of train approaching, nor can they always hear the bell. He asked that the Council request the railroad company to install a wigwagging device on the west side of the track. This was done without debate.

The City fathers also considered the approach of the typhoid season by ordering the immediate printing of notices commanding an abatement of nuisances. Instructions will be given the marshals, if the notices are not heeded, to bar all open toilets within the sewer districts, and prosecutions will follow violations of the health laws.

The Council also discussed the continuance of card tables in pool halls, on the suggestion of Councilman Ward Canfield, who asked that the opinion sought of the City Attorney be given soon.

Considerable discussion was had on the question of blockading sewers in the alley between Oregon and Richardson streets. The catch basins were reported defective and the fall in the old sewer insufficient. Steps will be taken to eradicate the trouble.

Grant Red Cross Request.

Mrs. W. W. Letson, heading a committee consisting of Mesdames Ray Wilson, H. H. Whitney, J. D. Billingsley and E. M. Greig requested the use of the northeast room on the second floor of the City Hall for a knitting room for the Red Cross. This room has been used for the storage of records and Judge Stearns said that by removing the records to the office formerly used by the County Agent the room could be made available. Therefore request was granted and the committee left after extending its thanks.

Judge Stearns also called attention to the fact that many lots within the city limits had been sold to the City for delinquent taxes but that under the law the City's title was not

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TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN AT 4:07 SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Ontario will take a vacation this week to witness the wonder of the year—the total eclipse of the sun—which occurs at 4:07 Saturday afternoon. The sun will start behind the moon at 3:11 and at 4:00 will be 99 per cent covered; light will start returning at 4:08 and a fraction and the shadow will disappear entirely about 5:15. Smoked glasses will be necessary to behold the sun's great marvels.

WESTERN FRONT BATTLE LINE DUPLICATED HERE

Gene Girard, who first saw the light of day in Sunny France, and William Kercher, a native of Cologne, on the Rhine, had a miniature battle of the Marne at the hospital Monday afternoon. They went round and round, with Gene wielding a shovel and William a bucket. Gene landed his shovel on Kercher's head, cutting the scalp. For which he was arrested and paid a fine of \$5 and costs when brought before Judge Stearns.

BOYS OF TWENTY-ONE REGISTER WEDNESDAY

Twenty-Five Potential Soldiers Listed by Registering Officer C. M. Stearns—Some Already Enlisted.

Judge C. M. Stearns on Wednesday listed 25 potential candidates for military service under the selective service law. The "young men" are those who have reached the age of 21 since June 5, 1917.

Those whom the Judge enrolled were: Ashcraft, Odice Leroy; Browne, Herschel McKinley; Brown, Coy Jennings; Brookshire, Lucas Carl; Conner, Hamilton Albert; Daus, Joseph Keller; Dixon, Calvin Porter; Danielson, Reuben Leroy; Freiderich, Earl Lelan; Green, Roscoe Fred; Hamilton, James Bryan; Marshall, Robert; Overstreet, Shade Maynard; Oliver, Clarence Colman; Powell, James Wesley; Rose, Adam Edson; Romph, Wayne Liny; Staples, Everett H.; Saulta, Sebastiano; Turner, Elmer Guy; Toombs, Charles; Tensen, Klaas; Ward, Earl Dewey; Wyman, Clarence Leroy; Williams, Ira McConnell.

Several of the above come from Nyssa and vicinity and at least one of the above, Joseph K. Daus, has already enlisted and will join the navy about July 15.

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE WILL MEET ONLY ON SPECIAL CALL

At the meeting of the Council of Defense Wednesday evening it was determined that owing to the fact that summer evenings are approaching that sessions will be held only on the call of the directors. It was decided, too, to increase the number of officers to five by the election of Marion Jones to the position of Sergeant-at-arms and to make the officers a board of directors to handle any question that might arise, if in their judgment action should be taken before a meeting of the members could be held. The officers are: S. F. Taylor, president; W. E. Lees, vice-president; Jake Gregg, secretary; R. W. Jones, sergeant-at-arms. Any citizen who has any matter to take up with the Council of Defense is requested to report to Col. Taylor.

ONTARIO MAN SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR IDAHO CONTRACT

H. L. Poorman of Ontario was advised this morning that he was the successful bidder for the contract of plumbing and heating the handsome new grade school building at Filer, Idaho. The amount of the contract is for \$6800. Filer is a small town in Southern Idaho.

L. Adam was taken home from the hospital today greatly improved as the result of an operation performed last week.

Mrs. D. H. Kerfoot expects to go to Portland to live soon.

Council Notifies Public That City Water Is Reported Bad-Be Cautious

Ontario's City water is again polluted. Reports received this week from one sample sent the State Board of Health shows 1000 bacilli per cubic centimeter; 50 per cent gas formation after 72 hours incubation and colon bacilli recovered.

In every day language that is bad. The city authorities therefore

FIREMEN WILL DIRECT THRIFT STAMP SALE

June 28, National Thrift Stamp Day. Will Be Observed in Ontario—Merchants to Help Also.

National Thrift Stamp Day will be observed in Ontario June 28, and a new organization to take hold of war work, the Fire Department, is to have charge. Of course every member of the fire department has been actively engaged in every other movement, but as a body this is their first venture in charge of a campaign.

The fire boys undertook the work at the request of Mayor W. F. Homan, county chairman of the War Savings committee.

The merchants of Ontario will aid the firemen with advertising and other help and within a short time further details of the campaign will be published. An effort will be made to have every resident of Ontario listed in the Thrift Stamp ledger and making regular contributions to Uncle Sam's war chest.

The firemen who have charge of the campaign are: Louis Kroessin, Jr., chief; W. H. Laxon, assistant chief; Frank Foster, John Landingham, Charles Garvin, Louis Hurlie, H. L. Holcomb, J. H. Denison, J. B. Atherton, O. H. Test, Ivan Arnold, Marion Jones, L. E. Purcell, Frank Brittenham, William Johnson.

The three men who are members of the department absent on leave while in the army are: Wilmer Boyer, James Conway and Erwin Harris.

Ontario Boy in France Enjoys His Experiences But Wants Home News

In an interesting letter to his brother Wilmer Boyer, now with the A. E. F. in France, tells how good it is to get news from Ontario. This is what he had to say:

In France, May 4, 1918.—Dear Brother Orin: Another letter from you, which sure was a welcome visitor to yours truly, way over here in the woollies of France.

We have been having some of the best weather you ever heard of. It is nice and bright for a day or two, then one day of rainy weather. It sure does put the pep into a guy and makes him want to really do something.

I am hearing from home more regular now but I have never received a home paper.

I had more fun looking over that bunch of funny papers you sent me. That is about the biggest bunch I have ever seen at one time. I haven't as yet found any use for that "bug powder" I received in that big box but I may need it most any day. Some of the fellows who come in here are so darn lousy from all kinds of bugs that it is hard for them to control their steps as the bugs are pulling them around.

They are getting bath houses most every place now so the boys

MARY PICKFORD TO BE SEEN AS SHE LOOKS "DOLLED UP"

For the first time since her appearance in Artercraft pictures, "America's Sweetheart," Miss Mary Pickford, will be seen at the Dreamland theatre commencing Friday, June 14th, as a modern American girl in modern gowns, in "The Little American," a gripping patriotic photodrama by Cecil B. De Mille and Jeanie Macpherson.

MALHEUR EXPLOSIVES MAY LICK THE KAISER

If the plans of A. O. and J. H. Matthews of Twin Falls, who are developing the Hercules Nitrate mines in the lower Malheur near Watson, materialize, gunpowder from this section will help blow up Germs next season.

At Vale Tuesday the Messrs. Watson reported that they would have machinery on the ground at their mines by June 25 to concentrate the ores they have uncovered. A complete electric plant is to be built and work on a large scale prosecuted this year. The ore, they declare, runs all the way from 14 to 90 per cent, and is richer than Chilean ores, say the prospectors.

POLICE JUDGE BOOSTS SALE OF THRIFT STAMPS

Judge C. M. Stearns has added a new wrinkle in Thrift Stamp salesmanship. His method is simple, direct and effective. This is how it works, when offenders of immature years appear before him charged with riding bicycles on the sidewalk after being caught by Night Policeman J. H. Dennison, the Judge penalized them with a given number of Thrift Stamps which they must buy in a given period. That was the method he used in the case of Jimmie Boyd and Egnar Faulkner. For a similar offense Claude Christiansen and Lynn Bunvhuener paid fines of \$3 each.

H. A. Daubenberger enriched the city treasury by \$20 and added \$3 for costs, and fattened the county funds with \$77 for accumulating a quantity of intoxicants. He was apprehended by Night Policeman Dennison, Friday night.

HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

C. M. Blevins of Huntington, who was in the hospital on account of illness, has recovered enough so that he was able to leave Monday.

Miss Birdie Cronin, who underwent an operation some time ago, was dismissed Saturday.

Little Wave Christiansen, who was also operated on last week, left Saturday.

J. Rogers, one of the accident cases, is slightly better this week but is still unable to speak. Mr. Rogers was found in an unconscious condition by the side of a road on Fruitland bench. The accident, if accident it was, will be unable to be explained until the patient regains the use of his speech.

Frank W. Wheeler of Payette is a patient in the hospital at the present time.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson of Caldwell was here a couple of days last week owing to an operation for the removal of her tonsils.

Bernard Rader had his tonsils and adenoids removed Monday.

A rather serious operation was performed on J. C. Herfurth also of Payette Monday but he is making good progress toward recovery now.

Little Phoebe Burns was operated on for ear trouble Tuesday.

Miss Anna Brake is the latest typhoid patient to be received here. Miss Brake's home is in Brunswick, Miss., and she has only been in Ontario a short time.

J. Tucke of Burns was brought to the hospital yesterday.

Miss Margaret Drane had her tonsils and adenoids removed yesterday.

ONTARIO HAS SENT 240 BOOKS TO SOLDIER BOYS

In a report given out by the librarian, Miss Estelle Curry, the number of books sent to the cantonments and other places during the last two months has reached 240. There were many that could not be sent, both on account of the contents and the condition of the books. There are many more at the library now which will be sent in the near future.

The books that were not able to be sent on account of the subject matter treated in them will be sold and the money used in the book fund in some way. Among these are Boy Scout books, Henty and Alger books.

COUNTY WILL SEND HALF HUNDRED MEN

CALL FOR DRAFTED MEN FOR ENTRAINMENT JUNE 24 TO JUNE 29 GOES FAR DOWN THE LST.

CLASS ONE ALMOST DEPLETED

In June Draft Five Men From Ontario Will Be Numbered—Sheriff Believes New Order Affects Many Others.

Malheur county will send 58 more of its sons to the army of "Dutch Cleansers" that Uncle Sam is building these days. These men will entrain in the five day period from June 24 to June 29. Among them are six Ontario boys. Five of these are in the 58 principals and one in the list of five alternates.

With this call the number of men in Class 1 is reduced to approximately 150, so that by fall this class will in all probability be exhausted and other classes will be called upon. Sheriff Brown believes that the recent "work or fight" order promulgated by the war department will affect a large number of men in the county, thus increasing the men available for Uncle Sam's "useful occupations."

The men who have been ordered to report at Vale on June 24 at 9 a. m. are as follows:

Elbert C. Johnson, Ontario, Or.; Leo H. Haw, Jamieson, Or.; Benjamin Starling, Westfall, Or.; Oren Woodcock, Malheur, Or.; Owen B. Maxam, Pendleton, Or.; William Hartman, Seattle, Wash.; Floyd W. Brush, Paradise Valley; Thomas C. Lawrence, Nespelem, Wash.; Elmo D. Corder, Westfall, Or.; Roy Coyle, Malheur, Or.; Wilmer H. Shaver, Rockville, Or.; Marion O. Sandy, Pay-

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GOVERNOR'S SON IS MANAGER OF STORE

Sam Green Leaves for Visit With Parents in Lowell, Mass., Before Joining Army—Was Called Day After Leaving.

N. Alexander, son of Governor M. Alexander of Idaho, is now a resident of Ontario. He came here last Friday to succeed to the management of the Alexander store here following the resignation of Sam Green, who left Saturday for Lowell, Mass.

Mr. Green, whose departure came somewhat of a surprise to business men of the city, had tried for some time to enter the army without result. Knowing that he would be called, but not knowing when, he decided to have a visit with his parents in Lowell, Mass. The day he left, however, he was called, the order leaving Vale before he left Ontario. It was addressed, to his Massachusetts home, so his visit will be short.

During his eight years residence here Mr. Green was prominent in business circles, and has been especially active in war work, Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. He was a director, too, of the Commercial Club this year.

Mr. Alexander, the new manager, is not a stranger to Ontario, having been here many times during the past few years, for he has been employed in his father's stores for years.

MEN OF ENTERPRISE WILL CUT WOOD DURING THEIR VACATION

Portland, Ore., June 6.—A number of citizens of Enterprise have decided to take no chances on a fuel shortage this winter so far as regards their district. According to information reaching Fuel Administrator Holmes, some of the little city's live men have decided to spend a few days vacation in the woods chopping their own wood.