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LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS.

The progress being made toward the sale of \$350,000 worth of Warningsprings bonds to people interested in the advancement of the district presages the ultimate completion of that much to be desired project.

Never in the history of any community was there one thing necessary for the benefit of all the people so patent to all as the need for more water in the Malheur Valley.

Unless more water can be secured thru the storage of the flood waters of the Malheur then truly this county has reached its ultimate limit and we can see today nothing that could brighten the hope of any resident.

Could there be anything more disheartening than a procession of years such as this? What infinite pains and labor, and expense the ranchers have gone to, to get crops started only to see their harvest dwindle from a lack of that which flowed gently by their farms all spring to the boundless sea, where there is more water than needed?

And yet, tho it would require but a comparatively few thousand dollars to build this project, which from the new lands alone would raise more than a million bushels of wheat, Congress is proposing to spend \$6,100,000 "on an educational and demonstration campaign for food conservation," of which over \$1,000,000 is to be used for "the eradication of ticks." Where the ticks are we do not know but some of them must be cerebral ticks in the mental machinery of the men who would thus spend government funds while thirsty lands await water which would raise more food than all the demonstration methods would save.

But while Uncle Sam eradicates the ticks and demonstrates how food can be saved, a good thing in its place, no doubt, the patriotic citizens of the Malheur Valley are tackling the problem of getting the food by storing and distributing the water. With such a demonstration of their faith in their own ability, they will succeed and raise a monument to their memory more impressive than all the marble shafts admiring friends could erect.

GETTING DOWN TO CASES.

General Crowder in a brief order accomplished what Councils of Defense, City Councils, Governors of States and State legislatures only partially accomplished in months of efforts. He has put the man power of America on a war basis that appeals to the fairminded man. Let his regulations be enforced to the limit and the people will back him, for at last America has awakened to the fact that this war is no summer excursion for a few thousand men to France.

How the order will effect Ontario and this section is problematical, tho it will undoubtedly cause a readjustment in the lives of a number of families. Sheriff Brown believes that a large number of men in Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and other towns, as well as a number of alleged ranchers and sheepmen, will be affected by the order. Hotel shepherders and speculators are to be rounded up and made either to get into the khaki of Uncle Sam of the overalls of the sheep camp.

Already there has been an exodus of young married men to the shipyards and to the ranches where they can do essential war work, and where, no doubt, they will better their condition financially.

In the meantime there will probably be a readjustment of the present draft list and many men who are now in deferred classifications will find themselves higher up in the list. In spite of the efforts of the various boards to follow a general rule of classification there have been many men placed in deferred classes whose positions are similar to those who have already been taken into the service. That there have been comparatively few such is remarkable, and shows how faithfully the rulings have been made. However, with the new work or fight order the lines will be even more stringently drawn.

GET READY FOR TYPHOID.

At the City Council Monday evening the first steps in the anti-typhoid campaign for 1918, aside from the new water system were taken. The action was needed, as the Councilmen realize, and the people should give their cooperation.

There is no excuse for typhoid. Its continued presence in a community is an indictment on the citizenship. The Council and authorities cannot use a club on every citizen who refuses to do his duty, but the Council can and in Ontario evidently intends to, declare as a nuisance every place which breeds flies if within the sewer and water districts.

There are still a few citizens who have been warned repeatedly of the conditions which they permit to exist on their premises. They ignore the authorities with apparent impunity. Against such some action must be taken and they will drive the Council too far, one of these days and the costs to them will be greater than adherence to the regulations and laws would have been.

Speaking about "work or fight," what does the work amount to that the card players in Ontario's pool halls are doing?

THE VALE SPIRIT.

They do things different in Vale. That was demonstrated to a number of Ontarians who went to the county seat Tuesday and had the pleasure of attending the weekly luncheon of the Vale business men. The demonstration of get-together spirit manifested in the neighboring city was sufficient to make a loyal Ontarian blush with shame.

There is no difference in the spirit of the Vale men than that in Ontario, except in degree. Up in Vale they take their loyalty to the town seriously. They are willing to forget petty jealousies, if they have them—as no doubt they have—and are willing to take an hour once each week to talk over the things that ought to be done to make Vale a better town in which to live.

Ontario has tried just such a movement. In fact the three or four Commercial Club luncheons held this spring were the best attended meetings of the organization. Why many of the business men, professional men, and especially those who own the major portion of the real estate, and who would profit most by the advancement of any material interest of Ontario, will not attend the meetings of the civic bodies, is beyond the understanding of the ordinary citizen.

The only explanation that suggests itself is that they believe that Ontario and Malheur County have reached their maximum development and that nothing more can be done to promote the growth and prosperity of the community. They reason, or must reason, that since they possess all the good corners and all of the favorable locations and are receiving all the good rents, that all they have to do is to cash in. They must reason, too, that any change in present conditions must of necessity call for the expenditure of some cash, in the form of additional taxes, and naturally that does not meet with their approbation.

That there are but few citizens who take this position is fortunate, but their attitude is reflected in the attitude of the average business man, who declares: "If the landlords of the City are not interested and not willing to carry their share of the burden, why should I be interested? The merchants of the city have done all the boosting work for years. They have spent their time and their money, and what thanks do they get?"

"If by its work the Commercial Club were to double the population of Ontario the men who would get 95 per cent of the benefit are men who are not now and who have not for years attended a meeting of the Commercial Club or any other civic body."

Just such answers have been received by officials of the Commercial Club, when they have invited merchants to attend meetings. The answer is typical. What are those who should be interested going to do about it?

Is such a spirit good for Ontario and the county? Will Ontario prosper if that is the attitude of its people?

Or is the Vale spirit the one which should be adopted? Ontario can do well to follow the Vale example. Vale is doing things. The position of the Warningsprings project today is due to the Vale spirit, and Ontario must awaken if it is to do its share in the advancement of this wonderful country.

SWAT THE FLY NOW.

The warning which the City Council is giving the residents of the city that the water is contaminated should be heeded. Along with the injunction to boil water before drinking should go the admonition to "swat the fly." These precautions, together with a prophylactic treatment, are the best safeguards against typhoid for the present until the new municipal water system is completed.

Ontario people by this time should be the most thoroughly educated on the question of typhoid and its dangers. They, too, should realize the necessity of sturdily guarding their health, and also in the necessity of making their neighbors conform with sanitary regulations. No neighbor is a good neighbor who constantly defies the health laws. He not only endangers his own life and the lives of his family but he also jeopardizes the health and lives of those near him.

This is true because of the fly. The fly is a filthy insect. Its woolly feet are an ideal place for the location of disease germs. Its wings are the motive power which takes it directly from the most loathsome place directly to your food, and thus is the means of introducing typhoid bacilli directly to you.

Unsanitary places breed flies, harbor disease germs and are a direct challenge to the sense of decency, health and progress of a community. For your health's sake, swat the fly, and at the same time make your neighbor obey the health laws.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

Ontario's Fire Department is getting behind Uncle Sam's War Savings Stamp Campaign. Ontario will get behind the boys and together they will put Ontario on the W. S. S. Map, in bigger and brighter figures than she has hitherto been entitled.

Ontario somehow has overlooked the little War Winning stickers. It has been inclined to center its affections on the Liberty Bonds and the Red Cross and other activities, and only incidentally has given the W. S. S. consideration.

The government officials have a two-fold motive for boosting War Savings Stamps; beside the fact that they aid in keeping the cash balances in the federal treasury where they should be, they also cultivate the habit of thrift, a trait not conspicuous in the make up of Americans. There will be far less liability of financial panics and hard times if the thrift habit takes a deep hold on the people. Thrift stamps therefore are the best possible insurance for good times. Help Uncle Sam and take out a Thrift Stamp policy June 28 when the Firemen come to see you.



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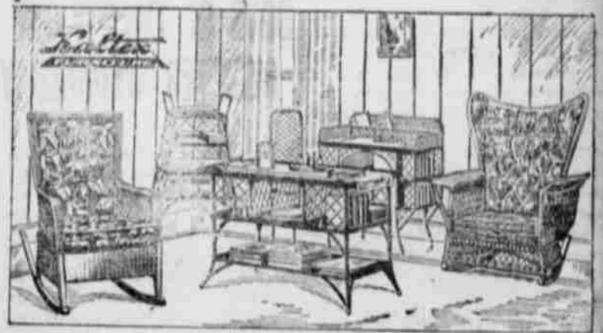
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.
G. L. King, Plaintiff,
vs.

E. J. VanCourt and Alice M. VanCourt, husband and wife; Bertha A. Schilling and John H. Schilling, husband and wife; Alexander Bills; I. H. Preston and G. A. Woodman, Defendants.

To E. J. VanCourt, Alice M. VanCourt, Bertha M. Schilling, John H. Schilling, Alexander Bills, I. H. Preston and G. A. Woodman, Defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the 5th day of June, 1918, the same being the last day prescribed by the order of the Court directing service of summons in said suit to be made upon you by publication, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit:

For judgment against you for the principal sum of \$4,000.00 and interest thereon from January 11, 1910, at the rate of eight per cent per annum and for the further sum of \$500.00 attorney's fees and for his costs and disbursements hereto.

For a decree of the above entitled Court foreclosing that certain real mortgage of date Jan. 11, 1910, given on the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 6, T. 18 S. R. 47 E. W. M. in Malheur county, Oregon, together with all water rights connected therewith, and for an order for the sale of the above-described and mortgaged property to satisfy such sums as shall be found due and owing plaintiff by reason of said mortgage.

This summons is served upon you by publication by virtue of an order of the Hon. Dalton Biggs, Judge of said above entitled Court, and dated April 15, 1918, directing that this summons be published once a week for six consecutive weeks in the Ontario Argus, a weekly newspaper published in the City of Ontario, said county and state.

First publication, April 18, 1918.
Last publication, June 5, 1918.
WM. E. LEES,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Any men called for the draft or joining the Army or Navy are invited to have their photographs made before leaving. Just 5 minutes of your time—no charge.
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STRAYED.

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