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## WARM SPRINGS BOARD SELLS BONDS AND CONTRACTS WORK

OF CLARK-KENDALL COMPANY OF PORTLAND FOR ENDS OF \$750,000 AT 91 AND A QUARTER.

### EXPECT DIRT TO FLY SEPT. 1

Element Now Lacking Is Approval of War Securities Committee in Washington—Cost Plus Method Used for Contracting Work

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District at Vale Tuesday afternoon its bonds for the construction of the now famous Warm Springs dam were sold. Also the board contracted for the construction of the dam and distributing system.

The Clark-Kendall company of Portland, bond bankers, were the successful bidders for the bonds. The offer was for the entire issue of \$750,000 or the payment of \$684,375 of the entire issue of \$750,000. The bonds bear interest at six per cent per annum.

The contract for building the system was let to Shattuck & Nimmo of San Francisco, one of the largest construction contracting firms in the United States. This company was recently completed a gigantic project in Arizona for the Good Year Rubber Company.

Under the terms of the contracts made with all the members of the board present save C. W. Matlett, who is in California, the work is to start after the approval of the War Securities committee at Washington, D. C. is secured as soon as possible. The necessary requests for permission, together with data on the subject, etc., has already been forwarded to the various authorities thru whose hands the proposal will be passed upon prior to the decision of the Washington committee.

According to the terms of the contract with the Shattuck-Nimmo company the contractors will be paid a percentage on the actual cost of the construction as arrived at by auditors employed by the board. The work is to be done under the direction of the project engineer named by the board, with A. J. Wiley, consulting engineer for the board.

Expect Early Start. It is the hope and expectation of the directors that the approval of the War Securities committee will be secured in a few days so that the contractors can ship their equipment to San Francisco in time so that work will actually begin on the dam September 1. If this can be accomplished the dam will be completed in time to retain the flood waters of the Malheur for next season.

The sale of the Warm Springs bonds at this time is viewed as the beginning of the upper country. It is without a doubt, the successful consummation of continuous agitation for the construction of an irrigation project ample to care for the territory to be served which has existed over 20 years.

Originally this land was embraced within the old Malheur project which also embraced the Owyhee, Head Ox Flat and would have been one of the great projects of the West. When this could not be built because of the various sections being relief in smaller units and contract work and plans have been prepared, offering solutions of the problem.

### FOOD CONSERVATION EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN

Arrangements have been completed with W. K. Newell, Assistant Federal Food Administrator for the exhibition here during the Fair of the Food Administration display of Conservation Foods. This exhibit is made up especially for fairs and is only shown at the larger exhibitions. Malheur County was selected as representative of Eastern Oregon to carry the patriotic message to this portion of the State.

### WILL DEVELOP GREAT AREA

The development of the Warm Springs project is the biggest advance this section of Eastern Oregon has made in years. The land under the district is second to none in the West. It is capable of producing at least three million dollars worth of produce every year.

In the hills of the district there are approximately 22,000 acres. Of this 15,000 is now raw sage brush land, that but needs water to make the most fertile region to be found in the Snake river or any other valley. The balance of the land is already under ditches which have partial water rights, but whose production will be vastly increased by having plenty of water during the entire growing season.

Under the terms of the organization and the laws of the state the lands will pay for the water right under the district according to the benefits to be derived, credit being given for the present lands under cultivation for the proportion of water right they now have.

The consummation of the sale of the bonds and the completion of the project will be a monument to the industry and perseverance of the board headed by R. E. Weant and composed of Rex Marquis, C. W. Matlett, George Russell and Geo. McLaughlin.

One of the interesting steps in connection with the final effort to build the project was the loyal effort of Vale business men and ranchers in the upper country to finance the project with the aid of W. P. Davidson, president of the Oregon-Western Colonization company, which owns a large portion of the desirable undeveloped land within the boundaries. Mr. Davidson offered to meet the landowners half way and subscribe \$175,000 worth of bonds of they would take a like amount and then sell the balance to build the project. When Clark-Kendall made their offer they did so for all the bonds so the plan presented by Mr. Davidson was abandoned.

A. J. O'Reilly and Miss Helen Cowgill of the O. A. C. from Corvallis were in the city the first of the week on business relating to the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Club work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Emison and family returned Monday from an extended trip thru the Yellowstone Park. They are enthusiastic over the wonderful scenery of the park.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Arnold and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockerum returned last Friday from a two weeks vacation in the mountains near the Seven Devils mines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witherspoon of Portland were guests of the Moore Hotel last Thursday during a brief stay in Ontario while on their way East.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Billingsley returned Friday from a trip in the interior, where they visited their ranches.

Ray Rambo returned Saturday from Shoshone, where he has been looking after his sheep.

Miss Gertrude E. Page of Boise was in the city Tuesday en route to Seattle.

Geo. Fenton was in from Riverside the first of the week.

## REGISTERED MEN WILL HEAR ARMY OFFICIALS

GREAT MASS MEETING FOR REGISTERED MEN TO BE HELD AT VALE ON SATURDAY, August 10.

### COUNCIL OF DEFENSE INVITED

Major Hibbard Will Tell Experience of Enlisted Man in Philippines—Captain Russell to Talk on Health in Army.

At Vale Saturday evening, August 10, Captain R. H. Russell, U. S. M. C., and Major John B. Hibbard, Multnomah O. N. G., will address a mass meeting of the citizens of Malheur county, held especially for the men registered for army service who have not been called.

To this meeting, which was arranged by the State Council of Defense, the public is invited, and the registered men are urged to attend. After the general meeting there will be a meeting for the men, only, to be addressed by Captain Russell.

Major Hibbard will speak on his experiences as an enlisted man in the Spanish-American war, and incidentally discuss the needs for information of Home Guard companies. Captain Russell, who is a medical officer, will discuss the provisions taken for the health of the soldier. The County Council of Defense and the local councils are arranging to get a big crowd out for the gathering.

## DIVER ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE GRIFFIN BOY

Parents Hold Ceaseless Vigil by River Bank Where Boy Was Last Seen—Lower River Searched.

Sitting by the banks of the river, where their oldest boy was last seen, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Griffin, maintained a ceaseless vigil, hoping against hope that the body would rise from its watery grave.

They could not be shaken from their belief that somehow the body was caught among the big boulders which strew the bed of the stream. Even after Charles Garvin had dived to the bottom and ascertained the speed of the current, they could not be persuaded.

On Wednesday of this week W. E. Hill, formerly with the reclamation service, secured a diver's suit from the Phoenix Construction company of Montpelier, Idaho, and with the assistance of volunteers descended into the turbulent waters in a vain effort to locate the body. He found the current so swift that he was turned over four times in spite of the weights he carried.

After his effort proved that the body was not on the bottom where it sank, James Doty and other neighbors of the Griffins started down the river in boats to search the shores, believing that it has risen and floated down the stream.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Logan and their three daughters came down in the car Tuesday from Brogan and visited for awhile with friends here. They were accompanied on the trip down by Newton Zahler, who has been working at their ranch since school was out.

Misses Mary Hatfield and Edna Koons of the Caldwell General Hospital are in the city visiting with friends here and at the Holy Rosary Hospital this week.

Misses Rena Adams and Irene Rader left the first of the week for Payette Lakes and will spend a brief vacation there.

Mrs. M. E. Osborn leaves the last of the week for Portland where she will purchase some of the fall millinery for the shop.

Miss Irene Worth left for Seattle Monday where she will spend the remainder of her vacation and where she will attend school this winter.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS MAKING UNIFORMS

ONTARIO LASSES WILL BE THE FIRST OF THEIR SEX IN STATE TO PERFORM THIS PATRIOTIC SERVICE.

### PATRIOTISM REPLACES VANITY

Democratic Efforts Being Made to Conserve Clothing—Uniforms to Appear.

To be the first High School girls in Oregon to adopt a uniform and by this patriotic effort aid in the patriotic conservation movement, will be the honor won by the Ontario High School girls when school opens on September 16.

With the girls in uniform the student body of the Ontario High School will present a unique appearance. The boys who were the first Oregon High School boys to adopt uniforms have already achieved distinction, and together visitors at the High School this fall will view a unique gathering.

This patriotic effort on the part of the young women is deserving of more credit than the casual observer might give credit for. To achieve this result the girls have placed vanity of personal appearance in Georgetown crepe, and silk stockings in the background and are going to back Uncle Sam's fighting boys by conserving clothes.

The girls are already at work on their uniforms which are described as follows:

**The Uniforms.**  
The dresses are to be of white and black shepherd plaid, medium sized check. Sailor waist, collar piped with red, separate plaited skirts, white collars and cuffs, red student ties, dark shoes and stockings, and small white hats. The class insignia, one red stripe for Freshmen, two for Sophomores, three for Juniors and three stripes and an eagle for the Seniors.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McEndree, formerly of Ontario but more recently of Boise, were in Ontario today en route for Portland, where they will make their home. They have sold their ranch just outside of Boise and will live in Portland for the present. They still have their home here to "come back to, some time," as Mr. McEndree expressed it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fortier and sons Eldon and Edgar returned in their car Monday after a week's vacation at the Payette Lakes.

Miss Jennie Owens of Venator, Oregon, returned home Saturday after a several days' visit with friends and former school mates here.

Jack Taylor, Dick Stover and Carl Brown left the first of the week for Baker, where they will work in the lumber mills.

John Sullivan spent the week end in Nampa at the Dewey Palace with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hunter.

A. L. Arnold arrived in Ontario from the Blue mountains, where he will spend a few days visiting with his new son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Emison and children returned the last of the week from their trip thru the Yellowstone National Park.

### NEPHEW OF ONTARIO MAN WOUNDED IN MARINE FRAY

Frank Draper of this city received word Sunday that Ralph Draper, his nephew who enlisted in the Marines at Vale a year ago was wounded in France. According to the reports he was killed among the "seriously wounded" having been hit with a shrapnel which lodged about his legs and body. The full extent of his injuries are unknown. He is the first Malheur county boy to be wounded in action. Young Draper is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Draper of Vale.

## BROTHERS WILL COMPETE FOR NORTHWEST HONOR

### RED CROSS WAR FUND PLEDGES

The undersigned is now in possession of the official receipts for Second Red Cross War Fund and asks that all pledges due be sent in at the earliest possible convenience. We are asked not to send out notices of these payments and so ask all subscribers to forward their remittances which will be duly acknowledged.

E. A. FRASER, Cashier.

### YANKEES ON ITALIAN FRONT

Arrival Announced of the First Large Body of Combat Troops.

With the American Army on the Italian Front—American fighting troops are now on the Italian front. They began arriving Saturday morning and are being billeted with the Italians.

Heretofore the only combatant American troops were aviators, and the appearance of this large body of fighting men from the United States at the present moment has occasioned the greatest satisfaction.

The Italians greeted them with enthusiasm and rejoiced at the splendid physical condition which the American soldiers showed.

The Italians appeared greatly astonished when the overseas men immediately sought out a bathing place and then started several games of baseball.

### ALLIED TROOPS GIVE GERMANS NO REST

With the French Armies on the Marne Front—Allied patrols crossed the northern bank of the River Oureq and captured Peres-Tardenois, the great German base of supplies.

The retreat of the crown prince's forces along the whole Marne front has reached a more precipitate phase. At some places the Germans have fallen back for a distance of several miles. French and American troops are harrying the retreating forces in the center, while French and British troops are hammering at both flanks.

Cavalry and tanks in considerable numbers have succeeded in getting in among the retreating Germans, while airplanes are bombarding their columns.

The incessant smashing blows left the enemy nothing to do but retreat or die. Even their sudden retirement has not relieved the constant harrying.

In addition to the slashing of cavalry and the pounding of the tanks, the lives of the German rear-guards are being made precarious by infantry patrols. Ever since the commencement of the German retreat tank crews have been breaking up the enemy front line and preparing the way for infantry.

Rev. Chas. Blom is now using an auto to carry him on his visits and business trips among his parishioners and also out of town places. The car is the gift of the members of the Baptist church.

Miss Helen Biggs of Baker arrived in Ontario last Thursday evening to visit with her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Weese. Miss Biggs expects to return home about September 1st.

The women of the Baptist church met at the parsonage this afternoon and organized a missionary society. The society makes its beginning with sixteen charter members.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Segaline entertained at dinner last Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pinney, who left a few days later for Shoshone, Idaho.

Mrs. H. C. Boyer returned Sunday evening from the East, where she has been for the past two weeks purchasing the fall goods for the store.

Miss Ione Luehrs is visiting at present with her friend and former schoolmate, Miss Dorothy Cleveland at Jamieson.

### OREGON WILL CONTEST WITH SISTER STATE FOR POSSESSION OF BEST BOY GARDENER—BROTHERS SKILLED.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB GIVES AID

Cecil and Leo Thompson Oftimes Winners at Malheur County as State Fairs, Going After Higher Honors.

Two boys, brothers, and residents of the garden tracts just at the edge of Ontario, will represent the State of Oregon at Spokane's Inter-State Fair in the contest with Washington for the champion boy gardener in the Northwest.

The youths who have been honored thus are Cecil and Leo Thompson, aged 13 and 11 years, respectively, grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Woodman Thompson. These boys already have scores of evidence to show their wizardry in producing vegetables on Malheur county irrigated land.

Word of their selection reached Ontario last Friday when A. T. O'Reilly, assistant state club leader for boys' and girls' work from O. A. C. came to Ontario to notify them. He declared that the directors of the Agricultural college considered the Thompson boys the champions of all the 15,000 Oregon boys and girls who have competed in recent years. This is shown by the fact that the brothers have each won a premier honor in the state contest in the past two years; Cecil two years ago and Leo last year.

### Surpasses World's Record.

An indication of what the Thompson boys can do when it comes to intensive production may be gained from the following story told by Mr. O'Reilly concerning the seasons of the winners at O. A. C. this spring, attended by all the County Champions in various fields of activity.

"During the lecture on potato culture by Prof. Newbill of Washington State College," said Mr. O'Reilly, "he described how by selecting seed and proper methods of cultivation, year after year potatoes could be made to produce fully 300 bushels per acre. This he said would be almost a world's record at this time."

"As he lectured I noticed the little Thompson boy fidgeting in his seat, apparently anxious to ask a question or say something, so when Prof. Newbill came to a stop, having noticed the boy, too, and asked him if he had a question, only to be astonished at Leo's statement:

"Three hundred bushels per acre isn't much. Why, I raised potatoes at the rate of 345 bushels per acre in Malheur county, on irrigated land."

"Under present conditions," declared Mr. O'Reilly, "the record of 345 bushels of potatoes per acre comes mighty near being the world's record. It is a combined testimony to the ability of the young gardener and the soil in which he is working."

Mr. O'Reilly also declared that after a visit to the entire agricultural lands of the state he had seen nothing that can compare with the land in and about Ontario.

A reception was held at the D. W. Stewart home on the Boulevard Tuesday evening for several of the members of the Baptist church who are leaving soon or have left since then. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hiles, who left the next day at noon for Twin Falls, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howe and Ray Howe, who leaves soon in the draft from Emmett, while his brother is leaving August from here; also Coy and E. A. Brown, who are leaving in the draft within the next few weeks. A large crowd was present and all enjoyed a fine time.

Tom Arnold and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cockerum and family returned Friday from Salmon River, where they spent the last two weeks fishing.

Miss Mildred Lawrence of Vale returned home Monday after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank Leavitt.