

DIVISION OF ROAD BOND ISSUE ADOPTED AT VALE

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE DIRECTORS OF MALHEUR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE AGREE ON ROAD PROGRAM—TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS JUNE 3.

ISSUED PLACED AT \$230,000

Roosevelt Highway Endorsed; Likewise State Guarantee of Irrigation and Drainage Bonds, and one Mill Market Road Bill—Entire County Represented at Session.

On June 3 the voters of Malheur county will pass upon a proposition to bond the county for the purpose of building highways in co-operation with the State Highway commission and Federal Post Road commission. As placed on the ballot according to the laws the issue will call for the expenditure of the following amounts as follows: On the Columbia River Highway, or Oregon Trail Highway as it is some times called, between Ontario and the Baker county line across Dead Ox Flat, \$50,000. On the John Day Highway between Nyssa, via Cairo, Vale, Jamieson and Brogan to the Baker line, \$75,000. On the Central Oregon Highway from Vale to the Harney county line \$45,000. On the Succor Creek highway from Nyssa to Jordan Valley, \$50,000. On the road from Malheur City to Brogan \$5,000. On the Watson road, \$5,000. Total amount of issue, \$230,000.

This division of the proposed bond issue was made at a meeting of the directors of the Malheur County Development League held at the room of the Vale Chamber of Commerce Monday evening. On the vote of the final motion as put before the meeting by Otto C. Miller of Dead Ox Flat and amended by P. J. Gallagher of Ontario the vote was unanimous so far as the delegates were concerned. When the public present was asked to vote but one negative vote was cast.

Practically every precinct in the county was represented at the meeting either by a director or by a citizen living in the precinct who was named a delegate for the meeting by the other directors. Prior to action on the formal program a report of the result of the conference at Portland with the highway commission was submitted by P. J. Gallagher of the delegation, with information by Julien Hurley of Vale and J. R. Blackaby and G. K. Aiken of Ontario, also members of the delegation.

Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Hurley and later Frank M. Northrup of Dead Ox Flat went into the status governing the proposed road program and the essentials necessary before an issue could be submitted to the people. All of the speakers urged to adherence to the proposed highway program as nearly as possible with the exception of the road to Jordan Valley which by reason of its isolation and inaccessibility to railroad transportation is an exceptional case requiring immediate relief.

Fred Palmer of Jordan Valley set forth the position of that section in a most impressive manner giving facts and figures to show the need for immediate action to bring about the construction of "the Succor creek road, which is the only feasible route into that country," as he declared.

Mr. Northrup speaking for Dead Ox Flat made a comprehensive and clear statement of the needs of that section, touching on the sentiment attached to the building of the old Oregon Trail in connection with the Columbia river Highway. He advised adhering to the status plans and urged that not less than \$50,000 be set aside for the Columbia Highway across Dead Ox Flat from Ontario to Huntington.

At that point Otto C. Miller presented the original motion for the division of funds. Mr. Miller's motion included \$5,000 for the John Day Highway from Cairo to Ontario, and did not include any provision for expenditures from Malheur City to Brogan or for the Watson road.

With this definite program before the meeting the discussion proceeded on specific points. Mr. Morritt of Malheur City urged that some money be given that section; likewise A. W. Reed and C. W. Pegley of Vale suggested that the Watson road.

After the general discussion had proceeded for some time P. J. Gallagher moved to amend by taking the \$5,000 assigned from Cairo to Ontario and giving it to the Malheur City Brogan road and increasing the pro-

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On Friday, May 9, the Parent Teachers association will hold their last meeting of the year. At the meeting officers will be elected for next year, so a large attendance is desired.

T. TURNBULL LEADS IN RACE FOR HELMET

Mooreville Man, Official of First National Bank has Largest Subscription in County so Far Reported.

Two ornate, dress parade helmets, which the Huns planned to wear in their triumphant entry into Paris, are on display in the banks of Ontario. These will be given to the two citizens of Malheur county who make the largest subscriptions to the Victory Loan.

So far, as reported to Ontario, Thomas Turnbull of Mooreville is in the lead for the first of these helmets. Mr. Turnbull thru the First National bank of which he is vice president made a subscription of \$7,000, of which \$5,000 is to be credited to the Crowley district and \$2,000 to the Ontario district. This purchase of Victory bonds makes Mr. Turnbull undoubtedly the largest individual owner of U. S. Government bonds in the county, for he has been a large purchaser in every issue.

The fact that Mr. Turnbull has led the way in practically every issue should spur other wealthy Malheur county men to show equal faith in their government and appreciation of its efforts, for the he has long been a resident of Malheur county, Mr. Turnbull was born in Scotland, and the burr of the Highlands lingers in his speech.

Two other large subscriptions have been reported from individuals this week, they being \$5,000 each and were made by J. R. Blackaby, president of the Ontario National and Tom Logan of Brogan. Both these men were heavy buyers in other issues.

UNCLE SAM DECLARES LIVING MAN IS DEAD

Andy Maneman Receives Letter From Brother on Same Day Another Arrives Declaring Man Long Since Dead.

On Monday of this week Andy Maneman received a letter returned to him from France which he wrote to his brother John last October. On the envelope was stamped the following, "Deceased October 8, 1918," "Deceased confirmed October 18, 1918," "Reconfirmed November 2, 1918," "Statistical Division II, A. E. F." On the same day he received a letter from his brother dated March 2, 1919 from Coblenz, Germany, in which was enclosed a number of kodak pictures and an interesting account of the fighting in the Argonne and life with the army of occupation.

DYMENT TELLS OF ACTION OF SERGEANT WM. M'KINNIE

In the history of the fighting of the 91st Division written by Colin V. Dymont, Red Cross Searcher, which is running in the Oregonian, last week appeared a brief statement telling of the fighting in which Sergeant William McKinnie of Juntura lead his platoon in heavy fighting in the Argonne. As the result of his action the Sergeant has been recommended for promotion, according to advices received by local friends.

OLD TIMERS RETURN TO ONTARIO AND ARE AT WORK

Frank Ryan formerly of Juntura, who for more than a year has been in Idaho returned recently to Eastern Oregon and is now in charge of the grocery department of the Oregon Packing company. George Rhieson, who worked here three years ago and since then has been in Portland has returned and is in charge of the retail meat trade for the same firm, they having purchased the business from H. H. Tunny.

FRED GRAMSE HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

While trying to pass another car on the road near the bridge last Saturday night Fred Gramse driving a light runabout turned his car turtle and received a number of minor bruises. The front end of his car was badly crumpled and one wheel was demolished. That the young man was not more seriously hurt was considered remarkable by those who viewed the accident.

MEMBER OF FAMOUS FIGHTING MARINES ARRIVES IN U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pinney were advised Tuesday of the arrival in New York of their son Henry Clinton Pinney, a member of the famous Sixth Marines who fought from Chateau Thierry to Sedan. Young Pinney was in every engagement in which his regiment figured and escaped injury only to become ill from exposure. He expects to be discharged from the service soon and start West.

ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY GIVEN ENDORSEMENT

Malheur Development League Goes On Record Favoring Highway From Astoria to California Line—Boosts Market Roads, Too.

The Roosevelt Highway, which it is proposed to build up the entire length of the Pacific Coast, as the first line of defense, as well as a great road to open up undeveloped counties in Oregon was given the unanimous endorsement of Malheur Development League at Vale Monday night.

This was done while at the same time the League endorsed the market road tax of one mill, the state guarantee of irrigation and drainage bond interest for five years, following the discussion of these measures by Senator Julien A. Hurley and Representative P. J. Gallagher.

The legislators urged this as a matter of good business judgment on the part of the people of Eastern Oregon. If Eastern Oregon will co-operate with Western Oregon on this measure, Western Oregon will co-operate and support the measures which Eastern Oregon want. Intelligent self interest for the advancement of Oregon will pass this measure and secure the promised support of the federal government to the extent of \$2,500,000 and help open up a great section of the state.

The League also endorsed the Gallagher measure guaranteeing interest on irrigation bonds for five years and the one mill tax for market roads, known as the grange bill introduced by Senator Pierce of Union county.

The League pledged itself to the support of these measures and to campaign for their approval by the voters.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM RECLAIMING FARMS.

Land Idle for Years Now Growing Crops, Water Once Wasted now Doing Double Service—System Inspected.

With all but a few minor details to be finished, the Malheur Drainage system is completed and is giving ample demonstrations of its efficiency. Land that for years has been idle is now growing crops. Tule swamps and duck ponds of last year have given way to plowed land with grain growing.

Not only have the above beneficent results been achieved on all sides of Ontario, but several ranchers have appropriated the drainage water and are cultivating land that other wise would still be idle. As the result the ranchers within the district are convinced that had such a system been constructed years ago thousands of dollars would have been saved.

Supervisors, John Weaver, T. W. Claggett and B. B. Wood, accompanied by Engineer John Cunningham of Barr & Cunningham engineers of the project made a final inspection of the system last Saturday, which an Argus man was privileged to witness. The entire day was devoted to viewing every part of the work. Only one or two minor defects were noted and these will be corrected this week before final acceptance of the system is made.

The first wonder of the system was noted at the outlet of the south unit which drains the lands south and west of the Oregon Eastern track, and a small section to the north of the tracks. At the outlet over 200 inches of water is flowing, sufficient to drain a small lake.

This stream has been flowing constantly for months showing how badly the land was water logged. Beside the water thus flowing into the river, Frank Hardman has located a pumping plant near the rail road track and is pumping some 40 inches for the irrigation of part of his farm that hitherto was without water.

One of the most striking examples of the value of the drainage is shown on the Emison ranch near the rail road wye. This ranch which was largely alkali and water logged has been entirely reclaimed and land plowed this season that was a swamp last fall. Similar results have been secured on the Claggett ranch and on one of the Wood sections.

In the afternoon the north unit from the Weaver reach to the open ditch below the hill on the Malheur flat was inspected and the some sary repeated as found in the morning, heavy streams of water flowing from the land and other ranchers reappropriating some for further irrigation.

WILL PLAN RECEPTION FOR SOLDIER BOYS HERE SOON

The W. C. T. U. is taking the initiative in planning a big public reception for the Malheur county soldiers and sailors who served in the war. A meeting will be held at the City Hall next Tuesday afternoon at which representatives of every woman's organization, lodge, club or church is requested to send representatives.

ONTARIANS MAKE TERRIBLE SHOWING IN BOND CAMPAIGN

RECEPTION FOR BRIDE IS SOCIAL EVENT OF SEASON

The women of Ontario discarded the ban on social affairs which has been effective since the war and last Friday enjoyed the handsomely appointed reception given by Mrs. J. R. Blackaby in honor of Mrs. Larue Blackaby.

The Blackaby home was handsomely decorated in spring foliage, apple blossoms being the prevailing flower. Mrs. Blackaby was assisted in receiving the many guests by Mrs. J. R. Jamieson, and Miss Lavine Smith; Mrs. W. W. Letson, Mrs. L. Adam and Mrs. Frank Rader presided at the tea tables while Miss Gladys Emison and Miss Margaret Blackaby served. More than 100 women called during the reception hours.

NAVY APPRECIATES USE OF BINOCULARS

Judge G. L. King Received Certificate and Has Glasses Returned—Were Used on U. S. Battleship Kansas.

Judge G. L. King of this city last week received a handsome certificate from the United States Department of the Navy expressing its appreciation for the use of a pair of valuable binoculars that he sent when the first appeal for such instruments was made at the beginning of the war.

At the same time the glasses were returned, labeled U. S. Battleship, Kansas, and gave evidence of hard service while on that sea dog. It is but another example of the irony of fate that these glasses, made in Jena, Germany, famous for its optical glass factories, were used to help spy out the Hun submarines.

The following is the text of the certificate which the Judge is having framed, and of which he is naturally very proud to possess:

"United States of America, Department of the Navy. The thousands of binoculars, telescopes, spy glasses and navigating instruments furnished the navy by individuals in response to its appeal for 'Eyes for the Navy,' have been a vital contribution in the protection of our warships, transports, and supply vessels against the submarine activities of the enemy during the Great War. 'The Navy acknowledges with thanks and appreciation your co-operation and this certificate is issued to G. L. King in recognition of the sacrifice made for the safety of our ships and the assurance of final victory. Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy.'

HIGHWAY ENGINEERS WITH COMMISSIONERS VIEW ROADS

County Judge E. H. Test and Commissioners Frank Vines and John Weaver came to Ontario last night to meet Division Engineer M. O. Bennett and District Engineer Harrington who arrived from Baker on No. 6. The party left today for a trip over all the roads to be improved by the proposed bond issue within the State Road program.

While he made no definite statement Mr. Bennett expressed the belief that it is possible that a great deal of work on both the John Day Highway and the Old Oregon Trail Highway in Malheur county can be done this year.

JORDAN VALLEY SENDS BIG DELEGATION TO COURT SESSION

Fred Palmer, W. B. Skinner, D. E. Joslyn, Geo. Parks, Harley G. Hooker, T. T. Kohout, H. G. Wells, A. C. Acunonega and other residents of Jordan Valley were in Ontario this week enroute to or from Vale to attend the session of the Circuit Court. Most of them attended the session of the Development League Monday night and on their departure were more than pleased over the favorable consideration given the Succor Creek road.

F. L. SHEETS TAKES LEASE ON THE GATE CITY JOURNAL

In the last issue of the Gate City Journal of Nyssa the Brown Bros. who have published it for years and worked hard for the development of that section, bid their readers adieu. Accompanying the farewell was the announcement that the paper had been leased to F. L. Sheets, formerly of the Argus force who more recently has been foreman of the Vale Enterprise. The Argus extends its greetings to the new editor and its wishes for his success.

At the University of Washington field meet last Saturday two Ontario boys won honors. Bernard Rader took first place in the javelin throw and Paul Van Petten won the half mile race. Both boys were track stars in Ontario during the high school days.

ONLY 111 SUBSCRIPTIONS RECORDED IN BANKS HERE FOR LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF CITY'S QUOTA—WHAT IS THE MATTER?

FAILURE WILL BLOT RECORD

In Last Campaign City Had Nearly 1000 Subscribers—This Time Less Than One-tenth Volunteer—Brogan Leads County.

With the Victory Loan campaign half over Ontario has not yet subscribed one-third its quota. The city's record is shameful, and is causing many anxious moments for the men in charge of the drive here. They had anticipated that the city would exhibit its patriotism and thankfulness that the war is over by cheerfully subscribing their share of the loan. But this does not seem to be true.

Unless hundreds of Ontarians bestir themselves and demonstrate that they are 100 per cent Americans in peace as well as war Ontario's record will be badly blotted.

Think of Brogan. When the local committee thinks of the Brogan record, where in a little community Chairman J. A. Kennedy secured the full quota of \$20,000 the first day, they are ashamed of Ontario. They can't help it. Ontario has lagged, shirked its duty, while Brogan has come forward and gone over the top as Americans should.

Ontario Only \$88,700. To date (Thursday) Ontario has subscribed only \$88,700. Only 111 subscriptions have been made. Hundreds who can and should buy bonds have failed so far to do so.

This is true throughout the county generally. There are a few bright spots like Brogan and Jamieson, but Malheur as a whole is far down the list.

Mr. Reader if you are one of those who can, and who has not as yet bought Victory bonds, do it NOW.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. HARRIET GRIMES

Simple, but impressive services were held at the Nazarene church here Saturday morning for Mrs. Harriet Grimes, of Fruitland, who was a member of the local congregation. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery, Rev. S. L. Flowers officiating.

Mrs. Grimes who was well known among the people of the Fruitland bench was an active worker among the people on the bench, and took a great interest in the local church work.

She was born July 11, 1859, at Albany, Mo. She was married to Albert Grimes on September 8, 1876. To this union there was born seven children: C. O. Grimes of Payette, Idaho; Mrs. H. E. Tuning of Fruitland, Idaho; Mrs. M. E. Channer of LaGrande, Ore.; Mrs. C. K. Powell of Corvallis, Ore.; Plummer Grimes of Portland and Mrs. J. E. Seaward of Fruitland. These with the husband, Albert Grimes, survive the deceased.

The Grimes family moved to Fruitland, Idaho, in February, 1906 from Nebraska, where they had resided several years.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE CENTENAL ANNIVERSARY

To appropriately mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of their order the Odd Fellows of Ontario and Nyssa gathered in Ontario last Saturday night to enjoy an interesting program and social session.

Dr. G. A. Pogue, a past grand patriarch of the Oregon Odd Fellows, and Rev. S. H. Steele were the principal speakers. The growth of the order from the five men who gathered in Baltimore April 26, 1819, to today when there are 2,239,231 was impressively told.

The following program was enjoyed by the large gathering: Anthem, "America;" Invocation, Rev. S. H. Steele; Address, Dr. G. A. Pogue, P. G. P.; music, Mr. and Mrs. Braniff; reading, Mrs. Ina D. DeFoe; duet, Misses Margaret Blackaby and Ruth Homan; paper, Mrs. G. A. Pogue; music, Mr. and Mrs. Braniff; reading, Miss Forbes of Nyssa; address, Rev. Steele; music, Mr. and Mrs. Braniff. Following this a sumptuous banquet was served and social session enjoyed.

SOLDIER BOYS REACH HOME AFTER SERVICE IN ARMY

Corporal Estes Norton reached home on Tuesday night from Camp Lewis where he was discharged after nearly two years of service. He was with the fighting 91st division in the Argonne and figured in many warm battles receiving one citation.

Sergeant Earle Bull returned last Thursday from Camp Travis, Texas where he was discharged after long training for encounters with the Hun, which he never realized.