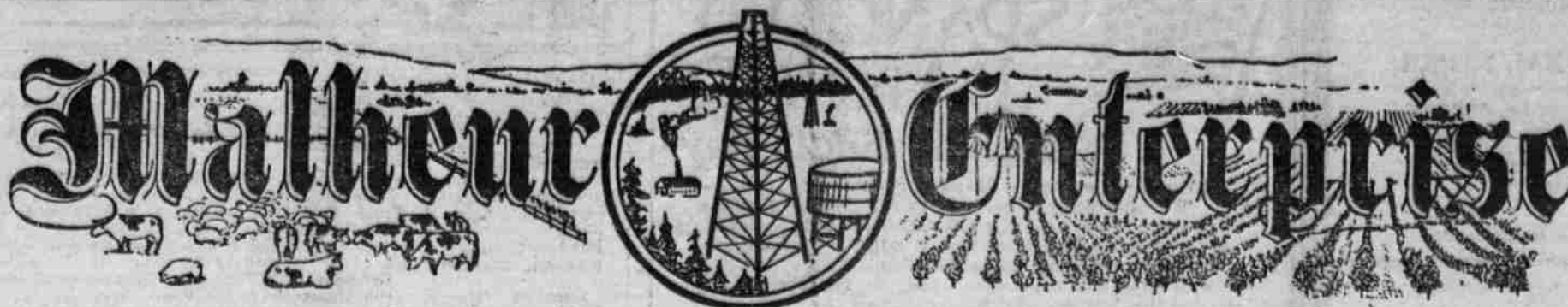


Business Is Good In Vale--Malheur County Is Rapidly Developing--Actual Drilling Underway At Western Pacific Oil Well--Dairying, Gardening, Poultry and Dry Farming Increasing--Cattle, Horses, Hogs, Sheep and Wool Industries At Top Notch--Warm Springs and Willow Alder Irrigation Projects Ready For Construction--Owyhee and Other Districts Developing--New Homestead Laws Are Rapidly Settling the Interior--New State Highways Will Bring Many Tourists and Home Seekers--Jordan and Snake Valleys Prosper--Brogan Country Facing Great Corn and Fruit Season--Nitrate, Potash Aluminum, Antimony, Copper, Gold, Silver, Lead, Gypsum, Silica, Gas and Oil Fields Being Investigated--Boost For Vale and Malheur County--Tell Your Friends to Come to Southeastern Oregon.

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Temporary Malheur County Good Roads Association Formed :-: Will Be Perfected

ASSOCIATION MAKES FARM CREDITS EASY

How the Local Farm-Loan Association Assists the Farmer to Obtain Better Credit.

The local loan association does not lend money to its members. Its function is to perform certain services for them so that they may be able to obtain loans from the Federal land bank on better terms than now prevail. It is important that every borrower should understand what the services are which a loan association renders its members.

One important service, rendered through the loan committee, is an appraisal of the property offered as security by each borrower. While this is not the only appraisal considered by the Federal land bank in connection with an application for a loan, it serves as an important guide, corresponding to the appraisals supplied by local agents under the present mortgage system.

The loan association also renders an important service by transmitting the necessary papers and reports through its secretary-treasurer to the Federal land bank. Besides clerical work of this character and the transfer of funds to and from the Federal land bank, the secretary-treasurer is required by law to ascertain whether borrowers use the proceeds of their loans in the manner specified and to notify the Federal land bank of any irregularities in this respect.

While the loan association supplies many kinds of important information to the Federal land bank, as indicated above, it also contributes directly to the financial standing of the mortgage loans furnished to its members, in that the capital stock of the loan association carries a double liability which is added to the security represented by the members' mortgages. The local loan association is therefore to this extent a guaranty association for members' loans.

Still another important class of services will be rendered by the local loan association in accumulating investment capital. Each association is permitted to receive current deposits, giving therefor certificates bearing interest for not longer than one year, at not to exceed 4 per cent per annum, which certificates, when presented at the Federal land bank of the district in amounts of \$25 or any multiple thereof, are convertible into land-bank bonds.

It may thus be seen that the local farm-loan association constitutes an important cooperative organization which directly assists in improving the members' credit by rendering certain services which otherwise would have to be performed by other agencies at added expense.

Miss Earp to Represent Vale in Contest

Alma Earp Chosen to Represent Vale at the County Declamatory Contest in Ontario.

Miss Alma Earp will represent Vale at the coming county declamatory contest to be held at Ontario, March 31, according to the decision of judges Thursday evening when the Vale tryout was held at the Rex Theatre. So close was the marking of the judges that points numbered on one hand marked the line between first and second places. Second being awarded to Miss Ella Betterly who would represent Vale at the county meeting should Miss Earp be unable for any cause to appear. The other contestants gave splendid numbers speaking with ease and grace and it was a hard task for any judge to pick a winner. One of the striking features of the

CHANGE IN DATE ANNOUNCED

Industrial Club Worker Will be in Malheur County During the First Part of April.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill, has notified Miss Fay Clark, superintendent of the Department of Education for Malheur county, that state industrial club worker, L. P. Harrington, will be here for work during the week from April 9 to 14, instead of during the latter part of March as was previously announced.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA A SUCCESS

Czar May Leave Throne--New Provisional Government Established--Battle in Capital.

London.—Revolution has succeeded in Russia. The czar may abdicate. The duma and the army—or at least powerful elements in both groups—have overthrown the government. Their object was to drive out of power forever the pro-German officials who since the start of the war have been reported as hindering Russia's full participation with the entente against Germany. Three days of fighting preceded assumption of control by the revolutionists.

STRIKE THREATENED BY BROTHERHOODS

Railroad Brotherhoods Determined on Securing Eight Hour Day--May Be Avoided.

New York.—Directly opposite in mood—the brotherhood representatives ready to fight, and the managers ready to offer compromises—the opposing factions in the grave crisis confronting the railroads of the country went into conference at 11:30 today. The Brotherhoods it was declared, are prepared to force the eight-hour day issue and call the first "section" of the strike at 6 p. m. Saturday.

Realizing that the strength of the combined brotherhoods must be shown at this time, the representatives of the "Big Four" marched in to the conference room at the Grand Central terminal station today and presented to the railroad managers a resolution passed at a recent meeting in Chicago giving the brotherhood chiefs the right to call a strike.

Washington.—There is growing belief in official circles that the roads and employes will have no stone unturned in an effort to avoid a strike. Few here think a strike will actually occur. The president himself regards a strike as "unbelievable" in the face of the present international crisis.

Iowa Men Locate Here.

Jacob Lehman, and son, Harry Lehman, of Zeahring, Iowa, arrived in Vale this week and have each filed on a 640 acre homestead. These gentlemen express themselves as being highly pleased with conditions here, and state that a number of their neighbors in Iowa will undoubtedly come to Vale this spring.

The were assisted in finding their homesteads by the Percy M. Johnson company.

SENATOR HURLEY EXPLAINS ROAD MEASURE--CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PASSES RESOLUTION

Responding to a call by the Vale Chamber of Commerce about forty citizens of Vale met last Tuesday evening and after passing a resolution in favor of the Road Bonding measure to be voted on next June and hearing the law explained by Senator Julien A. Hurley, adjourned and formed a temporary organization of the Malheur County Roads Association. It was decided to call a meeting of representatives from all parts of the county at some near future date, and in order to have things in the best possible shape for permanent organization appointed the following committees.

Organization, I. W. Hope, John Rigby, Saxon Humphrey; Constitution and By-Laws to submit to meeting for permanent organization by the county representatives, Robt. D. Lytle, C. C. Mueller, George Huntington Curry; Membership, T. T. Nelson, J. L. Lewis, Leonard Cole, Walter Powers, A. H. Chester.

The meeting adjourned subject to call of the temporary officers, Chairman, Leo. H. Schmidt and Secretary Leslie L. Hope.

It was the wish of all present to await perfection of the county organization until the various communities can accomplish local work and send delegates to a county meeting.

Resolution adopted by the Vale Chamber of Commerce, March 14, 1917.

Whereas, The electorate of the State of Oregon will be called upon at a special election June 4, 1917, to vote on the measure known as the \$6,000,000 Road Bond Bill as adopted by the 1917 Legislature, and

Whereas, It is the opinion of the Vale Chamber of Commerce that the aforesaid bill should receive the hearty support of the voters of Oregon, therefore,

Be it Resolved That the Vale Chamber of Commerce hereby go on record as favorable to said Road Bond Bill, and

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Senator W. D. Wood, chairman of the State Committee and also a copy furnished the Malheur Enterprise for publication.

Senator Hurley spoke in part as follows:

The question of good roads for the State of Oregon is before the people at this time for consideration and this meeting has been called not so much for the purpose of discussing the provisions of the Road Bond Bill, which is to be voted upon at the special election to be held June 4, 1917, but to plan a good roads organization for Malheur county so that we can properly get behind and boost for the passage of this bill and thereby secure good roads for the State of Oregon and for Malheur county.

County Good Roads Associations are being organized all over the State for the purpose of distributing literature in favor of the Road Bond Bill and I have received communications

from both Grant and Harney counties which have already perfected strong county organizations which have gone on record as favoring the bill. The bill provides for about one hundred sixty miles of post road to be constructed in Malheur county at an estimated cost of about \$2500.00 per mile and as there is no increase in the tax which we are already paying into the State Highway Fund, none of which has, in the past, been spent on the roads in Malheur county, there can be no objections to the bill from the standpoint of the taxpayers of Malheur county.

The bill provides that the licenses on automobiles shall be doubled and that the money arising therefrom, together with the one fourth of a mill tax which has already been paid for several years for State Highway purposes, shall be used for paying the interest on the bonds and to provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity. The owners of the automobiles of the State of Oregon so far as I have been able to learn are all in favor of bonding for good roads and as they pay the only additional cost there should be no objections of any kind and all should vote for the passage of the bill. As a good business proposition it is our duty to help in every way possible to explain the provisions of the bill so that every voter in Malheur county will understand the importance of going to the polls to vote for the bill which will result in the construction and improvement of the roads of the State of Oregon and of Malheur county.

The taxpayers of this county pay several thousand dollars each year for the work done on the roads which have been designated in Malheur county as post roads and when these roads are constructed by the State, with Government aid, according to the provisions of the Road Bond Bill it will mean a direct saving to the taxpayers of the county of at least \$12,500.00 each year.

The benefits to be derived by Malheur county from the construction of these two roads across the county, which directly connect us with the Columbia Highway, cannot be estimated in dollars and cents but all can plainly see, who have given the matter any thought or attention, that the benefits to be derived from the tourist traffic alone will mean many thousands of dollars each year to the business interests of the county, and many times this amount to the State as a whole. It is estimated that at least ninety per cent of all the produce of the State is hauled over the roads and this one fact in itself, when the benefits to be derived from good roads for this purpose are considered, will justify any thing that we can do to help in the passage of this bill.

Malheur county has been especially well provided for under the provisions of this Road Bill and I am very anxious to see the citizens of the county begin active work in favor of the passage of the bill, and in my opinion, the best way to do this is to organize a "Malheur County Good Roads Association."

The Enterprise has a few extra copies of the issue containing the full text of the Road Bonding Measure and will be pleased to send a copy to any one requesting same.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK A. ROWE.

Measure Affords Opportunities

Wheeler, Oregon, March 2, 1917. "Malheur Enterprise," Vale, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

The road legislation adopted by the Legislature just closed provides the means whereby Oregon can enter upon and carry out a comprehensive Better Roads program. By referring House Bill 550 to the people for their ratification the proposition of Better Roads is put squarely before the people of the State of Oregon for their decision.

It is up to those of us who are interested in this proposition to see this Act is ratified at the special election to be held June 4th. To do so, will require a united effort on the part of all who are interested in this great movement for Better Roads.

In my humble way I wish to suggest that in each county an organization be perfected, to be known as a "Better Roads Club." These clubs to be composed of all those in the county who are interested in this work. These clubs would have for their principal function the dissemination of information relative to the bond measure, dealing with its importance and the great practical benefits accruing to the state by its adoption.

Then each county organization should select one or several delegates to what might be termed a "State Better Roads Committee." This committee would thus be a state-wide organization and its function would be to gather the necessary information, arrange for the publication of the literature needed, plan publicity campaigns to be carried out by the newspapers of the state and generally to act as the central binding-together body for the various county organizations.

Funds will be required for this work and I suggest that each county organization adopt a rule that each member pay a nominal sum, perhaps one dollar, for membership in the club. The sums thus raised to be used in carrying forward the campaign, as suggested above.

A fact which impresses me very strongly is that this road bond measure is a state-wide proposition and to secure the adoption of the measure and the resulting benefits, we, who live outside of Portland, should take upon ourselves the duty of conducting a vigorous and energetic campaign for the success of the measure at the special election to be held June 4th.

Kindly consider this matter with those to your county who are interested in this Better Roads movement and arrange for the organization of your County Better Roads Club.

I shall be more than pleased to hear that such an organization is perfect-

ed in every county of the state, for only by united effort can we secure success for the measure at the coming election.

Kindly write me, letting me know what you think of the prospects for the organization of such a club in your county and giving me any ideas which you may feel disposed to give as to how such a campaign as I suggest could be strengthened and made more effective.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK A. ROWE.

DECISION IS GIVEN IN CAVINESS CASE

City Released in Caviness Case--Council Members and Mulkey Must Stand Trial.

Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs has sustained the demurrer on the part of the city of Vale in the case of Mrs. Minnie Caviness versus B. W. Mulkey, the city of Vale and the members of the city council at the date of occurrence of injury to plaintiff from fall alleged to have been caused by a defective walk. The demurrer was overruled on the part of the members of the city council and Mr. Mulkey who will have to stand trial.

MAYOR APPOINTS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Standing Committees Appointed by Vale City Council for Ensuing Year at Last Meeting.

The new council for the city of Vale met in its first session Monday evening. The following standing committees were appointed by Mayor Jay Kimball for the year. Judiciary, J. W. Lynd, Chairman, J. A. Randolph, E. Dillon; Finance, J. A. Randolph, chairman, J. H. Ellis, R. M. Beach; Street, Fire and Water, E. Dillon, chairman, R. M. Beach, J. W. Lynd; Printing and Police, J. H. Ellis, chairman, E. Dillon, J. A. Randolph; Health, R. M. Beach, chairman, J. W. Lynd, J. H. Ellis.

The council then elected J. A. Randolph president and re-elected I. E. Quisenberry water commissioner. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, the 21st, at which time the appointment of a city attorney will likely be considered.

WEEKS NEWS REVIEW

Brief Statement of Some Important Events Occurring During the Past Week.

President Wilson issues orders to Navy department to arm merchant vessels.

Extra session of Congress called for April 16.

Idaho and Washington state legislatures adjourn.

English capture city of Bagdad from Turks.

Carranza elected to Presidency of Mexico. First national election since that of Madero.

Cyclone hits Newcastle, Indiana, resulting in million dollar loss, thirty deaths, and many injuries.

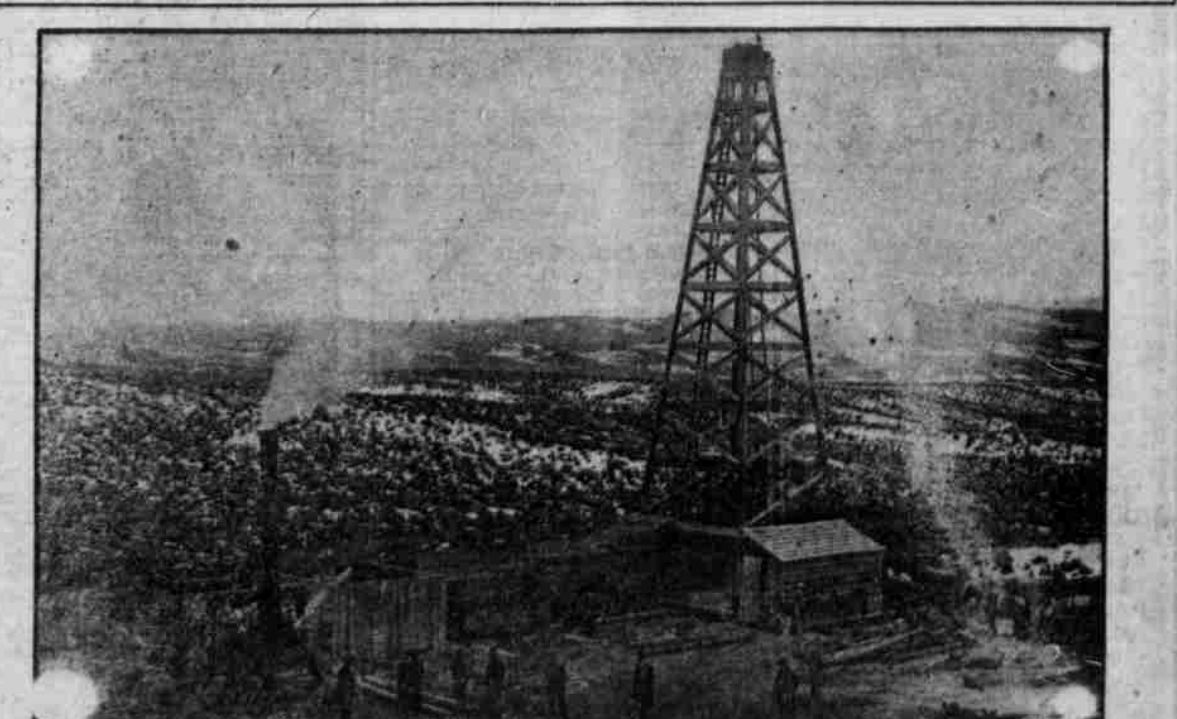
Chinese senate votes 152 to 37 to sever relations with Germany.

American ship destroyed by German U boat, crew saved.

Chinese Tong war continues in Northwest cities.

Weiser last week organized a permanent American Red Cross chapter.

SCENE AT THE WESTERN PACIFIC OIL WELL



Company Wants Warm Springs Bonds

C. W. Mallett Appointed Director--Warren Construction Company Would Bid on Bonds.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Warm Springs Irrigation District held Monday last the Board decided that as there no longer existed any necessity for the collection of the interest levied to care for the \$390,000 in bonds offered Oct. 2, 1916, that interest should be remitted. The County Court appointed C. W. Mallett to act as a Director for the uncompleted term of A. W. Trow who died last month. President E. E. Weant and Director Rex Marquis together with the

OIL DRILLER COMES WELL RECOMMENDED

Boise Paper Gives Recommendations of New Chief Driller--Announces T. W. Davidson Field Manager

C. H. Comingore, the chief driller for the Western Pacific Oil and Gas company, arrived in Vale yesterday to take complete charge of the drilling at the new well. The Capital News of Boise has the following to say in regard to Mr. Comingore:

The Western Pacific Oil & Gas company has been very fortunate to secure for its head driller C. H. Comingore who comes very highly recommended by three of the best known business men of southern Idaho--Mr. Howe, Mr. Kegan and Mr. Eastman of the Boise Artesian Hot & Cold Water company. These three men vouch for him to be an expert driller.

Besides his vast experience in the eastern oil fields, Mr. Comingore holds the honor of drilling the two biggest wells in the United States. For 18 months he was employed by the Standard Oil company all over their eastern fields, fishing for tools and straightening up spoiled wells, any man doing this sort of work must be an expert in the drilling line.

Mr. Comingore before accepting the position as head driller for the company, went to the Vale field in company with the general manager of the company and T. W. Davidson of Vale, and after a thorough inspection of the new derrick, machinery and tools they went over the lands owned by the company, there he found the greatest surprise of his life, in the oil game, and turning to the general manager made the following statement: "This is an oil field or I never saw one. I'll accept the position. I never saw such convincing surface indications anywhere, why the oil sands I see exposed here are identical with the sands found in Oklahoma at a shallow depth and which produce as high as 1600 barrels of oil per day."

To Handle Operations. T. W. Davidson of Vale came to Boise for the purpose of helping to put on the finishing touches and acquaint himself thoroughly with the company's way of doing business. Mr. Davidson is going to represent the company at Vale from which point he can handle the field operations.

It is a known fact that Mr. Davidson has spent large sums of money and nine years of his time in this field and has at different times brought in men whose reputations as geologists are the best. Such men as Captain Barrett, pioneer for the Colingo oil field, California; Mr. Patten, Tampico, Mex., who brought in the largest oil well in the world; Professor J. A. C. Freund, who is a geologist second to none; W. M. Dunham and others. In every instance they have agreed and said that with intelligent management this would be one of the largest producing oil fields on the American continent.

Before investing his money Mr. Davidson investigated the oil fields in Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Ohio and Wyoming and in none of the above mentioned fields did he find one-quarter the surface indications that exist in the Vale field and he feels certain that if years ago an intelligent driller had been employed the Vale field would be a big producer today.

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