

BUSINESS IS GOOD IN VALE--MALHEUR COUNTY IS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING--DRILLING UNDERWAY AT WESTERN PACIFIC OIL WELL--DAIRYING, GARDENING, POULTRY AND DRY FARMING INCREASING--CATTLE, HORSES, HOGS, SHEEP AND WOOL INDUSTRIES AT TOP NOTCH--IRRIGATION PROJECTS READY FOR CONSTRUCTION--OWYHEE AND OTHER DISTRICTS DEVELOPING--NEW HOMESTEAD LAWS ARE SETTLING THE INTERIOR--NEW HIGHWAYS WILL BRING TOURISTS AND HOME SEEKERS--JORDAN AND SNAKE VALLEYS PROSPER--BROGAN FACING GREAT CORN AND FRUIT SEASON--NITRATE AND OTHER MINERALS BEING INVESTIGATED--BOOST FOR VALE AND MALHEUR COUNTY.

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RED CROSS FOR VALE ASSURED

Petition Filed for Malheur County Chapter of Red Cross--Organization Awaits Granting of Charter

Due to the efforts of Mrs. Vernon Tytas Herrett, the ladies, businessmen and professional men of Vale and Malheur county have been interested in forming a Malheur County Chapter of the American Red Cross Association. Petitions for a Charter have been sent to the headquarters and as soon as such is issued a general call for organization will be given out. Plans are being discussed for inaugurating an enlistment campaign, and indications point to a marked success of the movement. This branch of our national defense, not only supplies the soldiers with many needed supplies, but also in case of actual warfare is a great factor in enlisting nurses, soldiers and materials. In times of peace it relieves distress wherever disaster of any nature overtakes a community.

Following are extracts relating to membership taken from the By-laws of the American Association:

Membership Classified.
Individual membership in the Red Cross shall consist of six classes. Contributions to the relief funds of the Red Cross can not be credited as membership dues, but such must be paid for the specified purpose of obtaining membership. The six classes of individual membership shall be as follows:

Annual Members. Any citizen or resident of the United States whose dependencies may designate a member of the American National Red Cross upon application to a Chapter and the payment of one dollar to the Treasurer of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, and may continue such membership by the annual payment of the same amount.

Subscribing Members pay two dollars per annum; **Contributing Members**, five dollars per annum; **Sustaining Members**, ten dollars per annum; **Life Members**, twenty-five dollars; **Patrons**, one hundred dollars.

VALE WINS DECLAMATORY

Alma Earp Takes First Place in Declamatory Contest Giving Vale Cup for Second Time.

Miss Alma Earp of Vale won first place in the annual declamatory contest for the schools of Malheur county held in the Dreamland theatre at Ontario last Saturday evening. It was the largest contest ever held both in point of attendance and the number of contestants entered. Every number was given with such excellence and with that perfection of memory that it was the unanimous opinion of all attending that to have been chosen for even eighth place would have been an honor.

Miss Fay Clark, county school superintendent, presided and the judges were Mrs. Olive M. Petrashek of Weiser and Mrs. Chaney of Payette. Miss Finney of Caldwell who was also to have acted as a judge did not arrive as the main line train was late.

The decision rendered gave Alma Earp of Vale, first place, thus for the second consecutive time giving the loving cup to Vale and making only one more "win" required to give Vale schools permanent possession; Bessie Anderson of Nyssa, second; Una Armstrong of Valley View, third; and Ruth Barrett of Arcadia, fourth. Interest was keen and the contestants each did their best for the school they represented. A large crowd from Vale, including parents, teachers, friends and instructors were in attendance, returning on the special train late Saturday night.

Following was the program given: 7:30 to 8:30 Motion Picture, Perry Hyland. Vocal solo, Miss Ruth McCulloch, Ontario.

Contestants.
No. 1. "Who's Afraid," Vale, Alma Earp.
No. 2. "The Folly of Telling Lies,"

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Recruiting Officer Here.

Sergeant Wm. A. Kinning of the U. S. A. regulars of Portland arrived in Vale on Friday morning train and has taken up headquarters at the Post Office. Sergeant Kinning came to Vale from Ontario where he enlisted 20 members of the Ontario high school cadet corps in the U. S. A. Regulars and will take them to Portland with him next week where they will all be enlisted in the same company. Sergeant Kinning says that the Ontario boys were a fine lot of recruits and were physically perfect in every way.

Later reports say that Sergeant Kinning has met with success in Vale and a large number of enlistments have been secured.

County Board Meets.

Many Delegates From the Different Schools of the County Present at County Convention.

Delegates from the various schools of the county met in convention at the court house Friday. Beginning at ten o'clock in the morning, sessions continued all day with a short intermission for lunch which was served the visiting delegates by the domestic science class of the Vale school. The convention hours were taken up in talks and discussions. Professor M. S. Pittman of the Department of Rural Schools at Monmouth Normal, was one of the principal speakers of the afternoon.

Give Third Degree Work.

The Vale lodge of K. of P.'s at their regular meeting Thursday gave third degree work to Tom Nordaie and also voted to challenge the Ontario lodge to a contest for third degree work which it is expected will take place some time in the near future.

Jim Rogers was quite ill on Thursday evening but was able to be at his place of business Friday.

War Declared On Germany

Congress Passes Resolution

Senate and House Pass Resolution Declaring War on Germany--Nation Prepares All Resources

Washington, April 6.--The war resolution passed the house at 3 o'clock this morning by a vote of 373 to 50. The vote was 82 to 6 in the Senate. The senators who voted against the resolution were Gronna of North Dakota, La Follette of Wisconsin, Lane of Oregon, Norris of Nebraska, Stone of Missouri and Vandeman of Mississippi.

Text of Resolution.

The resolution as passed was as follows:
"Whereas the imperial German government has committed repeated acts of war against this government and people of the United States of America; therefore, be it
"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives in congress assembled, that a state of war between the United States and the imperial German government, which has been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared, and the president, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States to the full extent of their respective powers."
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Wilson Urges War.

Ask Congress to Declare Formal War on Germany--Address Will Become Famous Document.

Washington. -- President Wilson Monday accepted the "gauge of battle" with Germany, whose acts have constituted war against the people and the government of the United States.

Following are a few brief extracts from his address that English, French and American Press speak of as greatest document of this century:
"With a profound sense of the solemn and even tragical character of the step I am taking and of the grave responsibilities which it involves, but in unhesitating obedience to what I deem my constitutional duty, I advise that the congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States; that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, and that it take immediate steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German empire to
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Clean Up Week Announced.

To the People of Vale: Recognizing the benefits, material as well as aesthetic, to be derived from a clean and attractive town, in accordance with the established custom, therefore, I

Jay Kimball, Mayor of the City of Vale, hereby proclaim and set apart April 16th to 21st, inclusive, as **CLEAN UP WEEK** and do earnestly recommend and request that all persons thoroughly clean their premises, remove all rubbish and accumulation, to the end that the property within the City may be put in a clean, sanitary and attractive condition, to the betterment of the health of the entire community.

JAY KIMBALL, Mayor.

City Council Meets.

Building and Fire Limits Ordinance Passed--To Audit City Books--City Wants Fines.

At the regular meeting of the city council Thursday evening, the ordinance for regulating construction of buildings and defining the fire limits of the city of Vale was passed for the second reading, having been taken up earlier in the week at two special meetings.

The proposed auditing of the city's books was discussed and referred to the finance committee. In order to make the city laws conform with the state statutes on prohibition and gambling, the general subject was discussed and the attorney directed to prepare such ordinances. This will permit the city to collect fines on arrests made by the police on these charges, where as now the offenders must be turned over to the county who collects the fines.

Attend M. W. A. Convention.

Percy Johnson, Paul Freeman and Mr. Suitter went to Ontario Wednesday where they were in attendance at the Malheur county convention of the Modern Woodmen of America.

County Good Roads Convention in Vale April 24--Many Delegates Coming

Convention to be Attended by Delegates From all Parts of County--Measure Favored by all

Chairman I. W. Hope and other members of the general committee report that they have received communications from many sections of the county and that the Convention to form a Malheur County Good Roads Association to be held in Vale, April 24, the first week of the April term of the Circuit Court, will be well attended.

Nyssa, Ontario, Brogan, Ironsides, Juntura and many other points have been heard from and all seem to be enthusiastic over organizing a good road association, and are also heartily in favor of the bonding measure.

State Road Conference Postponed.

Instead of being held April 7 or April 14, as originally announced and later amended, the state-wide conference of good roads supporters has been postponed to a date to be announced shortly.

As delegates have been elected from

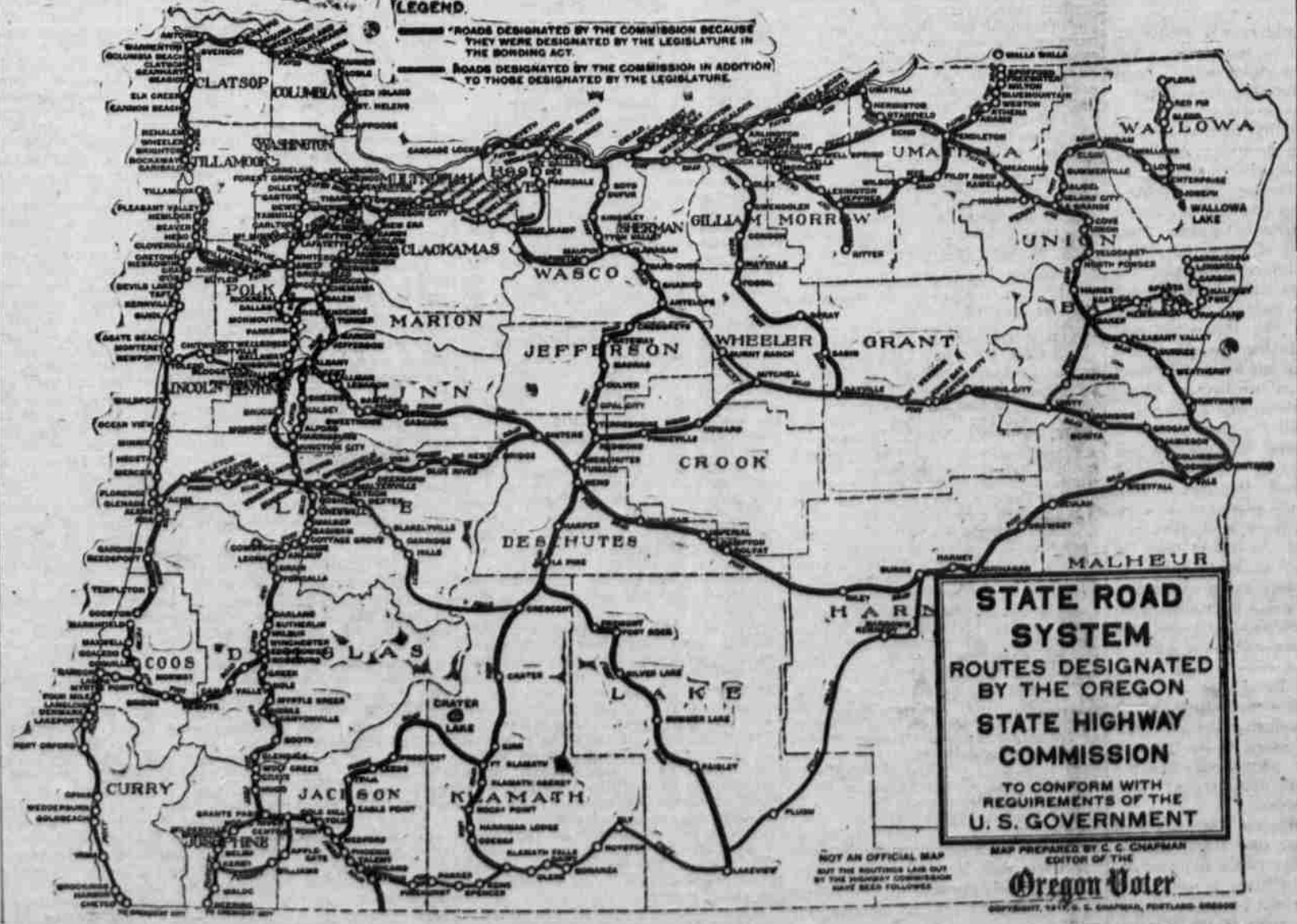
nearly every county, indications are that the meeting will be well attended.

The Statewide Legislative Good Roads Committee, of which Dr. W. A. Wood of Hillsboro is Chairman and Bruce Dennis of La Grande is Secretary, feels that the conference is so important that they desire to arrange it at such a date as will insure the largest attendance and the best results.

Juntura Coming.

All those interested in securing bet-

ter roads are urged to attend a meeting at the Town Hall next Saturday night at eight o'clock. The object of this meeting is to discuss the proposed new State Highway from Bend to Vale via Burns. Also the matter of organizing a good roads club will be considered. All other towns in Malheur and Harney counties are organizing and if Juntura wishes to be represented in the movement we will have to act at once. Remember next Saturday night at 8:00 at the Town Hall and come.--Juntura Times.



ORGANIZE FOR RURAL CREDITS

Farmers Will Form Loan Association in Vale Saturday--Many Already Promised to Join.

There will be a meeting in Vale, Saturday, April 7th, of a large number of farmers of the valley for the purpose of organizing a National Farm Loan Association.

There are about 25 who have already signified their intention of going into the matter and endeavor to place long time loans on their property at a low rate of interest.

The law was published in full in the Malheur Enterprise and should be carefully studied by those whose loan is liable to trouble them under stress of possible war times, while the government, on the other hand will certainly do everything in its power to help production of staples.

ONTARIO PLANS ASSOCIATION

W. F. Homan to Explain Law at the Meeting Tuesday, April 10--Creston Organized--Nyssa Should.

A meeting has been called for 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, April 10th, at the Ontario City Hall for the purpose of organizing a Federal Farm Loan Association. A large number of farmers are desirous of taking advantage of this new act in order that they can get money for improving their farms or for paying off old high priced mortgages.

It is proposed to include the territory from the section line two miles north of Nyssa and bounded on the east by Snake River, on the north by Malheur River and to go far enough west to include the lands under the Nevada ditch, Owyhee and "Shoestring" ditches as far south as the said section line. This will make it possible to organize a compact territory and also make it possible to organize other associations with Nyssa and Vale as center, says W. W. Howard, county agricultural agent.

Some counties have as many as twenty or more associations formed at present, while but one has been organized in Malheur county, the one at Creston. It is expected that a large sum will be applied for here, for a large number of farmers have asked to have the organization.

W. F. Homan, Cashier Ontario National Farm Loan Association.
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MUCH ACTIVITY IN OIL FIELDS

Fortune Teller Predicts Success of Vale Oil Field--Western Pacific Drilling--Others to Operate

The big drill is now pounding away at the Western Pacific oil well in Sand Hollow. The company secured water at a depth of 220 feet and will no longer be forced to haul water for the boilers and general use. The Enterprise will begin next week and publish the log of the big 14 inch well.

Mystery Lady Predicts Success
Lore, the mystic fortune teller at the Rex Theatre in Vale Thursday evening, was asked "Will the Western Pacific Oil and Gas company strike oil?" She answered that they would strike oil at the present site and in many other places and the development of the field would accomplish wonderful things for the city of Vale.

Sunset Operates Again.
Word was received this week that the Sunset Oil and Gas company had resumed drilling at their location about 12 miles north of Vale.

Will Drill at Ontario.
Drilling for oil here at Ontario is a not distant possibility, says the Ontario Democrat. Monday night at the city hall David Miller, president of the Consolidated Oil and Gas company of America, addressed a meeting of the Commercial club, declaring the willingness of his company to sink one or more wells here if a modicum of encouragement were given. He had previously conferred with officials of the old Ontario Oil and Gas company. The commercial club passed resolution declaring faith in the Malheur oil field.