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WITHYCOMBE COMING FOR FLAG RAISING

Whole County Will Assemble to Raise Official Flag over Malheur Court House April 26

County Judge George McKnight Thursday afternoon received a telegram from Governor James Withycombe that he would be in Vale next Thursday, April 26, to assist in the official flag raising over the government of Malheur county.

The county court has ordered a 120 foot steel flag staff which is now being erected on the court house square in Vale. Also a big 30 by 15 foot American flag has been ordered.

The County Judge will declare a school holiday and with the assistance of Fay Clark county school superintendent it is expected that all of the schools in the county will be in Vale for the patriotic rally.

Details of the program have not been definitely set, but it is expected that the Ontario high school cadets, the Nyssa Boy Scouts, the Little Patriots in the flag drill from Valley View and a May Pole dance by the Vale children will be among the features.

Judge McKnight lays special emphasis upon the fact that this is to be a county wide demonstration and every community in the county is expected to turn out en masse and join in the salute to the first official flag over the county of Malheur.

This flag is probably the largest that will fly in the breezes of Oregon and will be the pride of every citizen of the county.

HOME TALENT WINS PRAISE

Guild Play Given at Rex Proves Treat to Listeners--Catchy Songs Given by Chorus.

Once again home talent triumphed, when Thursday evening at the Rex theatre the Guild ladies were sponsors for a clever little play entitled "When Love Holds the Key." The local people fitted their parts perfectly and gave a splendid performance. Especially fine was the feature song and chorus, "Here Comes Tootsie" with Miss Lela Jones and chorus of six young ladies. The electric carnival float with Miss Hewett as Queen, used in this song was pulled on the stage by little Jack Brown, Anna Hewett and Ettana Hewett. Another song which attracted attention was "Bachelor Days." Miss Jones and Miss Hewett also appeared in a specialty dance song, "Way Down Yonder."

The cast for the play was:
Miss Gwendolyn Hartley
Miss Wildman
Mr. Maulstyk Mr. Hewett
Mr. Perkins Prof. Williams
Miss Flora Kemp Miss Jones
The members of the chorus were, Misses Maurine Jones, Vina Mueller, Helen Mueller, Miriam Chester, Florence Crandall and Violet Childers.

Given Citizenship Papers.
Hans Hansen, for some time janitor at the school building, on Wednesday was given his final papers, which made him a citizen of the United States, by Judge Dalton Biggs. The pupils of the eighth grade and teacher Miss Wildman and the high school students under Professor Williams witnessed the ceremony.

Condon voted 115 to one in favor of the state highway bond issue.

NEWS OF VALE'S VOLUNTEERS AT VANCOUVER

Wait for Mail and all Like Letters From Home--Boys Take Turn at Waiting on Tables.

(By Rolla Roberts)
Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington--Editor Enterprise, Vale Oregon. Some of us boys had our first experience as "kitchen police" today. Thank heavens, it comes only once a month. Yesterday was cleanup day at the barracks. Scrubbing squads were all over the grounds, cleaning lawns and buildings. The laundry of the regiment is done at the steam laundry in the barracks, and part of the amount expended for laundry is returned to go into each company mess fund.

Mail comes in twice a day, and you should see the rush. All of the fellows have their uniforms now. Bill Clancy and Emmett Kimball came in from Vale yesterday and are taking the examination. There are twenty of us here now and we are usually all together.

We can go into Vancouver any time

NO CHANGE MADE IN SCHEDULE; TRAINS WORKED TO CAPACITY

No Change in Train Schedules at Present--Railroads Heavily Worked--Business Will Justify.

The Oregon Public Service commission has decided that no order of change in train schedules affecting Vale and surrounding territory are justifiable at this time. Due to the opposition of the Oregon Short Line officials to any change, it is probably for the best that at this time no additional requirements were placed upon the railroad. The railroads are all working to capacity and are weeks behind in their orders. Besides they have been forced to meet the heavy expense of guarding their right of ways from the plots of enemies. Considering the service rendered to the country in times like these, little local needs must be postponed in deference to the greater issues before the country.

Vale certainly agrees with the commission's view that no crippling of the service given to any of the neighboring communities should be considered, and although we feel that we are certainly entitled to a better service, the matter must be dropped for the present. Before fall, with the construction of the Warm Springs irrigation district, and of the likely development of the Vale oil fields there will likely be such demand for additional service that the company will be glad to extend same of their own free will.

Following is the text of the decision:
Leonard Cole, Mayor of the City of Vale, Oregon, Plaintiff,

vs.
Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, a corporation, Defendant.
Complaint by the City of Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, through its Mayor, alleging the train service af-

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MUCH ACTIVITY IN VALE OIL FIELDS

Western Pacific Company Have Shut Off First Water--Drilling Again Utah Parties Interested.

The big 14 inch hole at the Western Pacific Oil and Gas Company's well in Sand Hollow is now down to water depth and C. H. Cummings, the driller has been busy placing the casing and shutting off the flow of water, reports T. W. Davidson.

Last Sunday J. C. Brandon, a business man of Salt Lake inspected the operations of the company and stated to a representative of the Enterprise that the prospects looked exceptionally attractive to him. Mr. Brandon represented a number of Utah capitalists and business men and indicated that they would purchase a large block of stock in the company.

General Manager W. D. Meyers, Secretary Lee Savage and Assistant Secretary Walter Walker from the Boise office and Field Representative T. W. Davidson of Vale also were visitors at the well Sunday.

Walla Walla People Visit--Scott Joseph and wife are in Vale this week from their Walla Walla home. Mr. Joseph is extensively interested in the Vale Oil Fields, and has spent much of his time on the visit at the wells in this locality. He is very optimistic over the outlook.

Red Cross Chapter Is to Be Organized

To Organize Malheur County Red Cross Association in Vale next Saturday, April 28.

Mrs. Vernon Herrett has received authorization to organize a chapter of the American Red Cross society in Vale and all who are interested in this work, throughout the county are requested to be present at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Vale at 3 p. m. on Saturday, April 28th, and perfect the chapter and organize for active aid work.

URGES RED CROSS WORK
President Points Out Necessity of Single Organization to Do Relief Work--Much Local Interest.

Ontario, Nyssa, Brogan, Vale and other communities of the county are planning to form local chapters of the American Red Cross Society as rapidly as the details will permit.

President Wilson, the head of the American Red Cross, urges that all such activities be centralized under this organization because it has been incorporated by congress to act in accord with the army and navy; because it has a trained personnel, with workers who know what to do; because its accounts are audited by the war department and the funds safeguarded.

"In order that the relief work which is undoubtedly ahead of us should be made thoroughly efficient," says the president in a message to the Red Cross, "it is most desirable that it should be coordinated and concentrated under one organization."

President Gives Reasons.
After pointing out the reasons above summarized for making the Red Cross the organization for such work, the president said:

"Recent experience has made it more clear than ever that a multiplicity of relief agencies tends to bring about confusion, duplication, delay and waste. Moreover, it affords temptations to dishonest persons to take advantage of the general willingness of the public to subscribe to such agencies to defraud subscribers and rob the soldiers of the assistance he so much needs.

Experience Best Teacher.
"Wherever in the present war sufficient volunteer aid has been rendered, either to soldiers or to non-combatants, it has been rendered under a well-organized central body. Experience is certainly the most convincing teacher, and we should learn by these European examples how to conduct our own relief work with the most thorough efficiency and system.
"With its catholicity and its democracy the Red Cross is broad enough to embrace all efforts for the relief of our soldiers and sailors, the care of their families and for the assistance of any other non-combatants who may require aid. As the president of the American Red Cross, our branch of the great international organization, I most earnestly commend it to your confidence and support."

Oregon City woolen mills will be operated by electric power in future.

COUNTY GOOD ROAD MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

Road Boosters From All Parts of the County to Assemble in Vale Tuesday and Organize.

Roy Ritner of Pendleton, Julien A. Hurley of Vale, and Hon. Dalton Biggs of Ontario will probably be the chief speakers at the good roads rally to be held in Vale next Tuesday, April 24. A musical program is being arranged and all is in readiness to give the campaign for better roads in Oregon and Malheur County a grand sendoff.

Nearly every section of the county has promised to send delegates and a representative assembly is expected. Read page seven of this issue of the Enterprise for a complete statement and argument of the issue to be voted on at the election of June 4th.

STATE ROADS RALLY DATED

Boosters From Over State to Meet in Portland April 28th and Inaugurate Final Campaign.

The Legislative Good Roads Committee has decided to hold the statewide good roads rally in Portland, Saturday, April 28. Every organization in the State favorable to the road bond bill is invited to send representatives to this gathering. Special reduced rates have been arranged.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Odd Fellows Will Hold Big Gathering--State Grand Chaplin to Assist in Ceremonies.

Thursday, April 26, Grand Chaplin of the State Hubbard, will be in Vale to officiate at the Odd Fellows ceremonies when they celebrate the anniversary of their lodge in the United States. Awarding of Veteran Jewels will be one of the interesting events at the evening lodge session.

MASONS MEET

One hundred were present at a meeting of the Masonic Order in Vale Wednesday night. The lodge met in third degree work which was given to C. C. Burrows. Many visitors from Ontario and Payette lodges were in attendance. Among the speakers for the evening were Master E. G. Bailey of the Ontario lodge, Dr. Prinzing of Ontario and the past masters of the Burns and Payette lodges. A good fraternal "mix" was enjoyed by the members of the various lodges.

In Justice Court.

Complaints filed during the week with Justice of the Peace Robert Lytle were, W. H. Bare, plaintiff, vs. Peter Hofer, defendant, for recovery of money and attachment issued. Davis and Kester are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Morfit vs. Worsam is a similar case filed this week and H. C. Eastham is attorney for the plaintiff.

Federal Land Bank Soon Ready to Loan

Farmer Will Be Able to Borrow Money Within 30 Days is Predicted Requirements for Loans Given

Farmers in Oregon soon will have a chance to borrow money from the newly-organized Federal Land Bank at Spokane. The bank will be ready to make loans within 30 days.

The interest rate for the Northwest territory has definitely been fixed at five per cent, and it is expected that the first issue of bonds will be on a 4 1/2 per cent basis.

Those interested in securing loans from the newly-established Federal Land Bank should know these facts:

Any person without distinction holding lands or intending to purchase lands in the states of Washington, Montana, Idaho or Oregon, who actually cultivates his farm or who hires such cultivation, may borrow on first mortgage on farm lands from the Federal Land Bank of Spokane Wash. through a farm loan association, of which he must be a member, formed by not less than ten prospective borrowers in any neighborhood in any of the four states mentioned.

Earning Power is Factor.

Borrowers may secure 50 per cent of the appraised value of the real estate, and in addition thereto, 20 per cent on the insurable improvements on the real estate. The value of the land is to be fixed by the loan committee, and its value for agricultural purposes shall be the basis of appraisal, and the earning power of such land, its location, its adaptability for improvement, and the general value of like real estate in the vicinity, shall be the principal factors in determining its value.

The territory of an association may not extend across state lines. The territory of different associations may overlap. It seems advisable that the territory covered by an association be as large as may be convenient for examinations by the loan committee without excessive traveling.

No sum less than \$100 or in excess of \$10,000 may be borrowed by a person, but persons holding real estate, either in different Federal land bank districts, states, or farm loan associations, may divide their loans, provided the aggregate of such loans does not exceed \$10,000.

BIDS BELOW PAR

State Rural Credits Loans Suspended Will Sell Bonds in East--Bonds Bought by State.

Salem, Or., April 17.--Because all the bids received were below par, the state land board today rejected all bids for the \$250,000 rural credits bonds and instructed the clerk of the board to immediately wire the board's attorney in each county to cease taking applications for loans.

To take care of the \$250,000 of applications for loans already on hand, State Treasurer Kay advised the board that he will buy the bonds at par from the trust funds of the state industrial accident commission.

The board has now approved loans (Continued on page 8.)

CLEANUP WEEK IS GENERALLY OBSERVED IN AND ABOUT VALE

Observing Clean-Up Week Vale People Work With Will and Committee Feels Well Repaid.

Saturday will be the last day that the wagons will gather up rubbish free of charge and anyone wanting the wagon to call on Mayor Kimball as early as possible Saturday morning or before. All week the wagons have been hauling many loads to the dump piles and Vale citizens have taken part in the clean-up week with a will and there are many spick and span yards as a consequence. Seed sales must have taken a decided leap also for much planting is being done. With a couple of days left let's all get in and do our share to make the clean-up thorough and then let's see to it that all summer we keep up the clean-up campaign in our city.

ALLIES FORCE GERMANS BACK

The great offensive of the French army against the Germans from the bend in the line in France from Soissons eastward into the Champagne continues unabated. Numerous new points of vantage have been taken, prisoners and guns captured, and violent counter attacks put down with heavy casualties. In three days of fighting more than 17,000 unbound prisoners have fallen into the hands of the French, together with 75 cannon.

Week's War Activities.
Congress passes \$7,000,000,000 war bond bill.

Need of food and grain conservation may force national prohibition as a war measure.

Food prices have advanced 10 per cent as a whole during the past week, and some items have almost doubled. Roosevelt expects to have Volunteer division ready to leave for France in four months.

General Carranza in his address to congress Sunday night declared that Mexico would maintain a strict and rigorous neutrality in the world war.

Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister, arrives in United States to discuss war situation with French and American commissioners.

Rumors of separate peace between Austria and Russia have been repeated.

A renewal of effort on a nationwide scale to bring state banks into the federal reserve system is to be made shortly as part of a comprehensive program looking to the further mobilization of the country's financial resources.

Entire country is responding to call for volunteers and conscription not considered likely at this time.

TRY TO DESTROY BRIDGE

Unknown Parties Place Bomb on the Bridge Across Snake--Fire at Guard and Make Escape.

Rumors persist to the establishment of the truth of the report that an attempt was made last Saturday morning to destroy the railroad bridge across the Snake river at Ontario.

The story goes that only the timely action of Guard Rouch saved the bridge from being blown up by a bomb at an early hour in the morning. The guard kicked the high explosive into the river from the center of the bridge. The fuse to it was sputtering. While no definite proof has been seen (Continued on page 8.)

APRIL TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT NOW IN SESSION

Grand Jury Report Brief--Hearing of Arguments this Week--Cases Set for Next.

Judge Dalton Biggs convened the April term of the Circuit Court in Vale this week, hearing arguments and demurs in adjourned cases. The jury cases have been set for the coming week.

GRAND JURY REPORT

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County.

We, the Grand Jury, duly impaneled and sworn to hear all matters presented to our consideration or within our knowledge, beg to report that we have carefully investigated all matters brought to our attention within our knowledge and have returned one true bill.

Wherefore, having finished our labors, we respectfully ask to be excused.

Filed April 16th, 1917.

F. M. VINES, Foreman.
JAMES M. WEAVER
EUBERT BUTLER, JR.
LEVI A. WILSON
CHAS. L. THOMPSON
A. SINCLAIR
S. H. BENDER.

CASES SET FOR TRIAL

Following are the Cases Set For The Present Term of Court--Mostly Suits.

J. A. Bowers vs. D. S. Linder, an action for recovery of money; C. G. Wilson & Riebeling are attorneys for the plaintiff and W. H. Brooke attorney for the defendant. Case set for April 23.

A. S. Shan vs. C. H. Anderson, two cases for recovery of money. R. M. Duncan is attorney for the plaintiff and Davis & Kester attorneys for defendant. Set for April 23.

R. M. Small vs. Malheur county, damage suit to recover expenses for bidding on the Big Bend bridge. Teal, Minor & Winfree attorneys for plaintiff and Davis & Brooke for defendant. April 24.

C. F. Smith vs. Ontario Nyssa Irrigation company, a damage case. C. C. Wilson is attorney for the plaintiff and McCulloch & Wood appear for defendant. April 24.

Mrs. W. D. Torrey vs. T. H. Moore, replevin case. R. W. Swagler attorney for the plaintiff and R. M. Duncan for the defendant. Case set for April 24.

Madge L. McBride vs. Ben Brown, replevin case. Leslie J. Aker for the plaintiff and R. M. Duncan for defendant. Set for April 24.

Peter Zee vs. Vale-Oregon Irrigation company, action for injunction and damages. C. M. Crandall attorney for plaintiff and Davis and Kester for defendant. Set for May 3.

Frank O'Neill vs. E. I. Brogan et al, a foreclosure case. H. C. Eastham attorney for the plaintiff and Brogan for the defendant.

Criminal Cases.
State vs. John J. Concelmo, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. This defendant having been indicted by the January grand jury. Set for April 25.

State vs. Joe Rencon charged with Burglary, plead guilty to charge of larceny.

No Word of Body.
No word has been received by anxious relatives of the finding of the body of Winnie Ivers the rancher who was drowned in the Owyhee river over a week ago.

POMONA GRANGE AT ARCADIA SATURDAY 21ST

Will Discuss Road Issue, Food Supply and Other Matters at the Arcadia School.

Saturday, April 21st, is Pomona Grange day for Malheur county. The meeting will be held at Arcadia School house. A big meeting is expected for many important things are to be discussed on that day.

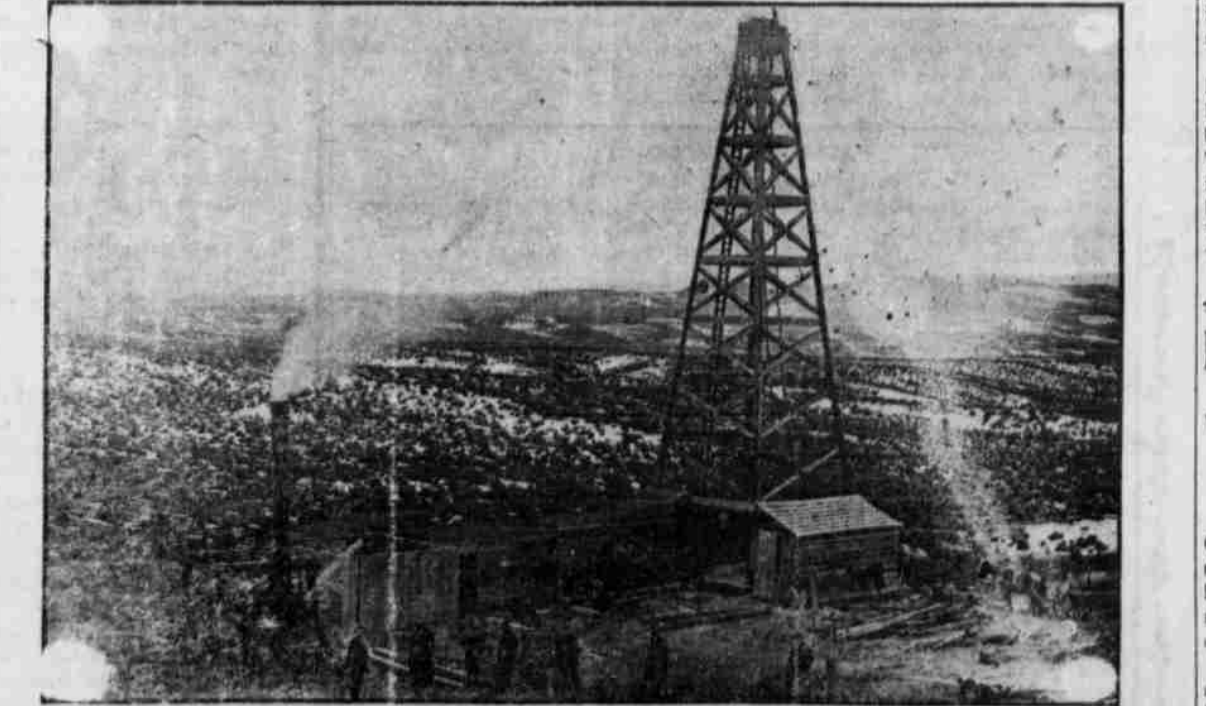
The big feature of the day will be a discussion of the proposed road bond issue of \$6,000,000 to be voted upon June 4th. There is general ignorance concerning this law. Many who say that they will vote against it know nothing about it and fully as many who say they will vote for it know just as little. It is an important question, and everyone should make a great effort to be present. Senator Hurley of Vale will discuss the law from the supporters side, and other speakers will take the opposite side of the question.

The national food supply question, because of our Nation being at war, is another feature of the program. The Secretary of Agriculture Houston has stated that the world is facing a serious famine. Parts of our own country are in danger because of the poor condition of fall sown grain and the shortage of labor and of the high price of seed. Come and help solve this problem.

Music will be supplied by the Kingman Kolony Orchestra. This is a treat in itself worth going miles to hear. Some readings will also be given.

The speakers for the day, in addition to Senator Hurley are District Attorney R. W. Swagler, and Superintendent of Ontario Schools, E. G. Bailey.
W. W. Howard, County Agri. Agent.

SCENE FROM WESTERN PACIFIC OIL AND GAS COMPANY'S RIG NEAR SAND HOLLOW



Have you ever seen the oil rigs in operation, and looked over the surface indications about the Malheur county oil fields, where thousands of dollars have been spent in the endeavor to strike a flow of liquid that will be worth millions of dollars. Have you noticed the "blow outs" and dug the shells and fish bones out of the oil sands, smelled the kerosene odor in the damp sands, climbed up the anticlines and turned over the clay shale that has been hardened and twisted by gas and seen the many colored gas stains on the under surface.

It is worth anyone's time to make this investigation. And then if you can get permission from the company by all means get inside the derrick where the big drill is dropped and raised many times each minute. At bailing time the big barrel capacity bailer is lowered into the well and comes out steaming and covered with blue shale, or sand, according to the formation of the strata being encountered by the drill. It is a sight worth while and due to the faith, the technical skill, and the tenacity of the operators, and promoters, will their labors be repaid and the industrial future of Malheur county established.