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ASK PROTECTION FOR PRODUCERS

Chamber of Commerce Memorializes Government to Guarantee Farmers Fair Prices For Produce.

The following resolution was passed by the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held last week. It is for the purpose of calling the attention of the people to the fact that Congress, in passing the revenue bill, and in all measures connected with the increased production of necessities fails to protect the farmer in the great gamble as to future prices. In this connection John Rigby makes the following comment: On the floor of Congress the matter has been stated in such terms as to condemn the guarantee of minimum prices for produce for the reason that it would open the door to a general guarantee on all manufactures. This is a false position. The farmer has but one stated time for delivering his crop; he must gamble every year on the weather and crop conditions as well as on the price he may receive. The Government is now demanding that the farmer abnormally increase his production but make no proposal to protect the price he may receive. It is unfair and unjust to ask the farmer to take all the chances, but it is in line with most congressional action. The late Senator Lane got a denatured alcohol bill through congress but the gasoline senators so hedged his bill with red tape that it was killed. Had the bill been fairly drawn the Government might have been able to obtain alcohol for munition purposes while gasoline would be far cheaper in all isolated sections. It has also just developed that the committee appointed by the president to locate a nitrate plant provided for an appropriation of \$20,000,000 in 1916 consists of controllers of the well known fertilizer trust. It is thus that the farmer is handicapped on all sides yet the world depends on his work. The success of the war on either side depends on the farmer yet he is asked to take all chances of creating a vast surplus in case peace is declared. Following is the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Advocating Government Guarantee of Minimum Prices.

Whereas, Our Government has demanded from the farming population that they make strenuous effort to increase the production of material necessities for sustaining our allies and ourselves, both in the trenches and at home, during the tremendous conflict now in progress; and

Whereas, Speculation in the necessities of life by non-producers is of questionable propriety at any time and becomes treacherous in time of dire emergency when duty demands the life blood of the farmers' sons in the trenches while speculation forces unfair tribute from all laborers at home; and

Whereas, To demand of the farmer that he abnormally increase production without adequate guarantee of stability in prices forces each individual farmer to become a speculator without the power of regulation either;

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VOTE 314 X YES.

The increased auto license and the quarter mill state road tax will have to be paid whether the road bonds are voted or not. Wherein can there be any economy in voting against the road bonds?

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS TUESDAY LEGAL HOLIDAY

War Census Bureau, Adjutant General's Office, Portland, Oregon.--By official proclamation of Governor Withycombe, War Census day, June 5, is a legal holiday throughout the state of Oregon.

In his proclamation the Governor calls upon every patriotic citizen to assist in the big task of registering all men of military age, and to make War Census day an event memorable in the state's history.

The proclamation follows in full:

PROCLAMATION WHEREAS, The President of the United States has designated June fifth, 1917, as the day upon which our citizens shall register in accordance with the provisions of the selective draft law; and

WHEREAS, on this day we face a gigantic task new in our national history and one whose proper conduct can only be attained through the united cooperation of every citizen; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally desirable that the registration be accomplished with thoroughness and dispatch, both as a testimonial to the efficiency of our democracy and as a moral example stimulating to our allies and depressing to our adversaries; and

WHEREAS, it is especially fitting that this occasion be made one of patriotic festival fittingly celebrating the Nation's unity and the willingness of its citizenship to serve our flag and to make sacrifice, if needs be, in a righteous cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Withycombe, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Oregon, do proclaim Tuesday, June fifth, 1917, as WAR CENSUS DAY, and I do further declare it a legal holiday, believing that by so doing the purposes above set forth will best be served. And I call upon the patriotic men and women of Oregon, and their sons and daughters, to make of this day an occasion memorable in the history of our state, marking, as it does, a great forward step in the efficient utilization of our manhood upon the side of democracy and justice in the World War, to the end that world peace may the sooner be restored and permanently assured.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 26th day of May, 1917.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

SECURE SAMPLE OF OIL

Sample of Oil Secured at Western Pacific Well--All Indications Point To Early Results.

The big drill at the Western Pacific oil well is rapidly penetrating the shale and sands under the Sand Hollow country and indications for a big oil demonstration are daily increasing. In fact, Dr. Bartlett and C. D. Wood, while on a visit to the well this week succeeded in gathering a bottle of the pure oil of the dredgings from the well, and are very enthusiastic over the near future developments.

The drillers are now busy placing the ten inch casing in the hole and the officials are expecting to penetrate a producing oil strata at any time.

Will Bring In Rig.

During the week several parties of prominent financiers and oil experts have visited the scene of operations and are unanimous in their praise of the company and the prediction of quick results. Dr. L. C. Hornsueh, of Salt Lake City, who has made several million in the oil fields of California, and J. S. Austin of Tacoma, Washington, were among the visitors. Dr. Hornsueh, who is a practical oil man, pronounced the field and the indication from the present well as positively certain evidence of early oil production. He will visit the office of the company next week in Boise to arrange for bringing in a rig from California and place it immediately in operation in the Vale field.

Officials Visit.

P. M. Davis, postmaster of Boise, and president of the Western Pacific company, Mrs. Davis, and President W. N. Reeves, left with General Manager W. D. Meyers, Secretary Lee Savage and local representative T. W. Davidson Thursday for the well where they made a thorough investigation of the field conditions. This is Mr. Davis' first visit to the field since drilling was started this spring.

EXERCISES AT REX THEATRE

County Eighth Grade Graduates to Receive Diplomas--Program to be Given at Rex Auditorium.

Friday afternoon, June first, at 2:30 the county eighth grade exercises will be held at the Rex theatre auditorium and the eighth grade graduates will receive their diplomas from County School Superintendent Fay Clark. A large percentage of the students having successfully passed the examinations a good number will be in attendance from the schools over the county to receive their certificates. Assistant State Superintendent C. E. Carleton will deliver the graduation address to the pupils. Musical numbers rendered will be vocal solos by Mrs. H. C. Eastham and Mrs. George H. Currey, instrumental solo, Miss Valada Rose, Vocal Duet the Misses Betterly and Hornbeck.

All eighth grade graduates are requested to meet at two o'clock at the Superintendent's office in the court house so that the seating can be arranged to accommodate all. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these exercises.

Al Roberts, Chief.

Al Roberts is the new chief of police in Pendleton, having been appointed at the council meeting last evening without any dissenting vote. He will take office as soon as his bond is approved.--East Oregonian.

Judge Biggs in Portland.

Hon. Dalton Biggs, circuit judge of this district is sitting this week on the Multnomah county bench.

McNary Appointed Oregon Senator

Judge Appointed As Senator is Considered Best Man for Position by the Entire State.

Governor James Withycombe Tuesday night announced that he had appointed C. L. McNary of Salem, Ore., former justice of the state supreme court, to succeed the late Harry Lane, as United States senator for Oregon. Mr. McNary is a Republican, succeeding a Democrat.

Charles McNary is undoubtedly the happiest choice Governor Withycombe could have made. Judge McNary is well liked by all who know him. He is progressive, straight forward, capable, and experienced in public service. No other Republican in the state is as well qualified to serve the citizens of Oregon and the American nation in the present crisis as Judge McNary. He will be a factor in Washington and will do honor to his native Oregon.

A tribute to the late United States Senator Harry Lane, and the declaration that while he believes the public welfare would be promoted by return to Republican principles he will not go to Washington as a narrow partisan to oppose President Wilson are embodied in a statement made by Charles L. McNary following his appointment to succeed Lane Tuesday. McNary declares further that he will work in behalf of national woman suffrage, national prohibition and uphold any movement to suppress gambling in the necessities of life.

Republican State Leader.

Charles Linza McNary has been practicing law in Salem, Ore., for nearly 20 years past. For two years

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Body Not Found.

Last week it was reported that the body of Winnie Ivers, who was drowned in the Owyhee several weeks ago, had been found. The report was false according to the parents of the dead man.

MEMORIAL DAY, RED CROSS & LIBERTY BONDS INTEREST VALE PEOPLE

Memorial Day Exercises Well Attended--Program Given on Court House Lawn.

On the spacious lawn at the court house under the thirty foot banner of Stars and Stripes, Memorial day was fittingly observed by Vale Wednesday. Beginning in the early morning when the Honor Guard Girls in autos gathered loads of flowers and carried them to the cemetery to decorate each grave and ending with the singing of America by the audience in the afternoon, the day was filled with events in memory of those men living or dead who sacrificed so much for our country.

The program as planned and arranged by the membership committee of the Vale Red Cross, as a wind up for Red Cross week, was carried out without a mistake. At 2 o'clock the parade formed on the Neely corner and marched through the business section. The Vale Concert band lead the march with the Honor Guard girls carrying a huge flag marching just ahead of the three cars which carried the Old Soldiers. Following the leaders were a long line of cars patriotically decorated. Several cars in the parade were loaded with officers and members of the Red Cross and were decorated with the Red Cross emblem signs, bunting and flags. Robert D. Lytle acted as Marshal of the day, Mrs. Vernon Herrett, assisting.

At three all assembled on the court house lawn and with County Judge McKnight presiding a patriotic program was rendered. A twenty minute concert by the band was the first number after which Judge McKnight called upon Reverend White for the invocation. Then followed a group of patriotic songs by the audience, led by a chorus composed of the members of the various choirs and other singers of the city. The presiding officer then introduced Attorney Robert M. Duncan who delivered the address. Paying grateful tribute to the Civil War veterans, those of the Spanish American war and the Cuban disturbances and all who have so willingly laid down their lives in service to their country, Mr. Duncan continued, "We are glad, that today, these veterans who are with us, may see that the young men of America are responding just as generously, rallying to the colors with the same vigor that they as young men did in the days of '61."

"Let us not forget the youth of our country, who are now responding to the call to arms in defense of the

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SEASON TICKETS TO BE BEST FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Get Your Season Tickets for Chautauqua early--22 Exceptional Attractions on Program.

The people of Vale, Malheur county and many outside and interior points will have the opportunity during the week of June 18 to 23 to hear the World's best talent in lectures, music and entertainment at the Chautauqua to be held at Vale during that period.

Season tickets for the entire course will be on sale the coming week. Admission to the entire list of attractions, 22 in number, will be only \$2.50 if season tickets are purchased before the opening day. This is at practically one third the cost of single admissions, and at a reduction over the price of season tickets after the assembly opens.

Arrangements are being made to set the big tent on the city park block just west of the Court House. The committees are perfecting all arrangements and everything will be in readiness for the biggest week in the history of Malheur county.

As the price of the season ticket will advance to \$3.00 on the opening day, and as the number the committee have for sale is limited, it will be best to secure your season tickets as early as possible. They will be on sale at both drug stores in Vale and by members of the committee. Country and all out of town people may write in for tickets at any time.

Leave For Pocatello.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wheeler left on Thursday afternoon's train. Mrs. Wheeler going to Weiser to visit for several days and Mr. Wheeler going on to Pocatello. Vale loses two loyal citizens in Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler who during their residence here have made many warm friends, and have ever taken their part in civic work.

Young Americans Register Tuesday

All Men Between 21 and 30 Must Register Tuesday, June 5th--All Citizens Are Policemen.

Every citizen of the nation virtually is made a policeman to ferret out non-registering males.

Announcements are being sent to sheriffs of more than 3200 counties that it is the duty of every citizen to give information of persons failing to register or registering falsely for selective service. After the information is in the hands of the sheriff the local authorities will do the rest. Severe penalty is imposed for evasion of registration.

As an added argument to the civic police force, the provost marshal general pointed out that every non-registering person throws the burden of service on another man. It is believed this alone will be sufficient incentive to the people to turn up evaders.

Family Men Not Drafted.

So far as possible married men with dependents will not be drafted from those who register for the national army next week, it was declared by Secretary of War Baker this week. Provost Marshal General Crowder and a corps of lawyers are working on a plan for determining the most equitable method of exemption and this will be submitted to the president. It will contain a means of eliminating from the first draft married men whose families need them.

Travelers Must Register.

The procedure for registration of absentees is quite simple and should cause no confusion. The absentee, or prospective absentee, must apply at the office of the county clerk of the county in which he may happen to be at the time, whether in Oregon or elsewhere. The clerk will fill out his registration card.

Merchant Visits.

A. D. Addington, postmaster and merchant of Brogan was a business visitor in Vale Thursday.

PLAN ELECTION SOON

Willow-Alder District to Hold Election--Planned to Take Steps Toward Completion of Project

Engineer George Stubblefield has commenced the examination of the broken dam and partially completed ditches of the Vale-Oregon company as well as the feasibility of the entire project for the purpose of making a complete report on the matter in order to enable the Directors to submit a proposition to the land owners of the District at an election to take place sometime in July.

It was hoped that this election might take place as early as July 6 but that will be impossible as the examination cannot be completed in time.

Immediately after the submission of the plan to the voters of the District should the proposition carry, steps will be taken to condemn the property of the defunct company and let the bondholders, contractors and creditors fight over the remains but prevent the holding up of the enterprise longer through either ignorance or the policy of "dog in the manger."

"The Philadelphia contingent," so says one of the Directors, "put up a large amount of money and permitted it to be uselessly spent. While it is unfortunate for the country that this was the fact, their loss should not be visited on the innocent owners. The eastern contingent went into the scheme to make a large amount of money. They were interested in the promotion end with large bonuses and low prices for their bonds. They have in no case put up the money they have claimed, and neither their suit nor their contentions have been made in good faith.

"The Directors have made every endeavor to get some reasonable proposition from them either to go on themselves or permit others so to do. They prefer the courts and while this will certainly hold up the District for some time the end will come and from a merely money standpoint the District will be ahead. Rather than get the money back they prefer to lose it all. The District will interpose no objections to this policy hereafter."

SHEEP SHEARER FATALLY SHOT

Strikeleader Killed by Foreman of Shearing Plant--Sheriff's Office Making Investigation.

G. W. Shumaker, a sheep shearer, was shot and instantly killed at 7:30 Thursday morning at a shearing camp a mile from Riverside, and Jim Johnson, foreman of the camp is under arrest as his slayer.

According to a report to Sheriff Brown by phone from Riverside on Thursday evening, a number of shearers, some 20 or more, had recently gone on a strike for higher wages, at first asking 9c per head, later 10c and finally demanding 12c. This latter request was refused by Johnson and his partner, Chas. Prah, and a number of local men were hired, who were to start work Thursday morning. Sheriff Brown was notified of the impending trouble Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock, and Lee Noe, deputy, was dispatched at once, arriving in Riverside a half hour after the shooting Thursday morning.

When Johnson attempted to start the engine at the shearing camp on Thursday morning, he was confronted by Shumaker, said to be a leader of the strikers. Again attempting to start the engine, Shumaker interfered and a fist fight ensued, in which the foreman was knocked down three times by his opponent. Rising on his knees from the ground the third time, he drew a revolver from his pocket and fired. Shumaker dropped, with three bullet holes through his body, and died before reaching Riverside.

Prosecuting Attorney Swager, in company with Coroner Payne, left for the scene of the trouble Thursday afternoon, where an inquest was held, bringing in a verdict of death from a revolver at the hands of Johnson. Johnson will be probably brought to Vale to be given a hearing.

ROAD BONDS FAVORED

Oregonian Reports Speech of Senator Hurley at Hillsboro Tuesday Night on Good Roads.

Senator Julian A. Hurley returned home Thursday after a week's trip through the Willamette valley where he was campaigning in the interests of the good roads measure. He comes back confident of the result of the measure.

Basing his argument on patriotic grounds, State Senator Julian A. Hurley, of Vale, made a strong appeal for support of the road bond bill before an audience at the Washington County Courthouse, in Hillsboro, Senator Hurley pointed out that the hard-surfacing of the main traveled roads of the state, as proposed in the bond measure, was a part of the approved policy of the War Department to meet this critical time in its history.

"In announcing this policy, Secretary of War Baker declared for the improvement at this time of only those roads that accommodated the most travel and would be of use from a military standpoint in the pending world war," said Senator Hurley. "At the same time he specifically designated the Pacific Highway as one of the roads in Oregon that the War Department desired to see placed in a condition that would facilitate the movement of troops and war munitions.

"The Pacific Highway is one of the roads designated in the road bond bill for hard surfacing under the provision of the road bond bill. It therefore becomes the patriotic duty of every citizen to vote for the bonds, not only as a matter of military expediency, but for the material worth imp-

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HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CAST YOUR VOTE

The official ballot is reproduced in this issue of the Enterprise. Secretary of State Ben Olcott has mailed every registered voter a little pamphlet containing the text of all measures to be voted on and arguments for and against most of them. Following is a list of the titles to the measures to be voted on and recommendations based on a consideration of the best interests of Eastern Oregon and the state at large.

AUTHORIZING PORTS TO CREATE LIMITED INDEBTEDNESS TO ENCOURAGE WATER TRANSPORTATION. 300 X YES. Gives citizens of port districts right to bond themselves. LIMITING NUMBER OF BILLS INTRODUCED, AND INCREASING PAY OF LEGISLATORS.

No recommendation. DECLARATION AGAINST IMPLIED REPEAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS BY AMENDMENTS THEREOF. 307 X NO. Impractical. Would nullify use of initiative in Oregon. UNIFORM TAX CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT.

308 X YES. Same, sound and modern tax reform. REQUIRING ELECTION CITY, TOWN AND STATE OFFICERS AT SAME TIME.

310 X YES. A measure of economy. FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX LEVY FOR A NEW PENITENTIARY.

312 X YES. A needed improvement. SIX MILLION DOLLAR STATE ROAD BOND ISSUE AND HIGHWAY BILL.

314 X YES. An emergency measure to give Oregon good roads, now.