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NO WORK TO START ON WILLOW-ALDER DAM UNTIL COMPLICATIONS ARE SETTLED IN COURT--HOW CHAMBERLAIN FOUGHT BILL

BULLY PROJECT SURE WEST LOSES OUT John Rigby on Return from Washington says Cannot Proceed Until Settled in Courts.

"Bully Creek, or the Willow-Alder District," said Mr. John Rigby, on his return from Philadelphia last Saturday, "will not be able to get to work in the near future. The bond holders are not united in sufficient amount of bonds to foreclose and the so-called protective committee headed by Mr. Frank Johan representing \$137,500 of the bonds is of the opinion that there is more money in the proposition for them to fight it out in the courts than to enter into any agreement permitting the District to move forward.

"This is perhaps just as well for the District," continued Mr. Rigby, "as after thorough sifting and examination it may be found that more of the money went for commissions, etc., than we have estimated. The thorough examination of the property by Mr. Garfield Stubblefield, an engineer of well known and acknowledged ability, has placed a valuation on the property created by the Vale-Oregon which shows a very great loss for the bond holders.

"It was the intention of the Directors to have an election bonding the District and then negotiating with the bondholders and Maney Bros. While this idea is not entirely abandoned it is more than probable that the outcome of the present bankruptcy proceedings may hasten the legal settlement and enable the District to secure the property finally at a much less figure than they might have been willing to pay at present in order to get to work. As long as most of the owners are now away and in business elsewhere it may be just as well to make the matter one of saving as much as possible and securing the present work at the least possible price.

There is a peculiar phase of the matter of bad construction on the dam which has been brought out by the proceedings in bankruptcy of the Vale-Oregon company. There has been great blame attached to the late D. M. Brogan for the faulty construction of the dam in building so light a core straight across the canyon rather than giving it considerable curve up stream. It seems however that Thos. F. Deagin was the consulting engineer and as such would be responsible for any method of construction. Mr. Deagin has filed an account for some \$6,800 as consulting engineer and inasmuch as the protective committee has sued Maney Bros. for non completion and faulty construction the consulting engineer in their complaint as the fee of \$6,800 should carry considerable obligation or proper oversight of construction.

"The watering of this bench has hung fire for some time," continued Mr. Rigby, "and we have all some fault to find each with the other, but it is not probable that the work done will be thrown away. There will some method evolve itself from the present complication whereby the magnificent land will be watered. There is water for 20,000 acres immediately available with an expenditure of less than \$50 per acre and two crops just now would pay the bill. Someone and some way will be found. I have 600 acres and while disappointed with the delay I am in no wise discouraged. The difficulties will be overcome and success will crown our efforts if we stick."

Essentials of the Food Control Bill

FOOD BILL PASSED Feature of Drastic Law Passed This Week by Congress--Hoover Has Details Ready. The following are salient features of the food control bill: Government control over food, fuel and implements required for their production. Penalizes hoarding, waste or destruction of foodstuffs to increase prices. Authorizes President to requisition factories, foods, fuels, feeds and other supplies necessary for army, navy or public use. Authorizes President to purchase and sell for cash at reasonable prices wheat, flour, meat, beans and potatoes. Empowers President to regulate any exchange or board of trade. Thirty days after law is approved, no foods, fruits, food materials or feeds shall be used in production of distilled spirits for beverage purposes. Distilled spirits cannot be imported. The president is authorized to stop production or limit the alcoholic content of beers and wines when he deems necessary. He is authorized to fix reasonable guaranteed price to wheat producers. For 1918 crop, No. 1 northern spring wheat or its equivalent must bring not less than \$2 per bushel at principal interior primary markets. Authorizes president to license importation, manufacture, storage, mining or distribution of any necessities. No person may engage in such business without license. Authorizes president to take control of coal and coke from mines' mouth to consumer. Appropriates total of \$162,500,000. BANKRUPTCY HEARING HELD Sackett Appointed as Trustee for the Vale-Oregon Irrigation Company. Last Friday at a hearing before Referee in Bankruptcy Cochran, the Vale-Oregon Irrigation company appointed Harry Sackett of Vale as trustee and he has already filed satisfactory bonds to the amount of \$1000.00.

Will Erect a Big Nitrate Plant in Vale Next Month

NITRATE PLANT SOON Vale to Have Reducing Plant--Owyhee Properties May Be Developed on Large Scale.

With the expectation of starting, within the next thirty days, the initial construction of a large capacity reducing plant at Vale for the development of his company's nitrate property here at Vale, E. D. Gallaher is leaving Friday for Tacoma to be absent for about two weeks. Mr. Gallaher has been investigating the nitrate properties about Vale since last spring and has expended a great deal of time and money, in a very quiet way, in an effort to establish a valuable industrial enterprise for Vale on a sound commercial basis.

Mr. N. W. L. Brown, mining engineer of Seattle, representing large capital, made an investigating trip this week with Mr. Gallaher to the Owyhee where they looked over some nitrate territory. Mr. Brown professed himself as well pleased with the showing there. Mr. Gallaher says they will make further investigation with a view of development of the Owyhee territory on a large scale.

BREAK IN DEPOT

Would-Be Burglars Break Window in Express Depot and Ransack Express Packages--No Clue.

Employees at the local passenger depot, on arriving for work Tuesday morning, discovered that parties had broken into the depot, ransacked express packages, and had taken nothing but two dollars in change in the register.

The window to the building had been broken, making a hole large enough to reach through the glass and turn the window catch. Authorities have been notified, but no clue as to the identity of the visitors has been found.

City Council Meets.

The city council met for the regular monthly meeting Thursday evening at the office of city recorder, Ross Soward.

Wm. Bohna was the new member of the council, having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. H. Ellis. The Speed Ordinance was read for the second time, a committee appointed to look into the need of building some cross walks, and a side walk was ordered built on the block in which the Young building is now in course of construction. Bills were allowed and ordered paid.

NEWS OF WEEK

Army of 1,000,000 September 1st--Oklahoma Riots Over--Norway Falls in Line.

Washington.--More than 200,000 men of the selective draft service will be called to the colors on September 1, to go immediately to their divisional training camps. This will bring the strength of the United States army on that date up to practically 1,000,000 men. Registered men who resist the selective draft law face military court-martial for desertion and the possibility of execution for desertion in time of war.

Chicago.--Elihu Root, who with other members of the American commission to Russia, which completed its work and has reached Chicago, said that as a matter of fact there is scarcely more disorder in Russia today than there is in the United States.

San Francisco.--Mediation was accepted Friday as a means of settling the threatened strike of railroad brotherhoods against the southern Pacific company. Both sides agreed to accept the offices of the federal mediation and conciliation board.

Oklahoma City.--With one of their leaders dead, another captured, and at least 25 members of their bands in the hands of peace officers, posse leaders this week are of the opinion the backbone of the rising of objectors to the selective draft in Oklahoma was under control. The outlaws have been scattered into such small bands that further success of the resistance is believed impossible.

Washington.--Norway, facing starvation if the United States cuts off exports of food, is ready to release 1,000,000 tons of her shipping in return for the privilege of importing food, principally from the United States, and will give assurances definitely that no food supplies thus obtained will reach Germany.

FIVE MEN TAKE EXAMINATIONS BEFORE BOARD

EXAMINATIONS NEXT First 18 on Official List Will Appear for Examinations First of the Coming Week.

The lists of registered men in Malheur county arranged in the order of their liability have been completed and notices for the examination of the first 18 posted and the day set for appearance determined as follows: the first 40 must appear on Monday, August 13, numbers 41 to 80, inclusive on Tuesday, August 14, and numbers 81 to 118 on Wednesday, August 15. Sheriff Ben Brown, chairman of the local exemption board has announced that no claims for exemption will be heard until physical examination has been given.

Five Examined.

The following have been accommodated by the board with special examinations this week: 35 Joe Galaza, Westfall, Ore. 45 Anson Harry Parsons, Brogan, Ore. 68 Clarence Washington Howard, Brogan, Ore. 84 Taine Remick, Crowley, Ore. 14 Wm. Franklin Lieberman, Westfall, Ore.

After several days of hard work, Bruce R. Kester, secretary, and Ben Brown, chairman of the board assisted by Ed Test, Harry Sackett checked the master list with the registration cards and prepared the official list for Malheur county. A number of errors in the former published list were discovered. These were made by the stenographer in the rush of preparation for publication. Numbers 12 and 13 of the serial numbers were interchanged on the former list, and in the Snake River precinct the copies were numbered in reverse order with the exception of 294. The official list is partially published in this issue of the Enterprise. Upon order of Adjutant General White the numbers on the original cards prevail and the notices calling for examination were mailed.

Aliens May Be Drafted.

Sheriff Brown received a telegram from the adjutant general Thursday stating that while any friendly alien, not a declarant, can allege his foreign birth as sufficient claim for exemption, that there was nothing in the draft law to prevent any such alien from being accepted, and further that in case any such alien does not so make claim for exemption and is otherwise found ready and fit he will be certified for service by the local board.

Roseburg--Work started to spend \$500,000 on Pacific highway in this county.

Grants Pass--\$90,000 will be spent on Josephine county post and military roads.

News On Every Page Dear Reader, have you ever seen a paper that after you scanned the first page you would throw it aside and never open and look at the other pages because you knew there would be nothing worth while there? It is the earnest aim of the Enterprise to get as far away as possible from that condition. In each issue there is printed on every page of this paper news matter that requires many hours of time in investigating and collecting, selecting, rewriting, setting and printing. If we are not giving you what you want, let us know. Anyhow note the following in this issue: Pages 1 and 8. Important news events of week, local and national. Page 2. Editorial, county court proceedings, land office filings, realty transfers. Page 3. Local news of Vale, church, classified ads, five years ago. Pages 4 and 5. Community correspondence, this week from Ontario, Nysa, Cairo, Big Bend, Kingman Colony, Riverdale, Ironside, Cow Valley, Brogan, Malheur, Mooreville, Jordan Valley. Page 6. Procedure for drafted men and first half of official list. Page 7. News from all parts of Eastern Oregon and Idaho clipped from our exchanges. Many interesting advertisements on each page.

County Fair Next--Borrow \$80,000--Teale is Released

COUNTY FAIR PLANNED Amusements to be Scattered Among Educational Exhibits on Program of Full Fair.

"Bigger, Better, Brighter, than Ever" will be the Malheur County Fair to be held in Ontario in September. It will also be the only really, truly Eastern Oregon fair to be held this year as Union and Baker counties will not hold theirs. A big carnival company has been secured, as well as daily balloon ascensions. A big stock sale and exceptional agricultural exhibits will be among the main features for the coming show.

APPLY FOR \$80,000.00

Malheur County Farmer Organization After Government Secured Money at Low Interest Rate.

John Rigby, secretary of the Malheur National Farm Loan association, this week sent to the district bank at Spokane seventeen applications of various members of the association for loans aggregating an amount of \$80,000.00. Several other applications will be prepared and sent in soon.

WILL NOT PROSECUTE

Teale Released by Authorities on Refusal of Woodcock to Make Complaint of Assault Charge.

Edward Woodcock, who was shot on July 22 at the Rainbow mine in Mormon basin by C. P. Teale refused to make complaint against Teale, whereupon the officials after due form released him last Saturday.

Oregon Industrial Review

Hood River--New factory to evaporate apples and make vinegar to be built.

Myrtle Point will pave six blocks forty feet wide.

Weston Leader is scratching around to start the buckwheat industry. Army and navy may be supplied with Oregon loganberry jam.

Newspapers making the draft a success as they did the Liberty Loan and Red Cross fund--in return they are to be taxed and censured.

Grants Pass--Sugar beet crop suffering for lack of irrigation.

Portland--Site for million-bushel grain elevator bought for \$137,000. Construction started on Baker cooperative flour mill to cost \$10,000.

Astoria--Million-bushel bulk grain bins completed.

ROAD FANS HERE

Are Boosting for Highway from Burns to Vale--Say Engineers Will Survey Road Soon.

Harry C. Smith and Clarence Lucky of the Burns Garage stopped off in Vale a while Tuesday evening on their way to the interior, each acting as pilot of a new Dodge car for Ches. Carter and Wm. Hanley, both of Burns.

Mr. Smith is very much interested in the early building of the Burns-Vale highway which if built properly he says will be the only and shortest year round road from the east to Portland and Crater Lake. He reports that the state engineers will soon be at work surveying the various routes such road may take and would like to see the Malheur river canyon selected as the route from Crane to Vale.

TAKES PASTEUR TREATMENT

Dogs That Attacked Man May Have Been Infected With Rabies--Takes Pasteur Treatment.

A possibility that the dogs that attacked George Carter at the Claypool ranch last week, biting him severely about the hands and hips, may have been afflicted with rabies, caused Mr. Carter to send for the Pasteur treatment for rabies, which will arrive in a few days. There are twenty-seven doses of the serum, which are given one a day for twenty-seven days, a new treatment coming in the mail each morning.

That rabies may have been in the animals when they attacked Carter, was his own opinion. The dogs would come in to the ranch in the evening, he stated, sometimes covered with blood, and showing evidences of fights with coyotes. And the fact that rabies has been prevalent among coyotes in Malheur county, for a number of years caused his decision to take no chances, and send for the popular treatment for hydrophobia.

COUNTY JUDGE PLANS ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY COUNCIL FOR PATRIOTIC SERVICE--WILL PROMOTE FOOD CONTROL MOVE

BULLETIN NO. 2 WILL FORM COUNCIL Council for Patriotic Service in Malheur County to be Organized Soon by Judge McKnight.

At the instance of the State Council of Defense, directed by Bruce Dennis, and the recognition of the great importance of such organization, Judge McKnight has accepted the task of organizing for the coming days, and up to the present time dynamite is still missing. These are perilous times, as you know. A few cases of dynamite in the hands of wrong people could do untold damage. It is deemed advisable and the State Council of Defense requests that all County Courts, Contractors, Construction Companies and anyone else using powder or dynamite shall have a depot for same under day and night armed guard. A sufficient quantity for the day's use can easily be removed to location of work under way, but under no circumstance should the depot be left without a trustworthy guard in full charge.

Very truly, BRUCE DENNIS, Director of Work, State Council of Defense.

CIVILIAN RELIEF WORKER HELD

Meeting Held to Explain Nature of Duties and How to Carry out These Instructions

Harry R. Bogart, supervising director family relief of the Pacific Division working under direct control of the government was in Vale Monday and held a meeting at the Drexel hotel with the Chairman Kimball and members of the Civilian relief committee and the members of the executive committee of the Red Cross. The purpose of the meeting was to explain to the members of the civilian relief committee what their duties were and how to perform them. The work of this division is largely to uphold the financial, moral and mental standard of the families having men at the front. In some cases, according to Mr. Bogart, "the committees will find employment for men who have returned disabled and incapacitated for work."

Childers Case Dismissed.

At the motion of City Attorney Eastham the case against Childers brought by the Farmers' Ditch company over the use of water was dismissed by Justice Lytle, the state finding no cause for prosecution. This case involved the rights of the citizens of Vale to use of water from the Farmers' ditch. Childers had secured permission from the city, which is a share holder in the ditch company, for the use of water. Echo has let large contract for concrete walks and crosswalks.

Five Killed in Auto-Train Collision

FATAL AUTO-TRAIN COLLISION K. P.'s CELEBRATE Train Hits Auto, Near Payette Last Monday--Six Killed--Declared Accident by Jury.

Sunday, August 5th, was a day of celebration by the Knights of Pythias of Ontario and vicinity. It is needless to say that their families enjoyed it as much as they. The celebration, which was in the form of a picnic, was held at McGregor's home in the country. Swings were put up for the kiddies while the small boys and girls played games or enjoyed themselves otherwise. The further enjoyment of the small boys consisted mainly of thinking about the eats and wondering if the ice cream would hold out. This proved to be useless however, there was more than enough for everybody. In fact, it is rumored that one small lad ate twenty cones but remember that old adage "don't believe half what you hear" and make exceptions. There was a big crowd and, everything considered, it was a "whoppin' big time," as some schoolboy was heard to remark.

Weiser Had Bad Fire.

Weiser.--Weiser had a \$50,000 fire at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The plant of the Gem State Lumber company valued at \$25,000; the plant of the Weiser Ice & Cold Storage company, valued at \$10,000; the office and yards of the Lyon Coal company, including eight cars of coal, valuation unknown and 16 Ford cars belonging to C. C. Hargrove, who has the Ford agency here, were destroyed.

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Every man, woman and child should belong to some auxiliary of the League for Patriotic Service. It is the method by which every loyal citizen, who does not go to the battle front, may enlist for service in this great war for "the safety of democracy."

Have a chairman and executive committee for each auxiliary and have them report officers, conditions and activities to the Chairman of the County Council each week. These auxiliaries should be made the centers of patriotic feeling, national loyalty and war service. The County Councils of Patriotic Service should use the local auxiliaries as a means of reaching and organizing public opinion and patriotic service upon every problem. The County Councils should look to

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