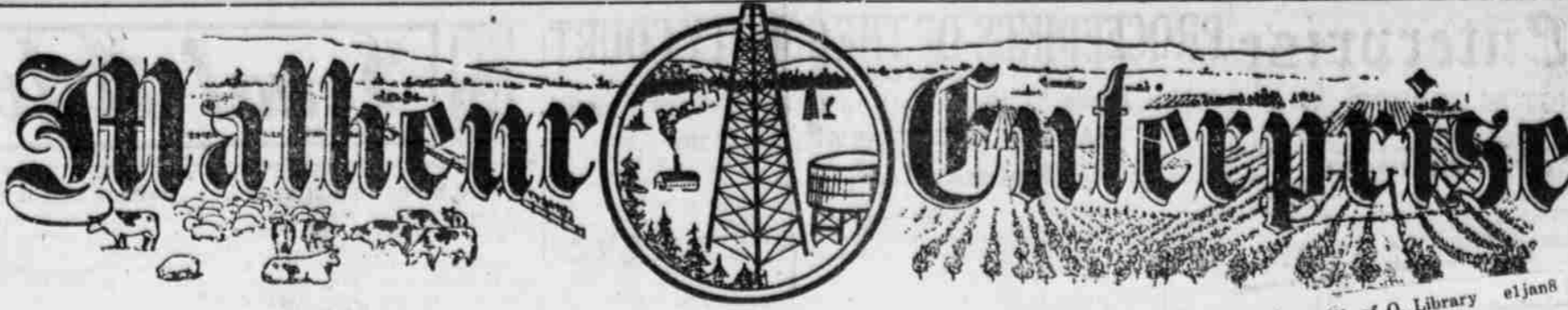


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## COUNTY FAIR PROVES SUCCESS

### FIRST DAY'S RACING DRAWS GOOD CROWD

Programs, Carnival, Auto Show, and Exhibits at County Fair are Drawing Big Crowds.

With weather favorable, the exhibits all in place for the opening day, and the first day's program of racing and other events "pulled off" in ship shape manner, the Malheur County Fair, the only fair held in Southeastern Oregon this year, got away in a manner that speaks highly of the Ontario citizens to whom the success of the week is largely due.

The community exhibits of agricultural products from Nyssa, the Boulevard, and Adrian (Bng Bend and Kingman Colony combined) are all wonderful displays of the products of this county as well as works of art in the arrangement and display.

Other individual agricultural exhibitions, vegetables, fruits and grains, are excellent. Also the poultry display is very fine this year. The art and needle work departments are fully up to standard. Many automobiles are on exhibition and the auto show is a dandy.

The stock pens are not as crowded as usual, but a splendid showing is entered, nevertheless.

The first day's racing events pleased everyone. Alferata Sage won from May McGee in the ladies relay, the favorite race on the program. Other attractions are the daily balloon ascension and the big street carnival of the Sound Amusement company which administers to the jovialty of the crowd throughout the day and evening.

Many people from all parts of the county are in attendance as well as a goodly number from Idaho, the Idaho people having two special days at the fair. While the attendance has been fairly good, the farmers are now in the midst of the grain and fruit harvests and are short handed at that, all tending to diminish the crowds to some extent.

**Schools Well Represented.**  
The school exhibits at the fair are better this year than usual due to the untiring efforts of county school superintendent Fay Clark. Nyssa, Jamieson, Valley View, Owyhee and Juntura are all making an individual exhibit. A large general exhibit is also in place which represents many of the schools. Good industrial club exhibits from over the county are attracting much attention.

Canning demonstrations are being given by the various school teams, Wednesday the Vale and Owyhee teams held their contest, Mrs. C. C. Mueller is advisor for the Vale girls and Mrs. Lilas Bigelow for Owyhee. Thursday Brogan and Jamieson held their contest, Mrs. Arden Reed advisor for Brogan and Mrs. A. B. Cox for Jamieson. This is one of the new features of the school work and is causing comment wherever given.

Roseburg—\$3000 street improvements here.

Redmond—Irrigation power plant with gigantic capacity being constructed at Oden Falls.

Hubbard—Construction on new S. P. station here progressing.

## Vale Boys Escape German Submarines

### Soldiers Arrive Across the Sea—Cablegram Gives Relief to Anxious Parents.

Seven of the boys from Vale, who enlisted in the U. S. Aero service last April, made record time in crossing the ocean. A cablegram received by the parents of Robt. Harland, of this city, gives important news regarding the safety of the lads. The cablegram reads:

"Arrived safe. Tell Emma." Signed, Robert-Elmer.

The signature denotes a joint wire from two boys, Robert Harland and Elmer Harris. Emma is a sister of Elmer Harris, and the place of sending has been stricken out by the censor.

The rest of the Vale boys, who accompanied the above two, were: L. K. Bullock, Clifford Cole, Harland Lynn, Lynn Moody and Clifford Wetzel. In just what country the boys are, is the subject of much discussion, and will not be settled until a letter is received from them. That they have gone to England for aviation training, or to France for active service, are conclusions, either of which may be correct. At any rate, they arrived safely, and the fact that Vale has seven boys at the actual battle front, should make her citizens proud of the signatures that hang framed in the postoffice.

## Commerce Chamber Elects New Officers

### Vale Chamber of Commerce Names Robt. D. Lytle as Head—Important Committees Named.

Monday evening the Vale Chamber of Commerce met in the chamber rooms and after voting the proceeds of the carnival for the amount of \$103.90 to the Red Cross chapter, proceeded to elect new officers and directors.

The meeting was called by President Leo Schmidt and the following were elected to the various offices: President, Robt. D. Lytle; vice-president, Dr. F. J. Brown; secretary, George Huntington Currey; treasurer, G. F. Wildhaber; directors, Saxon Humphrey, C. C. Mueller, Frank Sasser, T. T. Nelsen, and Dr. Brown.

Several very interesting discussions followed which resulted in the appointment of the following committees:

Committee to investigate camping ground facilities for auto tourists and to work with committee of city council to improve same: C. C. Mueller, Leo Schmidt and J. A. Hurley.

Committee to represent Chamber of Commerce at proposed meeting to form library association: George Huntington Currey, Robt. D. Lytle, John Rigby and H. C. Eastham.

Committee to solicit funds for the Sumpter Relief: Jay Kimball, Ross A. Soward and G. F. Wildhaber.

Committee to confer with city council in investigating needs of improving the city's water service, appointed after adjournment, Dr. F. J. Brown, T. T. Nelsen and Saxon Humphrey.

### Kennedy-Woodard

John A. Kennedy, popular manager of the Brogan Trading & Lumber company at Brogan and Miss Frances E. Woodard of Brogan were united in marriage by Father Moriarity at Vale Wednesday afternoon, September 19, and left immediately for Ontario, from where after taking in the fair they will leave for a short wedding trip to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are well known and popular young people of their community and have the best wishes of a host of friends throughout the county.

### DRILL IN NEW STRATA

#### Directors and Stockholders Visit the Western Pacific Oil Well—Work Progressing Rapidly.

Last Sunday a party of Boise men and Gas company, visited the well and were very pleased with the showing that is being made under the superintendency of Engineer Gibbs. The party consisted of President W. N. Reeves, General Manager W. D. Meyer, O. H. Allen, H. J. Syms, E. W. Johnson, Frank Ensign and were joined at the well by Mr. and Mrs. George Huntington Currey of Vale.

After all had enjoyed a splendid dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. McFadden, the party witnessed the bailing operation in charge of chief driller Chas. Besgrove. Many gobules of oil rose freely to the surface of the water in the spillway after being emptied from the bailer.

The new hole is now down a little past the depth of the first hole which had to be abandoned and now that the drill is encountering new stratas the spirits of the crew and directors have greatly revived.

### SCHOOL OPENS

#### Monday Morning Finds School Machinery in Perfect Running Order—One Position to be Filled

Once again Monday morning at eight thirty found the students of Vale, books under arms, school bound. Every department started off with a hum which gives promise of a good year. High school enrollment is well up to standard and a few students are yet to enroll, who have stayed on the ranches until the completion of harvest. The grades show a little falling off from last year's opening week.

One position in the high school department remains unfilled to date but Mrs. G. F. Wildhaber is ably handling this work until the board can secure someone to fill the vacancy. The grade teachers are all here and have already become familiar with their work and surroundings. Superintendent G. A. Ruring is very optimistic over the year's outlook and says Vale will make a better mark this year than ever.

Oregon is expected to increase its acreage of fall sown wheat 50 per cent over the same acreage of 1917. An increase of 41 per cent in the acreage of rye is also asked for.

## TWENTY-FOUR MALHEUR COUNTY BOYS CALLED BY DRAFT, LEAVE WEDNESDAY FOR TRAINING CAMP

Wednesday twenty four more of Malheur county's young men were sent to the training camps under the selective service act. One of the number, Taine Remick, who registered from Watson was given permission to report at Camp Lewis at American Lake from Seattle. The others of the 24 called, all left with the exception of Arritola from Jordan Valley who it is reported has not yet received his notification to appear. In his place Templeton Rice was awarded the honor of going among a number of anxious substitutes.

24 more will be called on October third according to the present plans.

The boys leaving Wednesday were given a God speed at the Vale Depot and at Ontario were made the honored guests at the county fair.

A second list, supplementary to the list furnished a few weeks ago has been certified back to the local board from the district board at La Grande. Other lists will likely be certified back later.

The list was composed of Elbert Charles Johnson of Ontario, John Iri Johnston of Parma, Irwin S. Moody of Brogan and Victor Hamilton of Huntington.

24 Left Wednesday following are the boys who left Vale Wednesday for service at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE LAW**  
Official Rulings of Provost Marshal General to State Officials Explaining Many Points.

The following, designated as Form 42, from the Office of Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C., dated September 4, 1917, are Compiled Rulings of Provost Marshal General, No. 11, on matters pertaining to the selective service act.

To governors, adjutant general and members of local and district boards  
To secure uniformity of interpretation, compiled rulings of the Provost Marshal General on questions concerning the execution of the selective-service law will be published from time to time and forwarded to the governors of the several States for distribution to local and district boards. Ten copies of each should be sent to each board. These compilations will be numbered in a series of which the present compilation is No. 11.

E. H. Crowder, P. M. G.  
PART I.  
(a) Requests of selected men with special qualifications for special assignments or to choose a branch of the service.

Men are not drafted for any special branch of the service or for any special work. All must report to a mobilization camp with the contingent of their local board. When they arrive at camp a careful inquiry will be made into their special qualifications and, so far as it is compatible with the public interest, each man will be assigned to that duty or to that branch of the military service where he can render the greatest benefit.

(b) Selected men not to be transferred to the navy.  
The selective-service law does not authorize a draft for the Navy. Therefore selected men may not be transferred from the Army to the Navy.

(c) Requests for delay in reporting to mobilization camps in order to close up business or adjust private affairs.  
From the day of the drawing every registrant knew the approximate order of his liability for military service. Even though he had a claim for exemption or discharge pending, prudence should have dictated a shaping of his affairs with the purpose of closing them up quickly. The interests of the Nation will not permit any delay in the furnishing of the several increments of the quota from each local board.

Tentatively, however, the dates on which the increments are to go from home are: Five per cent of the net quota September 5, 40 per cent September 19, 40 per cent October 3, 15 per cent as soon after October 3 as practicable. As long as local boards insure that no man is sent to military duty whose order of liability is so late that he will not be within the quota, such boards are not absolutely controlled by the order of liability in sending men to military duty. While, ordinarily, men should be sent to the colors in the exact order of their liability to be called for physical examination, there is room for the adjustment of very great hardship, and local boards have authority, in cases of such hardship, to defer the call of an individual until a later increment if, by so doing, they will not impose great hardship on others and if the applicant for this favor is himself without fault or negligence.

Local boards must furnish the precise number of men called for by the adjutant general of the State on the day named by such adjutant general and they have no authority whatever to defer the call of an individual if such deferment will reduce or delay the increment to be so furnished.

(d) Acceptances on physical examination by local boards of men who have previously been rejected on physical examination by military authorities.

| Serial No. | Name and Address                           | Order No. |
|------------|--|-----------|
| 783        | England, George Barron, Brogan, Ore.       | 5         |
| 945        | Lieberman, William Franklin, Westfall, Or. | 31        |
| 437        | Cockrum, Lee B., Ontario, Ore.             | 38        |
| 1178       | Tureman, Charles L., Ironsides, Ore.       | 38        |
| 433        | Beam, Thomas M., Ontario, Ore.             | 40        |
| 1045       | Duncan, Cecil Warren, Jordan Valley, Ore.  | 42        |
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| 75         | Schweizer, Otto Herbert, Nyssa, Ore. RFD   | 65        |
| 772        | Woods, William Edgar, Bonita, Ore.         | 66        |
| 721        | Godwin, William Thomas, Parma, Ida. R. 3   | 67        |
| 298        | Jensen, Wilford Franklin, Weiser, Ida.     | 81        |
| 343        | Remick, Taine, Crowley, Ore.               | 84        |
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| 569        | Worthley, Bert Sewell, Vale, Ore.          | 98        |
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| 882        | Rust, Theodore, Riverside, Ore.            | 103       |
| 1211       | Tate, Frank Lawrence, Vale, Ore.           | 106       |
| 760        | Rutledge, Adrian Shaffer, Bonita, Ore.     | 108       |
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| 54         | Spaulding, Jackson, Westfall, Ore.         | 114       |
| 950        | Maggine, Charles George, Westfall, Ore.    | 206       |
| 1032       | Rice, Templeton, Payette, Ida.             | 125       |

## Official Rulings on Selective Draft Law Compiled for Men Chosen

Some men who have been rejected as physically unfit by military authorities on examination for commissions, officers' training camps, and otherwise have been accepted by local boards as physically qualified for military service. The selected man usually feels that his case has been prejudiced by this result. It is to be remembered that no man's physical condition remains constant from month to month or even from day to day. Local boards can not be controlled by the result of prior physical examinations, and no exception in the operation of the selective-service law can be made in such circumstances. It is to be remembered, however, that a man may be commissioned or assigned to a training camp from his status as a drafted man, and also that before he is finally accepted for duty in the National Army he will again be examined by the military authorities.

(j) Registrants called by a local board who have enlisted or who have joined service aboard.  
All persons called for physical examination who fail to report are to be reported by local boards on Form 146-A. See Form 25. In case the local board has any information of the whereabouts of such persons, it should include a statement of such information.

In some cases such persons have already enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States; in some cases they have enlisted in hospital or ambulance units abroad; in some cases they have enlisted in the armies of an allied power. In all such cases they are in default, but the final disposition of their cases will be decided by the War Department after the case with all attending circumstances have been reported to the Adjutant General of the Army as provided in section 4 of Form 25. Such persons are automatically inducted into the military service of the United States as provided in section 3 of Form 25, and if they are located and accepted into actual military service of the United States the local board to which they pertain will receive credit for them by a means soon to be announced. But until they are so accepted, and until such means are announced, local boards should disregard them as a credit item. The general rule, from which there is and will be no departure, is that a local board receives credit on its net quota only for those men credited to them on Form 164-A from a mobilization camp. A second general and invariable rule is that local boards can not be credited on their NET quotas for VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT because all voluntary enlistments have been, or will be, credited on their GROSS quotas.

(k) No date set for second call.  
When and whether there will be a second call is within the discretion of the President. There is no date set for a second call and, so far as is known, no second call is in present contemplation.  
(l) Local and district boards may reopen cases.  
When a board is convinced that it is in error in refusing exemption or discharge, it may in its own discretion reopen a case and extend the time for proof up to the time the registrant is called for military duty. After that time it may not do so. When a board is convinced that it is in error in granting an exemption or discharge, it may reopen the case at any time.

(m) District boards may not reopen physical examination unless result is appealed.  
District boards may request local boards to reopen a case, or they may request the appeal agent to appeal a case in the name of the Provost Marshal General at any time, but they may not reopen a physical examination or any other question within the original jurisdiction of a local board on their own motion in the absence of an appeal.

In case district boards feel that physical examinations have not been properly conducted, or that the final decision by the local board in other matters should be reexamined, they should request the appeal agent to appeal the case, or they may apply to the governor to request of the Provost Marshal General a review of the physical examination, as provided on page 7 of Form 11.

(n) No person not in quota to be sent with quotas.  
A registrant whose order of liability is so late that he is not within the quota of a local board can not, even on his own request, be advanced and sent with the quota.

(o) More than one selected man in a single family.  
The fact that more than one person is selected from a single family is not of itself ground for exemption or discharge.

(p) Enlistment of persons after exemption or discharge.  
Persons may not be "exempted to permit them to enlist," nor, under the President's regulations, may a person who has once been called by a local board thereafter enlist, even after he has been exempted or discharged from draft. This regulation may be modified by the President after all quotas are filled but, for the present, exempted or discharged registrants may not enlist voluntarily. It is further to be remarked that an applicant of an exempted or discharged man to enlist would be ground upon which a local board might inquire whether his certificate of exemption or discharge ought not to be revoked.

(q) Appeals to President not to be sent direct by individuals.  
Some appeals have been made from decisions of both local and district boards direct to the President. There is no authority for this. There is no appeal to the President from the decisions of a local board, and appeals to the President from the decision of a district board must be filed with the district board as prescribed in section 47 of the regulations and may not be sent direct to the President. To so send them will merely result in their return for compliance with the prescribed procedure.  
(r) Meal tickets to be used as lodging tickets.  
Section 6 of the mobilization regulations (Form 31) provides that meal and lodging tickets will be furnished local boards. No lodging tickets were sent as indicated by this paragraph, but meal tickets may be altered to fit the requirements of lodging tickets and handled in the same manner as for meals.  
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## Teachers Institute A Big Success

### Resolutions Passed by the Attending Teachers Favor Hoover's Food Conservation Plans.

With State Superintendent J. A. Churchill in charge the Malheur county teachers institute closed a successful three day session Friday, September 14, at Ontario. With such eminent educators as, Superintendent Churchill, Professor E. D. Ressler, Dr. E. S. Conklin, Miss Ida Mae Smith and Professor H. C. Seymour, as lecturers, the county teachers are high in their praise of the work accomplished at institute. Resolutions drafted congratulated County Superintendent Fay Clark upon the excellent arrangement of the program and on the general management of the institute, thanked the city of Ontario for its generous support from Commercial Club, Parent-Teacher association and general public. The attending teachers also placed themselves on record as supporting the food conservation plans of Herbert Hoover and the administration, and as favoring the County Unit as the proper unit for taxation and administration of the schools of the state. Following is a complete report of the resolutions as passed:

Resolved: That we, the teachers of Malheur county assembled in institute, congratulate Miss Fay Clark, county school superintendent, upon the arrangement of the program, the obtaining of such excellent instructors, and lecturers, and on the general management of the institute.

Resolved: That the Malheur County Teachers' Institute heartily thank the city of Ontario, the Commercial Club, and the Parent-Teacher association, for the courteous treatment, entertainment, and consideration shown to them during the institute.

Resolved: That we as citizens and teachers of our respective communities lend every effort to the plans of the administration as outlined by Mr. Herbert Hoover, for the production and conservation of a food supply adequate to a successful carrying on of the war.

Resolved: That we as a body go on record as favoring the County Unit as the proper unit for taxation and administration of the schools of the state, and believing that the future of the rural schools depends largely upon the adoption of such legislation necessary for constituting the County as such a unit, urge upon the Legislature of the State of Oregon the emergency of this measure.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the papers of the county for publication.

Signed  
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## Vale's Quota For War Library is \$75

### Vale to Raise \$75 for Library Fund for Sammys—Campaign on Next Week.

Ike Robinette has been appointed chairman of the local council to raise Vale's quota of \$75 for the library funds for the Sammys. He has appointed the following on the council and they will meet some time this week and arrange the details of the campaign to be waged beginning next Monday. The other members of the council are W. F. Sasser, C. C. Mueller, A. M. Moody, Chas. Flynn, Ross A. Soward, Paul G. Freeman, R. D. Lytle, Walter Powers, P. J. Dunaway.

With Governor Withycombe as the head of the Oregon War Library Council, an energetic campaign has been begun to raise Oregon's \$25,000 quota of the million-dollar fund to equip every army camp and cantonment in America and France with libraries. Many of the most prominent men and women in Oregon have been appointed by Governor Withycombe on the Oregon Council.

Organizations are now being perfected in every city in the state leading to war library campaign week beginning September 24th, when it is hoped that Oregon will more than subscribe her quota.

The war libraries will be issued to the army Y. M. C. A.'s, the huts of the

## MASS MEETING CALLED MONDAY

### CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB TO DISCONTINUE MEETINGS

#### Library Association to be Formed—Invitation for Memberships Open to All.

Because of the pressing need of all women as workers in the various departments of Red Cross work and the inability to take care of other clubs and rightly do this work the members of the Civic Improvement club, which has for so many years faithfully served the demands of civic work in Vale, have decided to discontinue meetings.

This leaves the Public Library which has been fostered and under charge of the Civic club entirely without a head. Thinking that the citizens of Vale and community, the borrowers of books, will be willing to share in the labor of the up-keep of the library a committee of ladies who have been closely associated with the library work since its beginning in Vale, have called a mass meeting for Monday evening, September 24, at eight o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, to organize a Library Association. This association as proposed will have a membership made up of all who are interested in seeing the library maintained and built up.

This meeting is open to all the people of Vale and surrounding communities, there will be no limit upon membership and all are welcome. If you are interested in the upbuilding of an institution which will secure for your community good reading within reach of all and especially of our boys and girls, be sure that you attend this mass meeting Monday evening, September 24, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms and put your shoulder to the wheel which in its revolutions shall eventually give us a library second to none in the state.

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## Young Men's Hebrew Association and those of the Knights of Columbus, while in addition at the larger camps, larger central libraries will be maintained, probably in buildings to be provided by the Carnegie Library Foundation.

La Grande—9500 head of sheep were shipped from Elgin, Wallowa, Lostine and other Wallowa county points to Chicago.

Reedsport—New sawmill to be built here.

### CANYON ROAD IMPROVED

#### Cottonwood Road Grade Worked into Fine Shape by District Road Supervisor and Men.

Road Supervisor John Hankins of district four, has had a crew of men and teams working on the Cottonwood Canyon road grade between Vale and Westfall for some time, with the result that the grade has been much improved and is now in good condition for travel. This road has been almost impassable during the dry months.

The public will be pleased to hear of the improvement of this road especially the residents of the Westfall country and travelers of the Juntura or Burns roads.