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## U. S. GEOLOGIST VIEWS NITRATE

Engineer and Chemist of American Minerals Producing Company Coming to Vale.  
E. D. Gallaher, who is developing the Vale Nitrate property, arrived from Tacoma Thursday last week. During his absence he has arranged for his engineer, W. J. Wood to come and look over the property and some other interests on the Idaho side. Engineer Wood is expected to arrive today or tomorrow. Mr. Gallaher seems to be very enthusiastic over the outlook here. The American Minerals Producing company of Tacoma, of which Mr. Gallaher is the head, expect to have their chemist and laboratory permanently established here next week with a view of working out and verifying in a practical manner the value of their property.  
U. S. Geologist Visits.  
Local interest in the nitrate fields increased greatly this week on account of a few days visit from Hoyt S. Gale, geologist of the United States Geological Survey. Mr. Gale is one of the greatest nitrate experts in America and his presence here undoubtedly indicates the possibilities of the Vale nitrate deposits.  
Mr. Gale didn't talk much while here and what he did say was simply about our wonderful climate and our great and beautiful country. He worked a crew of several men for three days and made a careful examination. The men of the U. S. G. S. are taught not to talk, but to write and a report will likely be forthcoming within the next few months. However, Mr. Gale has been in the Malheur county nitrate fields before and says that he is coming back soon. He is a busy man, belonging to the National Council of Defense, and his time is very valuable to the government. So we cannot interpret his interest in the local fields other than indicating his appreciation of their commercial worth.

## INDICATIONS INCREASE

Western Pacific Well in Fine Condition and Progressing Rapidly--Oil Showing Appearing.  
Last week the drill at the Western Pacific Oil well struck a break in the blue shale and encountered a sand strata of several feet thickness containing a flow of hot mineral water. This was at a depth of about 750 feet and since then the blue shale has been yielding more oil indications and the spirits of the crew and management have risen to top notch. Superintendent W. N. Gibb reports that the last water has been successfully shut off and a dry hole maintained.  
General Manager W. D. Meyer was a visitor in Vale and at the well the first of this week and is well pleased with the progress being made. Mr. Meyer is an enthusiastic as ever and his every effort is being exerted toward bringing in the first commercial well in the Vale field.

## Plan Women's Bureau

New and Necessary Idea of Government Bureau to Crystallize Woman's Value as Nation Builder.  
The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense and the work it has accomplished have demonstrated, beyond a shadow of doubt, two facts: first, that the country needs its women for successful prosecution of the war; and second, that it needs a central body of women, closely linked with the National Government, to direct them.  
When peace comes—and God speed that day—the Woman's Committee will be automatically dissolved, along with the other committees and agencies created to meet the emergencies of war. All the power generated and concentrated by its efforts will be dissipated. This is neither efficiency nor economy.  
Pictorial Review directs the attention of the people of America to the importance of crystallizing into permanent form the ideas and the ideals that have found expression in the Woman's Committee. This can be done in one way and only one, and that is through the creation of a Bureau of Woman's Work in the Government of the United States.  
Under such a Bureau it would be possible for the government to coordinate the work specifically for women that is now being done in the various existing Departments; and certainly it could translate into national terms all the efforts of women's organizations that are making for a cleaner, healthier, happier country.  
Under such a Bureau the work of the many women's organizations would be vitalized and strengthened, and the Government would be brought into close touch with activities that are of supreme importance to the nation. Had such a Bureau been in existence when war was declared, the women of the country would have been ready for the war emergency, to meet which it has taken a great deal of time, effort, and money.  
Very slowly there has come a national realization of the need of making women articulate in the Government. Already in nineteen States more than eight million women are entitled to vote in Presidential elections. A woman sits in Congress, and when it was found necessary to create a Children's Bureau under Governmental authority, no one thought for a moment of putting a man at the head of it. Along with the expansion and development of the country has come this awakening to the importance of woman as a builder—a nation—as well as a home-builder.

## FOOD ADMINISTRATION PLAN TO ENROLL HOUSEWIVES

GET A PLEDGE CARD  
Malheur County Chairman of Food Administration Tells What We Are Asked To Do.  
The men of the allied nations are not on the farms producing as once they were, but are now fighting, suffering and dying for a Democracy and Liberty which is ours. That we were not to be left in peace, we now all know; then our entrance into war was only a selection of the battleground. Every drop of blood that has reddened France or Belgium's soil is ours by proxy. Then the women and children and armies of our allied Nations must not starve. We have the food which must be conserved and forwarded, for they tell us food will win the war.  
The enemy says the same in action, and they are working 2,000,000 prisoners as slaves in food production at home and active in submarine destruction of ours on the seas.  
Only the very fit young men may be soldiers; only the wealthy may buy Liberty Bonds; but every liberty loving man, woman, and child in America can enlist in the world's greatest army—Hoover's food conservation army that will in the last analysis win the war.  
W. B. Ayer, food administrator for Oregon, has pledged that October will see our State signed up. From the 21st to the 28th is named for the campaign. Malheur county must as ever be in the front rank, and for this purpose we are calling.  
We have a pledge card to be signed by every House Manager in the county.  
Everyone must realize what a task a few words assume to canvass every home. Some may be missed but if you will write, you will receive all instructions complete. We will not ask for money, but will ask you to follow directions. It costs nothing but self sacrifice.  
Let us call back to memory, the cost of American Liberty, and with it firmly resolve—that none of the blood was spilled in vain—that from the fallen hand of our Fathers, we will grasp Liberty's lighted Torch, and at any price carry it to the darkened World.  
GEO. W. McKNIGHT, County Chairman.

THINK OF HOME FOLKS  
Vale Boys at Fort Stevens Are Distinguishing Themselves--Enjoy the Army Life  
Fort Stevens, Ore., Oct. 4.—Editor Malheur Enterprise: As today is newspaper day and the fellows have been rather neglectful of late I will write a few lines so the folks at home who we know to be our strongest supporters will know we have not forgotten them. The fellows here are all well and getting along fine. Ernest Marsh was promoted to dining room orderly. Carsten Mueller became mechanic. We are sure proud of Van to be the first Vale boy to wear chevrons on his coat sleeve.  
Harold Gilham played his first game on the first company football team last Sunday. Harold is playing center and is showing them that Vale has to be recognized when it comes to football.  
The soldiers of Fort Stevens were entertained last evening by the well known Dr. Davis and "Sammie Sisters" or bugle girls. Dr. Davis gave a very interesting lecture and gave the most of us a better idea why and what we are fighting for.  
The Coast Defenses of the Columbia combined with the citizens and gave a rally this afternoon, where we heard some very interesting talks.  
Yesterday was pay day. It was a very easy matter to get the boys outside to line up for their turn. They were so happy and anxious to get to the pay table it was almost impossible to keep order in the lines.  
Our new Y. M. C. A. building is nearly completed so we will have a place of entertainment during the rainy weather.  
The O. C. A. have been having target practice the last week. My company will have target practice with the field guns and machine guns this week, so we will get to hear some real firing.  
As taps has sounded I will have to close for this time. We are always glad to hear from Vale.  
Yours truly,  
Ray Johnston.

WRITES FROM FORT WARD  
Ft. Ward, Wash., Oct. 6.—George H. Curvey, Vale, Oregon. Dear Sir: Fort Ward is still on the map as far as government service is concerned, and the Vale boys are still in evidence here. Things are moving along rapidly now, and small squads are leaving day by day for parts unknown.  
Jack High has gone to Fort Worden, where he is doing work in the Post Exchange, with a view to using their bookkeeping methods in our own fort.  
Walter Taylor is working in the company office yet, and has a pretty good job as he is eliminated from company duty, only doing one guard a week.  
Oliver Hall and Floyd Powell are both on permanent guard, Floyd is guarding an eight inch battery, and I am the only one in the company doing straight duty. All the fellows seem to like their work, and no complaints are heard from any one of them. We all envy the Vale boys who were sent to France, but are waiting and hoping for our turn.  
We receive the Enterprise every week, and all take turns reading it, but look with interest and expectation for more letters from the boys. I suppose it is hard to get communications from France, so that portion of the Vale soldiers will be hard to hear from.  
Trusting business is good in the Enterprise, and with best regards to the "force", I am as ever,  
Yours truly,  
Rolla R. Roberts.

## STATE ORGANIZER HERE

Honor Guard Girls Elect New Leader and Entertain State Organizer Miss Danforth Monday.  
Miss Danforth, state organizer for the National Girls Honor Guard, was a guest of the Vale Honor Guard girls on Monday afternoon. Under the direction of their newly elected leader, Mrs. Wildhaber, the Vale girls gave a delightful reception for Miss Danforth in the afternoon at which punch and wafers were served. Miss Danforth gave a very interesting talk on the purpose and work of the Honor Guard girls at this time. In the evening the officers of the local Honor Guard chapter and Miss Danforth were dinner guests of Mrs. Wildhaber. Miss Danforth left Tuesday for Ontario to pay a visit to the chapter there.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS HARD AT WORK

County School Superintendent Returns From First of Annual Inspection Trips to Interior.  
County Superintendent Fay Clark returned Thursday from the Barren valley country where she visited the schools. Miss Clark was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. R. E. Weant and Mrs. George Huntington Curvey. The schools at Sunrise valley, Cord, Crowley, Mooreville, Fangollano, Creston and the Copeland school in district 38, were visited on this trip. In every district the schools are open and pupils and teachers are working with a will bound to make this the banner year in the county's school history. Many improvements are being made in the schools of these districts, the people of Sunrise valley, a new district, are erecting a fine school building which will be ready for occupancy in about four weeks.  
Despite the worst dry season in the history of the dry land farmer there is a spirit of optimism all through this dry land farming section. In Barren valley a considerable number of hay stacks dot the horizon in all directions while at the Crowley farm some 11,000 tons are stacked. Stock on the range is in good shape and the recent rain has revived the spirits of the stockman. Numerous bands of sheep are moving slowly toward winter quarters. Fall plowing is much in evidence in all sections visited. The party spent Tuesday night at the Crowley ranch and Wednesday night at the Shumway ranch at Creston, and all along enjoyed the open door hospitality of the people. Miss Clark has probably one of the hardest districts to cover in the Northwest and cannot visit each school every year but is satisfied that every teacher and pupil are working as partners for the best interests of the Malheur county schools during the present year.  
Mrs. Weant and Mrs. Curvey did Red Cross work in each district visited.

## Water Permits Issued

Issues Permits to Construct One Reservoir and 10 Permits to Irrigate 500 acres in Malheur County  
State Engineer John H. Lewis issued 110 permits to appropriate water and 10 permits to construct reservoirs during the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1917. These permits cover the irrigation of 5,259 acres, the development of 5,116 horsepower, the construction of 102 miles of ditches, and an estimate of cost of construction totaling \$155,475.  
During this period 10 permits were issued in the Malheur drainage basin, as follows:  
Milton W. Yeoman of Brogan, to irrigate 8 acres from springs.  
John McGetrick of Juntura, to construct a 100-acre foot reservoir on Black Butte creek.  
John McGetrick of Juntura, to irrigate 54 acres from Black Butte creek reservoir.  
E. N. Stallard of Drewsey, to irrigate 6 acres from Cottonwood creek.  
Jerome Bridges of Jamieson, to irrigate 155 acres from Willow creek.  
Eldora Moudy of Bonita, to irrigate 30 acres from springs.  
Bertha S. Dutcher of Mooreville, to construct a 50-acre foot reservoir on Stockade creek.  
Bertha S. Dutcher of Mooreville, to irrigate 30 acres from Stockade creek reservoir.  
Harry C. Edwards of Jamieson, to irrigate 8 acres from Stone Quarry spring.  
Wm. L. Jones of Drewsey, to irrigate 16 acres from Middle Fork of Malheur river.  
Jordan R. C. Elects.  
At the meeting of the Jordan branch of the American Red Cross society, held at the home of Mrs. Palmer Monday evening, permanent officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. J. E. McDonnell; vice-chairman, Mrs. Henry Scott; secretary, Charles A. Hackney; treasurer, Graydon C. Crawford.  
The work of knitting garments for the soldiers will be begun as soon as yarn can be secured.  
After the business of the meeting was done, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.—Jordan Valley Express.

## U. S. BEE MAN COMING

Bee Keepers Would Profit by Attending Meeting in Caldwell to be Held This Saturday.  
Caldwell, Idaho, October 8, 1917.—Dr. E. F. Phillips, in charge of bee culture investigations, bureau of entomology, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, will visit Southern Idaho bee keepers.  
In an address to the bee keepers of Utah, last week, Mr. Phillips stated that "due to the shortage of sugar among the allied countries, of Europe, the bee industry in this country promises to become one of the most important industries."  
The importance of proper wintering of bees will be discussed by Mr. Phillips while here.  
Every man interested in bee culture should be present.  
Meeting called for 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, October 13, in the City Hall, at Caldwell.  
Very truly yours,  
R. H. Musser,  
County Agr. Agt., Canyon Co.  
Goes As Witness.  
Sheriff Ben J. Brown was in Boise Thursday where he appeared as a witness in the murder case involving the chinaman taken into custody at Ontario last winter.

## ASKS LAW BE ENFORCED

State Warden Asks Local Sportsmen to be "Sports" and Enforce Game Laws Without Deputy Warden.  
Due to an unexpected decrease in the revenue received by the Game Commission of Oregon, State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker has notified the local game association that it has been necessary to dispend with a large number of the deputy game wardens and that only ten will be retained in the state at large. In view of this fact the warden asks that local sportsmen see to the strict enforcement of the law and puts it up to every individual nimrod to be a real "sport" in the interests of game preservation.

## Appoints Local Lady.

Mrs. R. E. Weant has been appointed by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans to take charge of the work in the Vale field for the women's part in the Liberty Loan campaign. Mrs. Weant will appoint a committee to assist her.

## 14 True Bills.

The Harney County News reports that the Grand jury of Harney county has just reported 14 true bills and one not true bill. This is equivalent to three years work of the grand jury in Malheur county based on the average for the past year.

## Self Government in Vale High School

City School Open in Splendid Spirit--High School Organizes Classes and Student Body.  
Superintendent Ruring reports that the attendance has been exceptionally good in the Vale schools this fall and that with a fine faculty and student body all hard at work, a very successful year is indicated.  
The play ground has been placed in charge of supervisors during recess and other play periods, and it is the duty of those in charge to not only keep peace, but to add to the interest of play time.  
A return to the plan of student body self government has been arranged and beginning with next week the discipline of the high school students will be in their own hands. The faculty and the students expect excellent results and when properly organized high school students profit greatly under this system as they are taught the practical lessons of self government and social relations.  
The officers have been elected for the student body and the classes as follows:  
Student body officers: President,

## CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

E. A. Boyd of Vale Electric Company to Affiliate with Boise Concern--L. P. Lumpee to Succeed.  
E. A. Boyd, who has been general manager of the Vale Electric company, since November, 1910, resigns from this position November 1st, on account of having been recently elected vice president of the Idaho Electric Supply company of Boise, wholesale and retail dealers in electric material and appliances and automobile accessories.  
L. P. Lumpee has been selected to take over the management of the Vale electric company in Vale. Mr. Lumpee comes to Vale direct from Versailles, Missouri, where he has been employed in the management of the Electric company in his home town for a number of years, having previously been electrician for the state of Missouri during a term of seven years.  
The new manager is a live wire and will be a valuable adjunct to the city. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd greatly regret their departure as they have been active in public work and have associated themselves with the best interests of the community.

## RECORD CROPS IN SIGHT

But October Forecast is Lower than in September Says Government Report of October First.  
Washington—Considerable losses were recorded in some of the country's principal farm crops as the result of conditions in September, but Monday's government report indicated that there would be record crops on corn, oats, rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco and beans.  
The loss is heaviest in corn, which showed a reduction of more than 36,000,000 bushels since September 1. Other losses were spring wheat, 7,909,000 bushels; barley, 2,180,000 bushels; buckwheat, 2,531,000 bushels; white potatoes, 8,985,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, 907,000 bushels; apples, 537,000 bushels; sugar beets, 113,000 tons; kafirs, 4,329,000 bushels and beans, 4,155,000 bushels.  
Some crops, however, showed improved indications, especially oats with a gain of 47,382,000 bushels, making a record crop of 1,580,911,000 bushels, or 31,000,000 bushels more than that of 1915. Other gains were

## Red Cross to Elect New Officers

Work Made in Red Cross Rooms Displayed on Boy Scout Models--New Workers Welcomed.  
Elect R. C. Officers.  
The Vale Chapter of the American Red Cross will meet Friday evening, October 12, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms for the annual meeting of members and election of officers.  
Living models, in the shape of the Boy Scouts, Saturday afternoon attracted much attention in the window displays of knitted garments made by local Red Cross members. Two windows were attractively decked for the occasion, one at the Vale Trading company and the other at Freeman's store. The scouts took turns appearing in sweaters, helmets, mufflers, socks and wristlets. This display showed in a practical way what the faithful ladies are doing every afternoon in the Red Cross rooms, and as 200 sets of articles are required to be made it is hoped that many new recruits will be added to the forces of the women now at work.  
"Snipping Parties".  
All members of the Red Cross who can not be at the rooms to work in the afternoons should attend the "snipping parties" held each Tuesday evening at the Rved Cross rooms. Each month a different member will have charge of gathering the crowd for snipping parties and seeing that the work is done. A cordial invitation is sent out to all who are interested in doing their bit to be on hand each Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.  
The first price given below is the average on October 1 this year, and the second the average on October 1 last year.  
Crops Oregon United States  
Wheat, bu. 190-118 200.6-136.3  
Corn, bu. 150-76 175.1-82.3  
Oats, bu. 91-40 62.3-44.5  
Potatoes, bu. 138-71 122.1-112  
Hay, ton 15.50-9.70 14.29-10.36  
Eggs, doz. 39-31 37.4-28.1

## Help Needed to Save Brogan Apples

SELLS 1000 TONS HAY  
Hay Brings \$16 per Ton--Cattle Are Shipped to Omaha and Portland--Buy Car of Bucks.  
Among the deals that have been made locally this week the most prominent was the sale of 1000 tons of hay by John Norwood to C. F. Ragsdale of Baker City for \$16,000.  
In the cattle market Jim Lawrence and the Lacey Bros. have shipped four cars to Portland and R. E. Weant is home from Omaha and planning on shipping another bunch in a few days.  
Frank Palmer and J. C. Brandon left this week for Montana to buy a car of Rambouillet bucks.  
C. D. Wood has moved a band of lambs to the Peterson place for winter quarters.  
John Robertson of Murchison and Robertson, sheepsman of the Cord country, was a business visitor in Vale this week.  
R. A. Bowman, representing the Bob Stanfield interests, passed through Vale Monday on his way to Riverside where he will load 13 cars of sheep for transportation to Idaho pastures for the winter months.

## Pickers and Packers Needed at Once to Harvest Banner Crop--Good Pay--Patriotic Duty.

The apple crop of the Willow river country is in danger of being lost on account of labor shortage. In the neighborhood of 40,000 boxes have been raised this season around Brogan and the picking and packing season is now on in earnest. The only drawback to the most successful year in the apple industry is the shortage of labor. Willow Inn has been opened and every accommodation made for pickers and packers from the outside. It will require four or five weeks to handle the crop and every man, woman and child that can possibly arrange to go should leave at once and help save this crop. Good wages are being paid and a profitable, patriotic appeal is being made by the Brogan people for help. Do not leave this task for the other fellow but get in and do your part. This is a chance to help in the food conservation campaign in a telling way, as well as lending assistance to our neighboring community at a time of need. Report at the Brogan packing house for orders.

## What's Your Income?

Washington—The new income taxes assessed in the war revenue bill, joined with the existing income taxes, are shown by a treasury expert to apply as follows, the taxes in each case being for incomes over the amount specified in the first column:

Annual Married Single income man's tax man's tax		
\$ 1,000	—	—
2,000	—	20
3,000	20	40
4,000	40	80
5,000	80	120
6,000	120	170
7,000	180	220
8,000	225	275
9,000	295	335
10,000	355	395
15,000	730	770
20,000	1,230	1,270
25,000	1,880	1,920
30,000	2,530	2,570
40,000	3,830	3,870
50,000	5,430	5,470
75,000	10,180	10,220
100,000	16,430	16,470
250,000	69,930	69,970