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RED CROSS DRIVE SUCCESS

Malheur County Exceeds Quota in the Red Cross Membership Drive—Ranks Fifth in the State

Latest reports in the Red Cross Membership Drive show Malheur County as fifth in the state with a record of 113 per cent of her quota of 2700, or a total membership of 3050 to date. Several sections have not been heard from and reports in others are incomplete. The Ontario chapter and its jurisdiction, including the Snake river valley, reports 1850. Vale chapter, with its branches and auxiliaries, covering the balance of the county reports 1200. In both districts the chairman of the drive believe that later reports will swell these numbers, especially as the campaign has been extended in order to permit Portland and the 27 counties that have not reached their quotas to make good the name of Oregon in this as well as in all other war feasts that have been asked by the national government. 182,049 is the total now reached in the state, leaving 68,000 yet to be secured in order to reach the state quota of 240,000. Of this number nearly 40,000 must come from the city of Portland. State leaders are not discouraged, giving the extremely bad weather in the Willamette Valley as a just alibi and are determined to continue the campaign until the quota is exceeded. This will likely be accomplished next week.

Under Chairman Mrs. R. E. Weant returns from various points under the direction of the Vale chapter were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Locality, Captain, Members. Lists various locations like Vale, Brogan, Juntura, etc., with their respective member counts.

Localities estimated have been placed below what is really expected on complete returns, and other commu-

Benefit Dance on New Year Night

Benefit Moving Picture Show and Dance For New Year's Night—Bill Farnum Will Appear

New Year's night will witness the staging of another Red Cross Benefit, in the form of a moving picture show at the Rex, half the proceeds of which will go to the local Red Cross chapter, followed by a dance at the Isis Hall, music being furnished by Hazeline's orchestra of Payette.

Bill Farnum, the popular star, will be seen on that occasion in "The Tale of Two Cities," the well known story by Chas. Dickens. The price of the show will be 20c and 35c, and of the dance, \$1.00 per ticket, and a large crowd is expected.

FRUITLAND DEFEATED

Apple Pickers No Match For the Vale Lads—Game Well Attended and Professor is Optimistic

A rousing basket ball game, full of "pep" from start to finish, was staged at the high school auditorium Friday night, when the Fruitland high school basketball team, went down to defeat at the hands of the Vale team, to the tune of 16 to 12.

Although the visitors outweighed the home team, the remarkable team work displayed by the local boys, was the cause of the final score. Few fouls were called by Referee Hurley, who complimented both teams alike for their sportsmanship.

A return game is planned on the Fruitland floor, and Professor Ruring, who has been coaching the boys, is highly pleased with their first showing, and expects a good basketball season for Vale high.

ilities may yet be heard from, as well as additions to those already reported. Chairman of Vale city district, Mrs. H. R. Dunlop, wishes to thank those who so willingly assisted in the work of canvassing and keeping open the booth at the post office last week, among whom were Mesdames Wm. Bohna, G. A. Ruring, C. C. Burrows, N. N. Beach, Nellie Moudy, H. G. Neely, J. E. Lawrence and Mr. G. F. Wildhaber, who gave his time to help in the city canvass, and all others who in any way assisted in the work.

Of course, persons resident in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man, who will be at the county seat on the date above mentioned.

Harland Writes Interesting News

Letter From Great Britain

Malheur Enterprise Finds its Way to Soldiers in England—May Leave For France Soon

WINCHESTER, England, November 23rd—Dear Friends: Received a number of letters to-day—they were just about a month old but welcome, nevertheless.

This is rather a quiet place, after seeing London. They won't let us go to town very often. I made a visit to the Winchester Westminister cathedral. It is very old, being built in 1076 A.D. nearly a thousand years ago. I saw a paper today, "The Malheur Enterprise," that was sent to Lynn Moudy by Jim Rogers, and was surprised to see some of my own letters in it. I never dreamed I was writing for publication, but it is alright for me if the people read it. The infantry boys are going across soon, and we have been expecting to be transferred any moment.

I don't know a thing about the other boys, with the exception of Lynn Moudy and L. K. Bullock. Say, if the Enterprise ever publishes any more of our letters, they might add that we would all appreciate some smoking tobacco or cigarettes, as we are broke most of the time, and lots of the boys are receiving tobacco through the mail. Our favorite brand of fags (cigarettes) is Camels, and of tobacco, Velvet and Tuxedo. If they send it to the American Expeditionary Forces there is no duty on it, but if it comes direct to England there is a big duty to pay. The Alabama boys who are here sound good. They have the real southern drawl and say "you all". I am sorry the censor cut out so much of my former letter but guess it can't be helped. I see by the paper they are making a big drive for the sale of liberty bonds, and that the people are coming through loyally. Even the

housemaids over here who get \$90.00 a year buy bonds with all they can save.

November 25th Well the infantry boys have gone across, and all that are left here is the aviation section.

I received a package from home—candy—and gee, I enjoyed it, and the gum too. I was just out of tooth paste. Tell Mrs Bullock that her boy is alright over here, and that he is good natured and has lots of friends, and don't like to work when he can kid them out of it. Lynn is happy all the time, and sure likes the country.

I am about to pass another birthday and Thanksgiving, and hope that the war situation will look brighter before another year rolls by.

November 19th Today is my birthday and Thanksgiving. I missed the big feed, but will have it tomorrow. Payday also comes tomorrow, and the world looks brighter. My Scotch friend sent me a package of cigarettes, and a birthday card. She must have a good memory, as I only told her the date once. The boys are all here and expect to move soon. We don't care much where we go just so we keep moving—we have been on the move for so long it doesn't seem natural to stay in one place long.

News is very scarce these days. I heard from the rest of our party in France. Cliff Wetzel wrote me they were working hard and having a hard time learning to talk French. I suppose that I will have the same time, but I am better than an Indian when it comes to making signs (especially when the other party wears dresses).

With best regards to all my Vale friends, from, Yours cordially, ROBERT A. HARLAND. 33rd Aero Squadron, American Exp. forces.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE CLASSIFIED BY COUNTY BOARD

All Not Citizens Should Fill Out All Questions Under Series VII—Many Cases Determined

The local board is continually finding errors in the returned questionnaires and have received the following telegram from Adjutant General Williams:—"Questionnaires must not be returned to registrants for correction. In all cases registrants must be notified to appear at the office of the local board for this purpose." The Advisory Board was notified to take special pains that all questionnaires are correct in every respect in order to avoid working any hardship upon the registrants.

In regard to answering questions in Questionnaire under "Series VII, Citizenship," the Adjutant General has ruled that in every case if the first question is answered "NO" that all of the remaining questions should be filled out under that series, regardless of the instructions in the Questionnaire itself. This is the only case in which the instructions printed in the blanks should be disregarded and only in the manner described above.

Following are the first cases as classified by the local board. Those names which are starred have claimed occupational exemptions which will be determined by the district board, and unless registrant is placed in class four on some other ground, may be raised to a higher class by the decision of the district board at La Grande. All other cases will remain in the same class as here published unless the registrant or the government win an appeal to the district board.

There are 175,000 subjects of Great Britain in this country subject to draft. A great many are to be called to their country's aid.

Receives Xmas Box From Vale

Appreciates Christmas Box and Sends Thanks to Vale Chapter Workers Through Chairman

CAMP LEWIS, Wn., Dec. 25th—The Ladies of Vale Red Cross Chapter, Vale, Oregon.

I hasten to acknowledge receipt of one of your Christmas packages, which was delivered to me bright and early this morning. It isn't often that we officers get an opportunity to be "one of the boys" but the Red Cross organization at this camp evidently knew human nature well enough to realize that we, as well as the men, would appreciate your little gift package.

This letter is written on your stationery and enclosed in your envelope and, if you had included a pencil sharpener in your package, would have been written with your pencil. It is little things like this gift of yours, dear friends, which bring home to us the realization of all we are fighting for; which make us gird up our loins with renewed vigor and which make us able to bear any discomfort and any sacrifice in order to achieve that splendid object, "world democracy," for which we have given our all.

Then too, the lump in my throat when I opened your package was doubly large, for being a resident of Eastern Oregon myself (Baker) it was just a gift from home.

Keep up the good work dear friends for your efforts are appreciated far more than we can let you know. The knowledge that our nation, typified as it is in you, its mothers, wives and sweethearts, is not forgetting us, makes our burdens doubly easy.

Yours sincerely, FRANK McCOLLOCH, Captain 363rd Infantry.

SUPT. ON PROGRAM

CORVALLIS, Or.—Superintendent Fay Clark, of Vale, is one of the scheduled speakers for the conference of County School Superintendents and Rural School Supervisors to be held January 3d and 4th, under the auspices of Farmers' Week at the Oregon Agricultural College. Malheur county has always been strong in Club Work and Miss Clark is to give some of its Industrial Club results of 1917 and plans for 1918.

The afternoon of the first day will be spent at the Thrift Conference and at the banquet where only college products will be served. The program of the second day will include the discussion of such vital problems as "Arrangement of County and State Prizes."

REGISTRANTS CLASSIFIED BY COUNTY BOARD

Registrants Classified to December 27, 1917, by the Local Board For the County of Malheur, State of Oregon, Vale, Oregon

Table with 4 columns: Order No., Name, Address, Ser. No., Class. Lists names and addresses of registrants from various locations like Vale, Ontario, Nysa, etc.

DUTY TO INFORM BOARD

To Work Justice and Assist in Operation of Draft Law People Should Give Information

The Selective Service Regulations contain:

"Every registrant and, to a certain extent, every person in each community, is interested in the action of the Local Boards in each particular case. There will be many classes in which Local Boards have been imposed upon but in which persons affected do not desire to inform such boards of facts within their knowledge. It shall be the duty of the Government Appeal Agent to receive such information and to prepare such appeals in cases where he considers appeals to be to the interest of the government."

The fact that, when a man is placed in a more deferred class than the one in which he rightfully belongs, such erroneously deferred classification will be the cause of some man being inducted into the military service before his rightful time.

It is not the desire of the Government to work a greater hardship than necessary upon any person but it expects every man and woman to do his or her duty. In view of the fact that the members of the Local Board cannot have personal knowledge of all the facts in each individual case, it is the duty of every person to place at the disposal of the Government any information, which they may

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What the new year has in store for Malheur county depends largely upon the people of this section. The Malheur Enterprise wishes each and every citizen of this country a happy and prosperous year of activity and good cheer. May we be able to measure more than asked to the demands of our government in this time of need. May our stock grow fat, and our fields stay green throughout the year. May our farm land be extended and our cities grow. May we build the big irrigation systems that will unlock an unprecedented era of prosperity. May our unfound oil deposits be located and produce their share to help win the war. May our nitrate fields be highly developed and our other resources put to account.

But more important than all of these, may the people of the county maintain an even temper with one another. Let differences of opinion be cast aside and all work together in a spirit of unison and accomplishment.

The people of a community direct its advancement, and no amount of natural resources can alone make a prosperous county. May co-operation and industry be the watchwords of Malheur county for 1918, and we can little dream of the good things that will be brought about at our insistence.

U. S. TO CONTROL All Railroads

Every Railroad in America to be Operated by Government as Unit System

Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson Wednesday night, to become effective at noon Friday December 28. Wm. G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Investigations Proceed

Congress is investigating nearly every government department having a part in the war. Much inefficiency is being disclosed and errors are being brought to light in the ship building program in ordnance supplies, and in clothing for the soldiers.

Peace Terms Evasive

New German peace terms as made public by Russian delegates, are as indefinite as former advances and are unacceptable to any intelligent nation.

Radical Papers Uphold War

The "Appeal to Reason," pioneer Socialist organ has changed its name to the "New Appeal" and comes out

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Christmas Day Brings No Snow

Weather Surprises Old Timers—Red Cross Dance Successful—Programs Held Christmas Eve

The weather which greeted the arrival of Christmas day in Vale was a surprise to everyone, even to the pessimistic ones who predicted to the last minute that the ground would be covered with snow on the 25th. Old timers declare that they have never seen the whole country so utterly free from snow for many years. A light shower on the afternoon of Christmas day cleared the atmosphere and at the Isis hall in the evening a jolly crowd of Red Cross folks danced the evening away, to the music of Hazeline's orchestra.

A large crowd attended the picture show at the Rex, which was for the benefit of the Red Cross, and the dance and proceeds from the show raised the local Red Cross fund \$54.50.

Churches presented beautiful programs on Christmas eve, reports of which will be found elsewhere in this paper, private homes were scenes of Christmas tree exercises, and 150 visitors attended the Socialist program at the I. O. O. F. hall.

HOME GUARD RIFLES

Sheriff Receives Springfield Rifles For Use in Case of Trouble at Home—Are Regulation Guns

Last week Sheriff Ben J. Brown received a shipment of 60 regulation army rifles from the Adjutant General. These guns are stored by the sheriff, and will be used only in cases of emergency. Instructions have been given to the sheriff that they are not for use in drilling, and are to be shipped by him to county commandants of the Home Guard at their request. The rifles are the regulation Springfield and are equipped with bayonets.

At the Methodist Church

Next Thursday evening, January 3, 1918 a musical and social evening will be held at the Methodist church, at which the following local musicians have kindly consented to assist: Mesdames Dunlop, Huston Curry and Reed.

The Vale Male Quartette—Messrs. Houston, Siddaway, Moody and Lytle. Selections by Vale Orchestra. Reading by Mrs. Kester.

During the evening an offering will be taken on the Pastor's support and refreshments will be served. Every body is cordially invited to attend.

Malheur County Will Soon be Back Under Oregon Food Control

Will be Back Under Oregon Officials Soon—Merchants Want to do What is Right

There has occurred considerable mix up in Malheur county over the activities of the Federal Food Administration, although no harm has been done and everything will be straightened out in a short time. In fact, the principal cause of the mix up has been a lack of information locally as to the aims and desires of the administration.

On December 3, W. K. Newell, assistant Federal Food Administrator for Oregon, wrote a letter to the Enterprise for publication in which he stated that he had given authority to R. F. Bicknell, Administrator for Idaho, to assume control over Oregon border towns east of Huntington, including Ontario, Vale and Nysa. Immediately after this date Bicknell notified the Malheur county merchants that they were now under his control, and urged them to adopt the spot cash and carry home system.

The county merchants are not all agreed upon whether this is the best policy or not but are willing to back up the government in any way that it deems best. However, they do not wish to get into any scheme that has not the positive backing of the government and would like to know whether the other Oregon towns are going to be put on a cash and carry basis.

Mr. Bicknell's idea is probably all right, for a cash and carry system will release a great many laborers throughout the country and will affect a reduction of prices to the consumer. But if the government expects to ever make such a plan effective, it must have a positive power to enforce the same and make it general enough as not to work hardships upon any locality. Mr. Bicknell's method of put-

INCOME TAX MAN COMING

Revenue Officer Will Be in Vale Next Month to Receive Reports From the People

It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law.

Collector of Internal Revenue, Milton A. Miller, today announced that fifteen officers will start from his office on January 1st and January 2nd, every one of them will be on the job at the points in the respective counties as designated, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officer assigned to Malheur county is due to arrive in Vale on February 8th, and to remain until February 25th, both dates inclusive. He will have his office in the court house at Vale, where he may be found every day of the dates stated.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay," Collector Miller said. "The person subject to tax who does not make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The government will get after all income tax slackers."

"There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a rule will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1000 or \$2000, as the case may be, and is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man."

"The man sent by the Collector will have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write for forms."

Harold Gilham Visits

Harold Gilham, one of the Vale boys who enlisted with the first recruiting officer last April, and who has been in the Coast Artillery at Fort Stevens since, was visiting Vale friends this week, having secured a ten day furlough for Christmas. Gilham wears a marksmen's pin, having earned it in a competitive test recently.