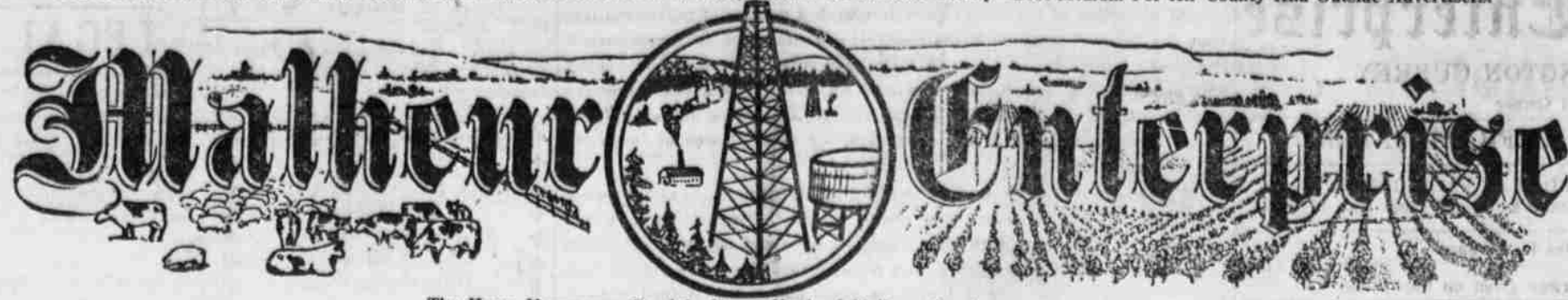


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WILL CAMPAIGN FOR NEW LOAN

Malheur County to Float Half Million Liberty Loan to Government—Plans Discussed

Malheur County is going over the top in the Third Liberty Loan. Altogether the exact quota has not been determined it is generally believed that the amount will not be less than a half million or nearly twice the amount raised in the last loan.

NOTICE

Post Master Must Inspect Packages For Soldiers

Owing to the fact that many packages going to the soldiers in France have been found to contain unallowable articles, it will be necessary for all persons sending packages from this office to soldiers abroad to present their packages to the post master before being wrapped and tied up.

JOHN P. HOUSTON, Post Master, Vale, Ore.

INCOME TAX MAN COMING TO VALE

Collector Will be at Court House in Vale, Oregon From March 21 to 24

Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, Portland, Oregon—Urgent requests having been made to this Department by taxpayers throughout the state for assistance in final preparation of Income Tax, Corporation Tax, and Excess Profits Tax returns, I am now authorized to assign Income Tax officers for such work.

Income Tax officer Cecil Cosper will be stationed at the Court House at Vale, Oregon, from and including March 21st to and including March 24th, 1918. Said officer will have all forms required for making the returns.

The Treasury Department has extended the time for filing Income Tax returns to April 1, 1918, and any person, partnership, firm, or corporation not thoroughly familiar with the provisions of the Income Tax Law with regard to their obligations should at once make inquiry of the above mentioned Income Tax officer; or write this office direct, as this will be the last opportunity to do so.

After April 1st an extensive "drive" will be made, taking in the entire state, and heavy penalties will attach where persons liable to the tax have failed to disclose their liability and to make return on or before April 1, 1918.

Very respectfully, Milton A. Miller, Collector.

St. Patrick's Dance

The Knights of Pythias are entertaining their friends with a St. Patrick's dance at Isis hall Friday evening, March 15. The Hazeline orchestra will furnish music and a good time is assured. Decorations and all details of the evening are in keeping with the occasion.

Pie Ladies

The Methodist ladies gave an old fashioned pie social at the church Thursday evening which was well attended. The old time songs were enjoyed by all. Some of the comic old ballads brought forth much applause. Mrs. H. R. Dunlop appeared in the dress of "76" and sang Comin' Through the Rye.

Jim Lawrence returned from his business trip to Portland Thursday.

RAISE SERVICE FLAG

White Settlement School Children Honor Boys at Front, Who Attended Their School

With an impressive and well rendered program the Patrons and children of White Settlement school placed in their window a service flag last Friday evening. Three stars adorn the flag for Roy Heddeson, Vivian Mallet and Guy Scott who have enlisted with the colors. The presentation address was given by Mrs. W. J. Roberts while four little boys held aloft the flag which was afterwards hung in the south window. Although the roads were in bad shape a good crowd was out for the program. The numbers rendered by the school pupils were excellent and given with a spirit that shows just how serious is the winning of this war to young America.

Following are the numbers given: Song, Regiment Song, School; Presentation of Service Flag, Mrs. Roberts; Acceptance of Service Flag, Rev. Luscombe; Song, Kid has gone to Colors, Ruth Roberts; What our School has done, Thomas Sullens; Song, Knitting; What We Intend to do, James Fifer; Toast to Roy Heddeson, Vivian Mallet and Guy Scott by Myrtle Wann; American National Flag, Grace Marquis; Song, Old Flag Never Touched Ground, School; Land of Liberty, Irene Faubion; Nephews of Uncle Sam; Our Banner, Mary Poils; American Flag, Glenn Scott; Song: America, All.

Myra King is Married

Myra King Formerly of Enterprise Force and a Popular Musician of Vale Weds

Word has been received by her sister Mrs. Loid Crandall of the marriage of Miss Myra King and C. V. Beebe at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. F. L. Cole at Olympia, Washington, Wednesday, March 14th at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Beebe was for several years a member of the Enterprise force and operator of the linotype. We join with her many friends in wishes for happiness.

Big Sale on 23rd

In an effort to improve the class of range stock in this section the Caldwell Horse and Mule Company has imported several car loads of fine registered bulls and also many high class cows. These have been selected from some of the best herds in Missouri and Nebraska and have been sold in Ontario, at auction and private sale by the Ontario Sales Company.

At an auction last week nearly 600 head including 30 bulls were sold for \$80,000 and at a bigger sale scheduled for March 23rd, 1000 head of stock including 20 registered bulls will be sold. Among the stock is some of the best cattle raised in the Snake River valley. So far Hereford stock has predominated in the sales but many Durham animals have been secured for the coming sale. Buyers expected from all over this section.

NEW OFFICE BUILDING

O. E. Carman to Open Real Estate Agency—Building Office on Corner Washington and Main

O. E. Carman is having constructed on the south east corner of the Enterprise block an office building where he will soon open a Real Estate Agency. Mr. Carman has been a near resident of Vale for a number of years having homesteaded in the Sand Hollow country. He is well acquainted with the farming possibilities of this county and previously to coming to Oregon had a broad business experience. Mr. Carman will continue his loaning business in connection with the real estate.

Mr. Carman believes in the future of Vale and Malheur county and the policy of his new business will be to aid in a conservative development of this section.

Pupils Sell Stamps

Although the special drive is not on until March 19-23 the children of the Juntura schools have already sold \$600.00 in War and Thrift Stamps. Two of them Crissie Graham and Mary Hoffman are members of the first and second Rainbow division having sold \$50 worth before March first and \$50.00 since then. Following are the pupils who have qualified as members of the second Rainbow regiment; Mary Hoffman, Crissie Graham, Harold Hopkins, Hazel Curry, Gilbert Masterson, Vera Oster, Luree Jameson, Renna Fleener, Adeline Richey, and Florence Nash.

Mrs. J. P. Dunaway and children have returned from a winter visit in southern California.

Local Women's Defense Council

County Chairman of Women's Defense Branch Calls Meeting for Local Women

Under direction of County Chairman of the Womens Council of Defense, Mrs. B. F. Farmer a mass meeting of the women of Vale was held at the Christian church last Friday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a local council, and arranging for the distribution of pledge cards to all women in this district. These cards call for a statement of what work each woman can perform, if she is skilled in any one branch and how much time she can devote to this work. Mrs. C. C. Mueller acted as temporary chairman and the following ladies were elected to fill offices. Mrs. George Huntington Curry, chairman of the local organization, Mrs. H. R. Dunlop chairman in charge of a committee for the distribution of pledge cards; Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. Carrie L. Roberts and Mrs. C. C. Mueller the other members of the committee.

Russia gets a crimson light on peace without a victory.—Boston Herald.

STUDENTS TRYOUT FOR DECLAMATORY

Much Interest Among School Pupils and Followers of Annual Contest For Declamatory Honors

Wednesday evening, March 20 at the Rex theatre, Vale pupils will hold the annual declamatory contest tryout to determine who will represent Vale at the Annual County Contest held here March 30. Keen interest is displayed among the contestants and some good selections are promised, for each one is trying for a place with all his might. Details for the evening's program have been arranged by Professor Ruring and musical numbers will be given between readings while pictures will be shown while the crowd is gathering and while the judges are making their decision. The following students are entered in the try-out:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Name of Reading. Includes Orlin Miller, George's First Sweetheart, Leah Lumpee, The Funny Story, Nelson Crandall, Changing the Ethiopian, Kenneth McGillivray, Georges Cousin Willie, Marvel Fellows, Over the Baluster, Mabel Hart, Aunt Jane, Verdi Miller, The Initiation, Hazel Charles, Penrod's Affliction.

SHOULD RAISE OATS

Westfall Stockman and Merchant Urges County to Produce Feed For Livestock

WESTFALL, Ore., March 10.—The Enterprise, Vale, Ore. I note in your issue of last Saturday, an article by our esteemed County Agent, Mr. W. W. Howard, advocating the planting of a great deal more wheat in Malheur County.

But does Mr. Howard realize the enormous amount of oats, shipped the past fall and winter, from Minnesota to Malheur county. The lambing ewes around Westfall are eating oats raised in Minnesota, and hauled by rail and wagon, at heavy expense, some 3000 miles.

We all want to do our bit, but we must keep our patriotism practical. Would it not be better to raise our oats here, and let them raise the wheat there. This would leave those west bound, oat laden cars, free to carry spruce for our planes. And last but not least, it would save the Malheur Stockman, and Farmer freight on the grain both ways.

Malheur County is a Stock Country; always has been, always will be. Wool and beef are almost as essential as wheat. The world is hungry. Raise food, every ounce you can, and then some. But let us raise that kind of food most adapted to the locality in which we live. Very respectfully, J. D. FAIRMAN

Temperance Rally

A great Temperance rally will be held in the Methodist church Monday evening, March 25. A prize flag contest will be held in connection with the Rally. Further announcement next week.

Bend sawmills payroll for 1917 was \$1,387,000.

THRIFT WEEK COMING SOON

Malheur County's Quota for Year is \$237,000—Every Family expected to Buy Stamps

At the present time Malheur county is the tail-end of the counties of Oregon in the sale of War Stamps and Thrift stamps, reports county chairman, W. F. Homan.

But next week, i. e., March 19th to 23rd is the week set apart by the National Committee for a 'House to House' canvass, and it is our hope that every family in the county will be waited upon by a patriotic solicitor, who will appeal to them to lend a hand to Uncle Sam and buy a 'Baby Bond' and also start the children with Thrift Stamps.

This is in no sense competitive with liberty bonds but they serve the same good cause, and each form of loan has its advantages; with War Stamps you get your interest in advance and the Stamp is redeemable Jan. 1st, 1923.

Every civic society, every patriotic league, every organization of any kind that is calculated to help win the War for democracy, should vie in the race and make a showing for our country; Will YOU do YOUR part?

Oregon's quota for 1918 is \$17,500,000. Malheur county's is \$237,000; so far we have bought only about \$9,000; how do you feel about that?

Our desire is to have every family in the county to buy one War Stamp and buy additional ones as long as you can do so; nothing but absolute financial disability should keep our people from buying stamps.

Remember: these stamps are redeemable at the post office any time after ten days notice, but if you can possibly carry them to maturity, Jan. 1st, 1923, it will help the Government if you will do so.

Will you not help? The local chairmen in the several communities of the county will have supplies and buying will be a convenience for you. Organize! Work! Win!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Nysa Proves Royal Host to the Largest and Most Successful Convention of Years

"The best convention from every standpoint that we have held in Malheur county," was the comment of President Mrs. Farmer and Secretary Mrs. A. H. Chester upon their return from the Sunday school convention held at Nysa Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Dr. Chas. Phipps of La Grande formerly state head of Sunday school work was the principal speaker. His talks this year were of the world war and religion. "Bullets and Bibles" was especially interesting.

This is the first year in some time that Malheur county has raised her full apportionment of dues for the State Convention and also paid all the expenses of the county convention, and at the State Convention in April at La Grande Malheur County will be represented with a Blue Ribbon as a first class county.

About 40 outside delegates attended from Weiser, Payette, Vale, Ontario, Ironside, Big Bend, Kinman Colony, Owyhee and other communities. Nysa people were very loyal in their attendance and also as hosts. The Presbyterian ladies gave a luncheon for the delegates on Tuesday and the Methodist ladies gave one Wednesday.

Officers elected were, Mrs. Farmer, Vale, president; Mrs. E. M. Dean, Nysa, Vice-president; Mrs. A. H. Chester, Vale, secretary-treasurer.

The Vale delegation included the following, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Chester Mrs. Balgeman, Mrs. Mulkey, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Hope, Ruby Balgeman, Mazie Hope, Mona Murray, Margaret Thompson, Crystal Stacey, Freda Green, Evelyn Davis, Verdi Miller, Ora Lawrence, Reverend W. J. Luscombe and Dean Michel.

Few Seeds Left

We have a few vegetable and flower seed sent to the Malheur Enterprise by Congressman N. J. Sinnott for free distribution to the people of Malheur County. The government seed are fine in quality although limited in variety and small in quantity. We want them to go to those who will use them. Just send a note or post card addressed to the Enterprise, Vale, Oregon and specify whether you want both the vegetable and flower or only one assortment.

A. A. Derrick and M. D. Kelley were visitors in Portland this week.

City Council Wants Sidewalks

Ordinance by Which Property Owners Must Build Walks is Read for Second Time

Vale's city council met in regular session at the council rooms last Thursday evening, a number of bills being allowed and the regular routine of business transacted.

Since the departure of Mayor Kimball to Buhl, Idaho, J. A. Randolph has been appointed to the position of acting mayor. He will fill this office until the regular city election next November, with the general election. The city councilmen are: R. M. Beach, M. H. Doolittle and Wm. Bohna.

Must Build Walks

A number of new ordinances are expected from the council in the next few months. These will have to do mainly with following out the government schedule of conservation and economy. An ordinance which will compel property owners to build sidewalks, concrete walks in the business districts, stipulating that if it is necessary for the city to build them, the property owner may be forced to pay the city, was read for the second time Thursday. This ordinance must be read three times before it is passed.

HARLAND SEPARATED FROM VALE SOLDIERS

Robt. Harland Writes of France and Its People—Is Separated from Vale Boys

A FRENCH TOWN, Jan. 20, 1918.—Dear Friends: I had a number of letters from Vale today, and it certainly tickled me to know what folks at home were doing.

The weather here has taken a change for the better. It has turned warm all of a sudden, the mud has dried up, and it is very comfortable. Give Mrs. Farmer my best regards, and tell her that we surely miss the home life and home folks just as much as they miss us. I was glad to hear that the folks got a good place this summer. I may be back home for harvest—I surely hope so, but can't tell now how things will turn out.

Separated From Vale Boys

Well, my old friend Harris and I are separated at last. They have placed me in the 103rd Aero Squadron and I am the only Vale or Ontario boy in the crowd, although I have a large number of friends in it, and will make new ones. I am getting my mail regularly these days, and received another copy of the Malheur Enterprise. It seemed to come direct from the office, and had two of my letters from London in it. I was surprised to see my letters in print, but it is alright with me if the people like them. There is so much I would like to tell, but can't that it may seem sometimes that they are very uninteresting.

I am writing at the Red Cross tonight. They certainly treat us boys fine. The phonograph is playing, and the boys are eating sandwiches, drinking coffee and writing letters home. There is a big tomorrow night at the Y. M. C. A. after the war, and everybody is expecting to have a good time.

French Fruit and Wine

The weather in France is generally pretty nice. The people grow lots of fruit, and aside from bananas and pineapples, they grow in the open air most of the fruit the people eat. They grow enormous quantities of grapes, for the French wine is famous, and in the places where the people drink lots of cider, the cider apple is quite a product.

Stockraising

The French people raise quite a lot of stock, and in some portions of the country oxen, beef and dairy cattle are abundant. Sheep and swine are to be seen in the pastures, but the portions of the country which have been fought over are practically good for nothing. These things I know, not from actual experience yet, but from personal contact with men who have been in the trenches.

Agriculture

Agriculture and mining are other chief industries, and the most of their cultivated land is in grains. Must close for this time, as I don't know how much of this will be cut out by the censor. With best regards, I am as ever, Yours truly, Pvt. ROBT. A. HARLAND, 103rd, Aero Squadron, A. E. F.

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CALDWELL GIRLS CO.

College of Idaho Only Team to Defeat Local Girls—Will Clash for Final Game Here Saturday

Probably the fastest and most interesting game of girls basket ball staged here this year will be Saturday evening March 16, when the locals meet the College of Idaho team in the last game of the year. Last Friday evening at Caldwell the local girls went down to their first defeat of the season at the hands of the college team, 8 to 2, and they are determined that Saturday's game shall be a victory. The game at Caldwell was hard fought and Caldwell worked every point, the Vale girls being ahead in the first half. Some confusion in regard to rules existed at this time for one team had been playing girls rules and the other boys. The local girls have determined that they will win Saturday and if they have the right kind of backing from their rooters it will go a long way to help. The expenses of bringing a team such a long distance are heavy and a large crowd is looked for. Come out and root for your home girls Saturday.

Many Attend Meeting

Vale Council of Patriotic Service Receives Many Applications for Membership

Last Sunday afternoon in the Rex Theatre a large number of residents of Vale and vicinity met at the call of the Vale Council of Patriotic Service and heard of the purpose and needs of the organization as explained by Chairman Geo. W. Hayes. A splendid program of two reels of pictures, selections by the Vale Orchestra and addresses by Judge Dalton Biggs, and P. J. Gallagher of Ontario, were enjoyed by all present. Application blanks for membership were passed out and nearly everyone present, not already a member, signified their wish to belong to the council.

The speakers all gave forceful patriotic talks and urged upon the people the necessity of considering the seriousness of the present situation.

Explains League

In regard to the need and object of the league Wm. Thompson, one of the directors, wrote the following explanation:

We are now at war with a nation whose people seem to be tainted with insanity, and mad with dreams of world conquest. The civilized world has been appalled at German atrocities and utter disregard for the rights of others. The fate of Belgium and Serbia has shown us what would have been the fate of the United States had we been the object of Germany's first attack in our then unprepared state of defense, and a German King for the United States was not an impossibility or even an extremely remote probability. Now that we are at war; now that we know of Germany's brutality, inhumanity and ruthlessness, it becomes the duty of every patriotic citizen of this country to do all he can to help us win. The royal family of Germany must be deposed. All titles of nobility must be wiped out, and to this Germany must be decisively defeated.

Four things are absolutely necessary to sustain human life. They are food, shelter, clothing and fire. Our soldiers at the front must be fed, clothed, sheltered and warmed. Our people at home must be fed, clothed, sheltered and warmed. To do this the people at home must unite their efforts. There must be no wasted effort. An organization to look after the production and conservation of food; to see that sufficient coal is mined and delivered where needed; to look after the health and morals of the community, and to protect the people from possible injury by German sympathizers has been organized in Vale. This is an organization to which every patriotic citizen should belong.

COMMITTEES

Standing committees appointed by the directors are as follows: Food supply and conservation. Mrs. R. D. Lytle, chairman, Mrs. J. P. Houston, Mrs. A. W. Reed, Mrs. C. C. Burrows, Mrs. G. F. Wildhaber, M. N. Fegly, W. G. Thomson. Labor: Farm aid, industrial work, ship building. G. H. Hurley, chairman, F. B. Glenn, Jas. Harvey, Saxon Humphrey, P. G. Freeman. Home defense,—entire membership. Woman's work: Publicity, Co-ordination of Patriotic and other soci-

OIL SHOWS IN THE CAP ROCK

Western Pacific Oil and Gas Company Confident of Soon Bringing in Commercial Well

Everyone is working with intense expectation at the Western Pacific Oil well. Heavy oil showing, almost sufficient to prove the field and guarantee a small demonstration well have been bailed out for the past week. However those in charge including the expert driller and general manager W. D. Meyer, are firmly of the opinion that they are in the cap rock and that within the next fifty feet or less the drill will enter a paying oil sand of large producing capacity and of the highest grade paraffine base oil. See the official report by the Company on page six.

Since the return of Mr. Meyer from Washington and other eastern points he has had an office building erected at the well site and is now personally on the ground and pushing operations as fast as possible. The hole is bone dry and in first class condition and every thing is going like clockwork. Splendid progress is being made considering the hardness and toughness of the cap rock that the drill is now encountering.

The company has purchased an Overland truck to facilitate handling of supplies and are negotiating with the Malheur Home Telephone Company for constructing a line to their office.

General manager Meyer is a veteran of the Spanish War and of several Indian campaigns and has erected a flag staff on which old glory is raised and lowered daily with the sun. This together with the industry displayed by the entire crew and the patriotic importance of increasing the petroleum supply of the nation gives a military air and effect about the entire camp.

SEVEN MEN ARE IN NEXT DRAFT

Malheur County to Furnish Seven Men in First Call of Second Draft—Leave April 1st

The local draft board has designated the following according their order number as the seven required to make up Malheur County's quota of the first call in the second draft.

The men who have been called to report for duty on April 1, are Archie Dee Wolf, Joseph Blanton, Lloyd Russell Kinney, John Liddle, William John Cape, Michael Foley, and Roy Milton Smith.

The Adjutant General reports that Oregon must furnish 369 men for military service and entrain them for Camp Lewis, Washington, between March 29 and April 2, as its share of 30,000 men to be called up throughout the United States on those dates.

No county in the state is to be exempted from this draft call, according to orders just received from the War Department by the Adjutant General of Oregon. The 369 men to be taken from the state on this call will be credited later on the quota Oregon is called to furnish in the new draft, the date of which is yet to be announced.

Dies in Salt Lake

R. H. Balgeman, for several years agent of the Oregon Short Line at Vale died last Tuesday in a hospital in Salt Lake where he went for treatment of stomach troubles several weeks ago. Mrs. Balgeman and daughter left immediately upon receipt of the word and arrangements have been made by the Masonic Lodge for the funeral to take place in Salt Lake next Sunday.

Mr. Balgeman had many friends in Vale and Malheur County who were shocked to hear of his death and the sympathy of all is extended to the widow and child. Several relatives from Iowa and other eastern states will be present at the funeral.

etrs. G. H. Currey, chairman, Rev. Luscombe for Boy Scouts H. P. Houston for Masonic Lodge. Ralph Sidway, for Knights of Pythias, I. W. Hope, for Odd-Fellows. Sanation: Medicine and morals. Dr. Frank J. Brown, chairman, Mrs. Luscombe, I. B. Quisenberry, Law and Finance. C. M. Randall, chairman, A. W. Reed, J. P. Dunaway, T. T. Nelson, Geo. W. Hayes.