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TO START ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Senator Hurley Secures Promise of Commissioners to Begin Work in Early Spring.

Thirtieth Legislative Assembly, Senate Chamber Salem, January 21, 1919, George Huntington Currey, Vale, Oregon: Since leaving Vale I have interviewed all three members of the State Highway Commission, and I have their assurance that active road construction on at least one road, and maybe both of the roads running through Malheur county will be commenced next Spring or in the early part of next summer.

I have met several times with the committee on Roads and Highways of the Senate, and it is the plan to continue the State Highway program on a larger scale. At the committee meeting held a few nights ago I presented the proposition that the trunk lines of the State should be completed first by the state Highway commission and that at least Seventy-five per cent of all funds available should be spent on these main roads until they were completed. This met the approval of all the members of the committee, and the two most important roads considered by the committee were the roads running from Astoria south through the Willamette Valley to the California line, and the road running east and west from Portland to Idaho through Malheur County and connecting with the Lincoln Highway in Idaho. It is the intention of the State Highway Commission to complete the John Day Highway by building a road from Vale up Willow Creek into Grant County, and also build a road up the Malheur River from Vale and on into Burns.

There may be some work on both of these roads. The plan now being discussed by the members of the Highway Committee in both the House and the Senate is a new bond issue for \$10,000,000, and the auto tax will be increased sufficiently to provide the funds to pay the interest on the bonds, and a sinking fund to mature the bonds when they become due. The automobile license may be doubled if it is necessary to provide the money, but it is just a question of determining whether or not it will take this much of an increase in the automobile licenses to provide sufficient funds, and it may be that it will only be increased fifty or seventy-five per cent. There is some talk of putting a tax on gasoline of 1c per gallon, but nothing has been settled definitely as to what the new bill will contain, but all are in favor of a progressive road program.

We will meet tonight with the Highway Commission to discuss plans and get information regarding the work that has been done in the state. Pat Gallagher is making good here and is well liked.

Yours very truly,
JULIEN A. HURLEY.

BETTER SCHEDULE FOR CRANE TRAIN

Effort of Traveling Man Secures Better Train Connections at Ontario With Branch.

John H. Lewis, engineer-manager of the Warm Springs Irrigation District this week received a letter from C. F. W. Hallister of the Oregon Portland Cement Company, which contained the following:

"I appeared before the Portland District Freight Traffic Committee Monday and called their attention to the poor rail connection at Ontario in connection with Train No. 4 and the Crane branch, train No. 4 arriving at 10:20 and the Crane branch train leaving at 10:00 o'clock.

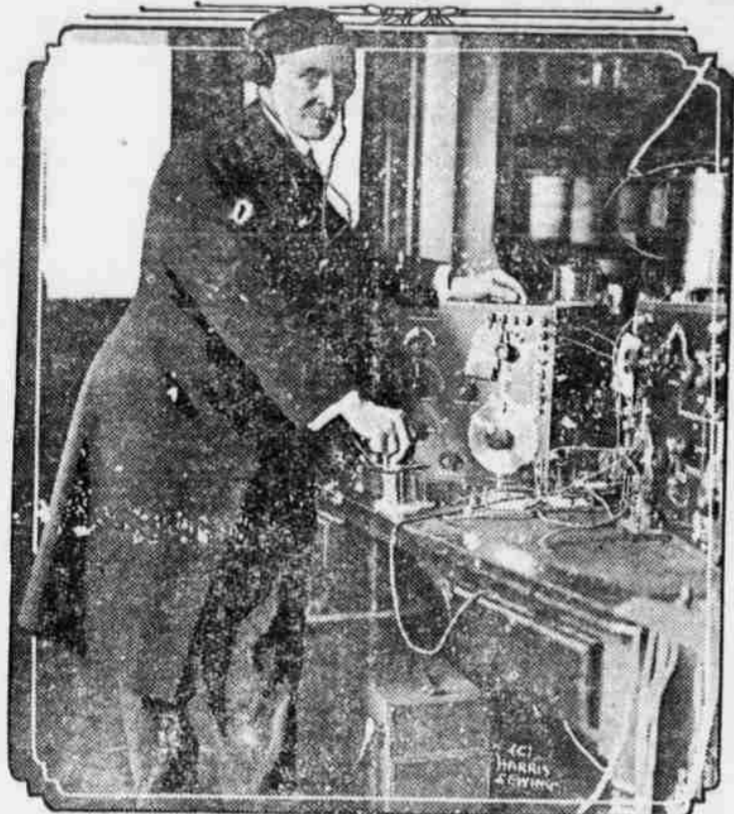
"Mr. Robinson, chairman of the committee and also traffic manager of the O. W. R. and N. stated that he would have his corrected corrected immediately.

"I am writing this for your information with a request that if proper rail connection is not made between train No. 4 and the branch line, you let me know and I will see Mr. Robinson again.

This proposed change will certainly be very beneficial to the people living on the line between Vale and Crane as a change of thirty minutes would save a twenty-four hour lay over at either Ontario or Vale, and would be more satisfactory arrangement with everyone concerned.

No definite announcement as to any new schedule has been received yet but is expected soon.

Secret Which Helped Beat Hun



Underground wireless was one of Uncle Sam's new tricks and war secrets which helped beat the kaiser. The invention was perfected by James H. Rogers of Hyattsville, Md., at just about the time we entered the war. It was promptly offered to the government and quickly accepted. It sends and receives messages both under ground and water alike, and its value is that it eliminates static disturbances, common in the aerial wireless. Here is inventor Rogers, with his machine, which can be set up anywhere a wire can be stuck in the ground. He has picked up messages from Berlin, Paris and Rome.

More Work Comes OWYHEE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN NYSSA

Vale District Makes Nearly 150 Per Cent Membership Drive—\$1000 To Headquarters.

Final reports in the Red Cross Membership drive which was extended two weeks past Christmas in order to allow plenty of time for workers in districts where sickness was prevalent, are about complete and show that the Vale district attained nearly fifty per cent over the prescribed quota.

Report More Members. Chairman Mrs. R. E. Weant this week received a report from Watson of thirty-nine new members signed up there during the drive. On account of sickness and bad weather the workers at Watson were delayed but have sent in a splendid report as the result. Mooreville this week added four more names to their total making 25 members there.

One of the most encouraging parts of the campaign was that in every district and community no matter how small, workers who were requested to handle the Christmas membership work got out and secured all possible names in their territory. "I did not send out a bit of literature that did not achieve its purpose," said Chairman Mrs. Weant this week while making up her reports.

More Work Coming. A new allotment of sewing will arrive within a few days and will be followed shortly by another shipment. The first of the two allotments which is looked for within a few days will be apportioned out to the auxiliaries. The last of the convalescent robes were taken out this week and that shipment will be completed shortly.

Vote Canteen Support. The local chapter voted \$40 a month to the Canteen at Huntington, Oregon. This canteen takes care of the boys of extreme eastern Oregon and nearby Idaho points. One thousand dollars was also sent to headquarters chapters are calling in a large portion of unused funds now in the hands of the treasurer's subordinate chapters.

Homestead Lands Open For Entry

57,500 Acres Designated As Subject to Entry Under the 640 Acre Homestead Laws

The Vale Land Office has received from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Oregon Designation List No. 3 under the stock-raising or 640 acre Homestead law, including approximately, 57,500 acres of land.

The land included in this list, has been applied for under the stock-raising homestead law and is located in Township 12 to 16 inclusive, extending across the Vale district, from west to east including ranges 36 to 47 (east) inclusive. This land lays mostly in northern part of Malheur county

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CAPT. BARTLETT RETURNS HOME

Dr Carl J. Bartlett Home on Furlough—Says Americans Are Fighting Machines.

Somewhat battle scared but little the worse for the wear Captain Carl J. Bartlett returned to Vale this week on his way to Drewsey where he will visit his mother a few days before returning to Camp Lewis. Captain Bartlett has seen service on most of the big sectors in northern France, going into the fighting lines early last fall. During his first few weeks in the fighting zone he was working with the British but was later transferred to the American troops and speaking of the Americans "Doc" says they are sure fighting machines when turned loose.

Captain Bartlett tells some interesting tales of the front lines. He was wounded early in the game when he volunteered for work at the front where a hospital had been blown up. This wound was in the right thigh, later on he was wounded in the fighting at Chateau Thierry, this time receiving shrapnel wounds in the abdomen and face. A piece of flying shrapnel broke his mask during a gas attack and he was severely gassed. Stunned for a few minutes but realizing that the mask was broken he called to a wounded man nearby to get him a mask but fell on the way and it was twenty minutes or more before aid came and the doctor was taken to a hospital. German prisoners carried back the wounded in this battle and the Captain has the canteen of one of the men who carried his stretcher. Speaking of the German soldiers' captivities Bartlett says they are strong on discipline and will obey orders even as prisoners. The Prussian soldiers were of a different type being more fearless in their acts.

After being sent to southern France to recover from his injuries and the effects of the gas the doctor returned to Northern France and later England where he sailed for his home from Brest along with about 3500 other Americans.

At present Captain Bartlett is on furlough from Camp Lewis and expects to be in service some time before finally released.

WEDDED AT BOISE

John C. Gordan, Prominent Stockman and Ida B. Coffman Married at Boise.

John C. Gordan and Ida Brown Coffman both of Vale, Oregon were issued a marriage license at the Ada Clerk's office Wednesday. — Boise Statesman.

Miss Coffman has been visiting her mother in Iowa for several weeks and left there a few days ago for Boise where Mr. Gordan met her and the ceremony was performed in the Boise capitol. Both are well known over Malheur county, Miss Coffman having been connected with local banks for several years and Mr. Gordan being one of the prominent stockmen of this section as well as a large property owner in the county. Vale friends are awaiting the return of the popular couple to offer congratulations.

REGISTERED STOCK FOR FEBRUARY SALE

Carload Registered White Face Stock Will Feature Monthly Sale Day—Many Buyers Coming

Heavy listings are coming in for the Vale monthly sale to be held at the city feed barns February 8. A carload of registered white face bulls from one to two years old is being shipped in by the backers of the sale from the middle west and will be one of the big drawing cards to out of town buyers.

Up to date the committee have listed the following articles, 18 young mules, 35 cows with calves, 39 dry cows, good grade Durhams and Herefords, 10 coming two year old steers, 25 yearling Weaners, 1 four year old bull, one brood sow and 8 shoats, one 3-4 studebaker wagon, one 1 seated two horse buggy and harness, the entire machinery and horses equipment from a large ranch.

This will be the biggest sale of the year and a large number of buyers from all sections of the country have signified intentions of coming to Vale for this day. Early listings on the part of those having anything for sale will help the success of the event and the articles must be listed by the first of the week in order to get in on the advertising.

GEN. BARRY COMMANDS EASTERN DIVISION



Major General Thomas H. Barry, U. S. A., will advance to the post held by the late General J. Franklin Bell in command of the Eastern Division of the United States army. General Barry is one of the most popular commanders in our army.

(ANK AMBASSADORS IN LION ROLES NOW



The United States' entry into the war, which meant for final victory, has opened Europe's eyes in regard to our wonderful resources and nation as no other event could have done. As a result of this, American ambassadors to powerful European countries are now being received with almost consideration. This is a new picture of Ambassador John W. Davis and his wife, taken as they left the American embassy in London recently. Davis is an appointee of President Wilson; and has just taken up his duties. He and Mrs. Davis are the center of interest at every appearance.

WANT RUSSIA AT CONFERENCE

Led by President Wilson, the supreme council of the great powers Wednesday moved to unite the factions of Russia and bring them into the peace congress.

They unanimously adopted a proposition brought forward by President Wilson, asking all the Russian factions, including the Bolsheviks, to meet the allied and associated Governments at Prince Islands in the Sea of Marmora on February 15, the contending factions meantime declaring a truce and suspending all military operations. Prominent Anti-Bolshevik leaders have declared they will not participate in the conference with the Bolsheviks.

Food Administration Attacked. Food Administrator Herbert Hoover has been the object of spirited attacks in the discussion by the senate of the administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for food relief abroad. Charges were made that the appropriation was designed primarily for the benefit of the big packers. Supporters of the bill said feeding the people of Europe to prevent industrial trouble was a good business proposition.

91st Bound Home. Four troop trains of the 91st division passed thru St. Paul Tuesday enroute to Camp Lewis for demobilization. These men are largely from Washington, Oregon, and California and have been in France since last September.

Capt. James Norman Hall famous American flyer was released from a German prison camp this week.

Prince John, youngest son of King George of England died at Sandringham last Saturday night. He was a general favorite in court circles.

A mighty demonstration in the streets of New York was given Sunday in honor of 4992 returned soldiers. Monday the French Senate honored President Wilson with a luncheon.

DISCUSS HOMESTEAD LAWS AT LUNCHEON

Business Men Discuss 640 Acre Homestead Law—Indicate Interest in Owyhee Project.

The chief subject of discussion at last Tuesday's business men's luncheon was over the proposal to push the 640 acre homestead settlement. O. E. Carman, W. J. Pinney, Arthur Means, C. C. Mueller and others discussed various angles of the question taking the matter of stockmen's interests, and the need for restitution of good range as well as the desirability for land settlement under consideration.

Dr. Frank J. Brown was welcomed back into the ranks of Vale boosters and gave assurance that he would be willing to do his part in promoting the development of the city and county.

George Huntington Currey outlined some of the benefits of securing immediate construction of the Owyhee project showing how the proposed development would greatly benefit Nyssa, Ontario and Vale and asked the

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ANNE MORGAN BACK WITH N. Y. GIRLS



Anne Morgan, sister to J. Pierpont Morgan, great American financier, has taken no time for vacation following her strenuous war work in northern France. Instead, the ink was hardly dry on the armistice before she had turned back to her community house work in New York city. Three big houses have been leased to shelter the homeless working girls.

PITMAN KILLED AT WORK ON DAM

Accident Results in Death of Workman—Moving Offices to New Building—Operating Hospital

Gaetano Megalizzi a workman employed at the Warm Springs dam site at Riverside was instantly killed Tuesday morning at 8.45. The man was employed as pitman and was working on the excavation when the steam shovel clutch slipped releasing the bucket which dropped to the bottom of the pit striking the workman and killing him instantly.

Nothing is known of the man's former connections. He came here some time ago and secured work with the Shattuck-Edinger company at the dam.

Encountered Gravel. The weather is fine for work at the dam and on the Warm Springs ditches. Gravel was encountered by workmen on the Gellerman-Froman ditch excavations this week which required a little blasting but is not of a serious nature.

Move Offices. The offices of Engineer Manager Lewis and the Shattuck-Edinger company are being moved to the two story frame building across from the court house this week. This building has been fitted up for office rooms and will give the engineers and others working for the district a central office building and location.

New Directors To Meet. The newly elected Directors of the District will meet February 14th and will elect a president and draw lots for two and three year terms. The newly elected directors are Rex Marquis, R. H. DeArmond and Geo. McLaughlin and the retiring members, R. E. Weant president G. W. Mallett and J. H. Russell.

Contract Cement. About 30,000 barrels of Utah cement has been contracted for by the Warm Springs District Board. This is the estimated amount to be used in the construction of the dam and ditches and was quoted at \$3.15 F. O. B. Ontario, \$3.27 at Vale and \$3.54 at Riverside plus an 80 cent sack charge which will be deducted upon return of the sacks, which is about 30 cents better per barrel than the price quoted by the Oregon Portland Cement Company from their Oswego plant. The local board members and engineers held off waiting for the Portland company's price and hoping to place the order with the Oregon firm.

Under charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sexton graduate nurses the frame building near the river bridge has been fitted up as a hospital and patients are now being received from the camps for treatment.

SALES MANAGER TO OPEN NEW OFFICES. B. F. Johnson Will Be in Charge of Oregon-Western Colonization Company Office.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Johnson arrived in Vale Friday from Prineville and will be residents of Vale at least until the settlement of the Oregon Western Colonization Company's lands under the Warm Springs project is complete. Mr. Johnson will have charge of the new office in Vale which he is fitting up in the Hope building opposite the Drexel hotel.

Mr. Johnson will be sales manager for the company and has just left a similar position with the same company under the Ochoco project. He is confident that this year will see many new farmers on the lands under the Warm Springs and expresses his desire to be as much aid as possible in securing general publicity for Vale and the Malheur county.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION. Annual Election Sees New Officials in Offices of Vale O. E. S.

Annual election and installation of Eastern Star Officials was held by the Vale Chapter Tuesday evening and the following officers were installed. Mrs. Bruce Kester, Worthy Matron; Bruce R. Kester, Worthy Patron, Mrs. John Houston Associate Matron, Mrs. R. D. Lytle Secretary, Mrs. Leslie Hope Treasurer, Alma Raymond Conductress; Mrs. H. E. Young, Associate Conductress; Adah, Mrs. I. W. Hope; Electa, Mrs. B. F. Farmer; Ruth, Mrs. Frank Sasser; Esther, Mrs. R. H. Balgeman; Martha, Mrs. Geo. E. Davis; Warder, I. W. Hope; Sentinel, Leslie Hope; Chaplin, Mrs. Boswell; Organist, Mrs. Reed.

News Reported at The Court House

Released From Jail—Destroys 400 Gallons Wet Evidence—Dog Shot.

James McClure who was sentenced from Ontario some time ago to four months in jail and fine for alleged bootlegging, was this week released by County Judge E. H. Test on a writ of Habeas Corpus.

Prefirms Marriage. County Judge E. H. Test preformed his first Marriage ceremony since taking the oath of office last Wednesday when Pard C. Bowen and Doris M. Blane both county people were united in Marriage at the Judge's office in the court house.

Destroys Booze. Sheriff Lee Noe last week destroyed by order of Justice R. D. Lytle, about 400 gallons of "wet evidence" of assorted brands which had been taken during recent bootlegging raids. The stuff was carted out to the city dump where the sheriff broke bottles and caved in barrel lids till nary a drop remained.

Dog Shot. A dog showing all signs of hydrophobia was shot on the court house lawn by the Sherriff Friday afternoon.