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OUR DEBT-RIDDEN POSTERITY.

There is hardly a day passes that some new idea is not hatched which carries with it the expenditure of large sums of money, the money to be raised by floating bonds.

At the present time the future is mortgaged for a century and if this idea of issuing more bonds continues, what will our debt-ridden posterity do? Where will the boy of today have a chance to do any financing? He will enter business paying interest and he will raise his offspring under the yoke of constant interest paying due to the debts saddled upon them by the present generation.

This country is trying to do in a decade what foreign countries have been ages doing, and this country is making a serious mistake.

With all our wonderful resources—the greatest money-getting country in the world—we are yet not able to enter into debt at the rate we are going.

A new idea is never confronted with "what will it cost," but on the other hand, "can we finance it," and financing does not mean pay for it, but it means mortgaging the future again.

Inconsistent in the extreme. For instance, we have heard La Grande people talk about building hard surface roads over the county, issuing bonds to pay for them, when it is an absolute truth that in wet weather two horses cannot draw a hearse to our cemetery when a prominent citizen passes away. To the shame of us as a people, we have seen the city cab mired in the cemetery and it was necessary to send into the city for four horses to pull it out of the mud.

Then talk about a hard surface road to Cove or Elgin.

Would it not be better to stop for a moment in our wild desire to take on a debt of half a million dollars, and pass the hat to get sufficient money to gravel the road from the city to the cemeteries?

THE COW.

It would have been well for everyone in Grande Ronde valley to have heard the talks delivered at the butter makers' convention here last Friday. There was no guesswork about what they said, for they had both state and federal statistics to prove their contentions.

Instance after instance was shown where a man took a few cows and cared for them thus making a snug fortune.

One speaker said when his daughter wanted to go away to college he

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went out to the barn and asked the cows and they replied, "Send her, we'll pay the bill." When the daughter wanted a piano, the cows were consulted and they switched their tails saying, "sure, give the girl a piano, and we'll pay for it." And the cows did the paying for everything and they kept at it. While there was more or less sentiment in the above remark, the basic principle is correct. There is no greater friend to mankind than the cow.

Starting in the dairy business is not such a great task, after all. The Grande Ronde valley is a good dairy country. This valley produces the proper feed, as Dr. Withycombe will tell you, and with the right kind of care, the returns from a band of milch cows will surprise the most skeptical.

It's positively the surest game one can play, for the only chance to fail is in the individual who tries it. If he does his part the cows will do theirs and the returns are certain. A ranch with milch cows has a pay day. North Powder people will tell you that, and those farmers like that pay day. They would not abandon their dairy business for any consideration.

There should be dairy farms from here to Cove and from Elgin to Union, and the time will come when there will be.

A SPLENDID START.

La Grande's commissioners deserve credit in the start they have made.

With one stroke of the pen they cut off a lot of expense, doubled up some offices, stopped work where it was not being done in an economical manner and installed a system for doing business in the city hall.

Henceforth the measuring stick will be used in the public building. The commissioners know about how much work an ordinary man is capable of doing and that much work will be demanded of him.

THE FICKLE GOVERNOR.

One of Governor West's detectives in Baker lost his job evidently because the grand jury did not return true bills on the evidence this detective had collected. Now, there is no doubt but the detective sees how well it pays to be a spotter for a fickle governor. The grand jury in Baker county took the sensible view of matters and refused to dance to the governor's fiddle. The chief executive is naturally peeved, but his peevishness is a part of him.

Has anyone noticed the reduction in the cost of living promised by the framers of the new tariff bill? Yes, potatoes are down a little and the tariff is lowered on butter and beef is let in at a lower rate, but is it costing you any less to live? That is the question the democratic party must answer.

Why stick to the electric lights and paved streets when there is a certain remuneration to those who run a dairy ranch? That is the question, why? Who will answer it? Surely, it is not because there is too much work on the farm?

And there is talk of a hard surface

Charming Afternoon Dresses Just Received from New York!

The style shops in New York are second only to the famous Parisian artists in originating and designing. Almost daily the New York style artists either originate or copy from a new Paris style. We have arranged with a New York buyer to watch for these new creations and immediately express us a few of the choicest garments.

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Here's your opportunity to secure the newest style creations for street and afternoon wear at a sacrifice. Special prices from \$15.00 to \$20.65. These Dresses would ordinarily sell from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

SEE THE WINDOWS

West
THE QUALITY STORE



road from Pendleton to the Columbia. Fine thing. Umatilla county can afford to issue the bonds to pay for it, but watch and see if she does it.

You have to admit one thing—Huerta is a stayer. He is as much of a standpatter as Uncle Joe.

COFFEE

Are you taking life's pleasures that are right at your elbow? Have you learnt the keen and healthful enjoyment of a fine cup of coffee for breakfast?

You want it to start the day; to lighten the sunshine.

Schilling's Best in aroma-tight cans, everfresh; cleanly granulated—money-back.

Baker People Were Here.

Last evening a Baker delegation composed of William Pollman and wife, Pleas Brown and wife, Fred Phillips and wife and L. R. Stuller, stopped in La Grande for a few hours on their way to Portland to attend the live stock show.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Mrs. Franc Wilhelm left last evening for Portland to spend two weeks with friends there.

August J. Stange and family left last evening for Los Angeles, California, where Mrs. Stange and children will spend the winter months. Mr. Stange will after a short visit in the south go to Merrill, Wis., where he expects to remain for some time. His family will join him there in the spring.

PACIFIC FRUIT AGENT LEAVES.

Forty Cars Represent Purchases by Spokane Firm.

L. G. Seaton, representing the North Pacific Fruit distributors, left this morning after spending about five

Chicken Dinner Tomorrow.

"Give your wives and mothers a rest tomorrow, young men and business men, and attend the Methodist chicken pie dinner and supper at the cafeteria on Depot street." Such is the advice given out today by the management of the Methodist church ladies' aid society which tomorrow holds a highclass dinner and supper a la chicken pie and other good things to eat. It is to be served in good and prompt fashion, with more than enough to eat for all. Adults 50c a plate, children 25c.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall;
 The holly branch shone on the old oak wall.
 —Bayly.

Shepherds at the grange,
 Where the babe was born,
 Sang with many a change
 Christmas carols until morn.
 —Longfellow.

At Christmas I no more desire a rose
 Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled shows.
 —Shakespeare.

Be merry all, be merry all,
 With holly dress the festive hall.
 Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,
 To welcome merry Christmas.
 —W. R. Spencer.

God rest ye, little children: let nothing you affright.
 For Jesus Christ, your Saviour,
 Was born this happy night.
 Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay
 When Christ, the child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas day.
 —D. M. Mulock.

weeks in this vicinity looking after the fruit interests of the Grande Ronde valley.

He states that he bought about 40 cars of apples in this section this fall and that all of the money for this year's crop is in the hands of the growers, save that for a small number of cars. The crop netted the growers fair prices, and has been mostly disposed of by this time. The concern with which he is connected is a co-

operative institution and handles about 90 per cent of the Hood River product, 50 per cent of the North Yakima output, 35 per cent of the Wenatchee crop, all of the Spokane fruit, and 90 per cent of the Payette crop.

At the close of the season he estimates that the company will have handled in the vicinity of 4000 cars of apples. Most of the local purchases were made at Imbler.

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La Grande, Oregon

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