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THE FARM PAYROLL.

Under the caption "The Greater Service" on the editorial page of the "Country Gentlemen" of May 1, the farm of one, Peter Church, described as a well cultivated farm in an agricultural survey of the year 1839, is placed in contrast to the commercial development which existed in that section at that time. The farm still produces large crops, thanks to the wise practice of Peter Church, while most of the commercial enterprises have passed away.

Cities often strive to increase the payrolls, even spending much money to induce new commercial enterprises to start business. Sometimes this amounts to a subsidy. Still we do not question the good business judgment of those who strive for this new development.

But is not the greatest and most permanent payroll that any city in an agricultural region can have that of the farms themselves? In proportion to the degree that profitable diversified farming is developed, this payroll increases. By the practice of good crop rotations and production of a number of crops, fertility is maintained and the income stabilized in the community, and the number of men employed increased. As still more intensive methods are developed, such as dairying, gardening and horticulture, the payroll is swelled.

In Malheur county, for example, the 80 acre hay farm is the typical farm. For its management and de-

velopment one or two men during the greater part of the year, with additional help during the haying season is all that is needed. On a combined hay and dairy ranch of that size four or more men would be required the year round, depending in part on the nature of the products raised. The general adoption of that kind of farming, then, would just double the payroll of Malheur county.

Since the past ten years has shown so marked an increase in the urban population of the United States, with a correspondingly marked decrease in the rural population its is a matter of supreme importance to all the people that every effort be made to bring about a swing in the pendulum. Cities instead of competing with the country for help of all kinds should further every effort to increase the productivity of the farms, build good roads thru the country to make life on the ranches more enjoyable and so induce the farm boy and girl to stay with agriculture.

All this in the end will uphold the nation, make the position of the city dweller more secure and more than any other one thing solve the present industrial unrest.

IS IT ANY WONDER?

Is it any wonder that there are many college and university professors who are parlor socialists? Who would not be striving for any political doctrine that made alluring promises if the condition in which one lived held out no hope?

Is not this the condition in which most of the college professors find themselves? If it has not been so in the past it certainly will be so in the next year or two if the taxpayers do not rally to the support of the millage bill and thus emphatically say to the teachers: We are with you and are willing and anxious that you shall receive a living wage.

The Argus so thoroly believes that the people of Oregon want the teachers of their children to live as men and women should live, that it has no doubt concerning the verdict

at the polls on May 21. The Argus believes that the voters will say that they appreciate the work of the teachers and so appreciate them that they can go on and prepare themselves for the old age that comes and retire with honor, feeling that they have done a good work and not worry over their material wants in their declining years.

Education is the foundation of our state, and that foundation can be secure only when it is administered thru capable men and women. Such men and women can only be secured by offering them a living wage. Oregon must do that and we believe will do so. To do your share in this work vote and work for the millage taxes for education; both elementary and higher education.

FREE ADVICE.

There is nothing so plentiful in the universe as free air and advice. The world is surrounded to a height of 27 miles, so the scientists tell us, of the former, and what is not there is located in tanks in front of garages and service stations and properly labelled. For the purpose for which it was intended free air is a mighty good thing. It is needed, is used and those who use profit thereby.

The same is not necessarily true of free advice. Men who have had no previous experience in a line of business or scientific attainment are more prone to retail free advice to men who have specialized in a profession or business than are their colleagues in the same line of effort.

The reason of this is that the more men study the many sides of their profession or business the more they realize that there is much more to learn and since with added knowledge they have many times had to revise preconceived notions, they are chary of making broad general statements about things.

In the absence of exact knowledge of a scientific nature the public has but one safeguard and that is to trust its management to those who have. Of course such men make mistakes as do all humans; but not half the number that the man who criticizes them thinks they do.

For example there is some criticism of the manner in which Ontario's street paving is being laid. Most of the critics have taken the position that the grade is too low. This has been the oft repeated statement; yet those who made them have, in few instances, never attempted to learn why the grade was placed where it is.

The facts are that the grades in Ontario were established years ago, and the sidewalks of the city laid accordingly. The City paid engineers whose business it is to make the surveys and all the work done since that time has been made to conform to the grades thus established.

Would not the people justly object if, now that the city has taken to paving the streets, if a new grade had been established, and beside laying pavement it would have been necessary to relay all the sidewalks? They certainly would have had reason for objection.

The Argus has taken occasion to discuss this matter with a number of engineers who are familiar with this kind of work and it is their expressed opinion that the paving is being laid on the proper grade. They have no fault to find with the engineering work.

They point to the fact that if the grade were raised now that when-

ever there would come a heavy rain that water would flow into the stores along the street. As the street gets finished the people who now are criticizing will see the injustice of their remarks and the matter will pass. In the meantime it is well to remember that the city engineer, O. A. Kratz, came to Ontario from Portland where he had long experience with just this kind of work and that he is giving the city the benefit of technical training and has his own reputation to maintain, and therefore is as anxious to have the work done right as anyone, yes more than any one else in the city.

THE SALT LAKE VISITORS

Ontario will remember the visit of the Salt Lake business men. They proved to be jolly good fellows with a large vision of what can be accomplished for the up building of this great Inter-mountain empire.

While Ontario is a part of Oregon and wants to be so considered, it is not so hide bound in its vision of development that it does not recognize the sphere of influence which is Salt Lake's, and if that city will assist this section of the country in achieving its development, then Ontario and the people in this section will not be slow to acknowledge their indebtedness and co-operate with the Utah men in forwarding every good work for this region.

Perhaps the visit of the Utah men will arouse the awakened Portland to a fuller realization that all Oregon does not of necessity face toward the Willamette and Columbia, and that by constructive efforts on the part of its rival the affections of this region, which naturally lean toward Portland many be weaned away.

Death has removed Dr. Jacob Prinzing from his sphere of usefulness. In his passing many Ontarians have lost a beloved friend, whose passing they most deeply regret. Beside the work of his profession wherein he ministered to the healing of hundreds of the people of Malheur county, Dr. Prinzing was a public spirited citizen. In many of the great improvements made in Ontario he had a prominent part. These will be his monument together with the acts of a useful life. Whatever feeling of animosity may have arisen during the trying years just past will all be forgotten, has been forgotten in his passing, and for the good he has done his memory will be cherished by loving friends.

Wallace McCammant, of Portland, R. R. Butler of The Dalles; John Hand of Baker, and Judge Carey of Portland would make the combination to represent Oregon as the big four delegates at large to the Republican convention.

Eastern Oregon's place in the Chicago gathering will be safely guarded and adequately cared for in the persons of W. H. Brooke of Ontario and Frank Curl of Pendleton.

VOTE FOR GOOD ROADS

Vote 302 X Yes for
4% State Road Bond Limit

**NO PROPERTY TAX
NO DIRECT TAX
NO INCREASE IN AUTO LICENSE FEES
NO INCREASE OF GASOLINE TAX**

Present Auto License Fees and Gasoline Tax will pay both principal and interest on all the bonds under this constitutional amendment. Approval of this amendment is necessary to permit early completion of State Highways.

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ELECTION, MAY 21
STATE ROADS
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For 4% State Road Bond Limit

BALLOT TITLE IS AS FOLLOWS:
302 X Yes
303 No
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly.
LIMITATION OF FOUR PER CENT STATE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PERMANENT ROADS.—Purpose: To amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit the creation of district and balliotes including previous debts and liabilities for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to the amount of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the State of Oregon, instead of two per cent as now provided by law.

**NO PROPERTY TAX—NO DIRECT TAX
NO INCREASE IN AUTO LICENSE FEES
NO INCREASE OF GASOLINE TAX**

Keep these three facts in mind. The present auto license fees and gasoline tax will pay both the principal and interest on all the bonds under this amendment, and will yield an annual surplus besides for other state highway work. No additional taxation of any kind.

FEDERAL FUNDS MUST BE MATCHED

Oregon must have sufficient Highway Funds to match Federal apportionments or Oregon cannot get the benefit of Federal money for Oregon Roads. Increasing this constitutional limit is a necessity. Unless limit is increased, either state roads cannot be completed for many years, or must be financed by direct property taxation. This measure averts direct property tax for state highways and makes early completion possible. Let's get the roads built now.

Income from Present Sources Sufficient to Pay Principal and Interest.

The fact that revenues from auto license fees and gasoline tax, without increase of present rates, will be sufficient to pay both principal and interest on these bonds, is clearly set forth by official figures in the State Pamphlet, mailed to every registered voter. Refer to State Pamphlet for verification. Examine the table carefully. It proves that no property tax is required and that present rates for auto license fees and gas tax will reduce principal and interest and yield surplus bonds.

For Interest Tables, Pamphlets or further information, write to OREGON ROADS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
W. L. THOMPSON, President, 245 King St., Portland
C. C. CHURCH, Treasurer, Oregon League Building, E. 1. Alley
Campaign Headquarters, 311 Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon
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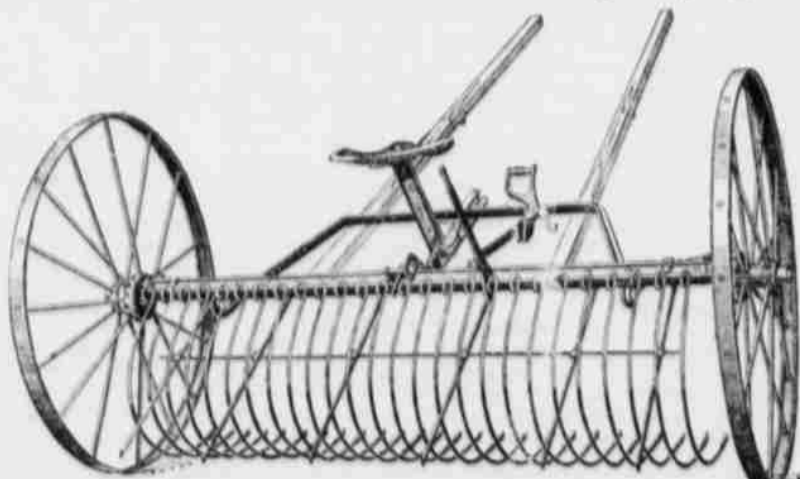
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