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**ROAD QUESTION SETTLED**

Ontario is assured of the terminus of the Old Oregon Trail section of the Columbia Highway. That result was obtained by the committee which interviewed the Highway Commission last week in Portland.

While it undoubtedly seems strange to those who have not attended meetings of the commission that it should be necessary to send representatives to Portland periodically to keep road work going, yet one visit there will carry conviction to anyone.

Malheur County is farther removed from Portland and the scene of highway action than any county in the state, and every county, practically speaking, has representatives before the commission at practically every meeting. The pressure on the commission for action, is continuous, demands are made far greater than the commission can grant, and therefore in its efforts to satisfy the demands of those on the job all the time, it is but natural that the needs of those who do not press them, will be overlooked. It is useless to argue that this is not as it should be, but the commission has human limitations, and is subjected to terrific pressure on every hand.

However when any proposition is squarely placed before them, consideration is given it, and a fairminded, honorable effort is made to comply, within the limits of the commission's funds.

The Highway commission is engaged in a large task—Malheur county's road problems are but a detail of that task, large tho they seem to us here—so it behooves this section to adopt the policy of other counties and see to it that the Commission does not overlook our needs.

We wonder what the Poles think of the League of Nations?

**THE TOURIST CROP**

Thru the activity of the Northwest Tourist Association, an organization supported by appropriations from the states of Oregon and Washington and the province of British Columbia, the harvest of tourist dollars gathered in these three commonwealths has increased from \$7,000,000 to \$35,000,000 per year in the past four years.

What this means to the people of these states is hard to comprehend, out in this country where the tourist is little seen. Yet even this section is benefited to a large degree by this work, and the benefits will increase each year as the work progresses.

Right now the city of Portland is the mecca for thousands of tourists, all the Willamette valley is gathering in the funds that these visitors scatter as they travel thru the state. When the Old Oregon Trail is completed giving a good road from Portland to Ontario, all eastern Oregon will benefit from the annual pilgrimage of these travelers, likewise thru the tourist association and its road maps, lecturers and publicity, travelers will be directed toward this region in increasing numbers, so that the time will come when the benefits of this work will accrue to the entire state.

**AS OTHERS SEEK US**

In Portland the other day a man who knows Malheur county thoroly, and who knows the people here, too, said to the writer:-

"If the people of Malheur county would pull together, there is no county in the state that has greater possibilities than can be found there."

"The Owyhee project would have been built long ago," he continued, "had their been unity of action."

The Argus is not in a position to dispute that last question. It may be correct, those who were here then, know the facts.

But whether or not the statements above quoted were true years ago is a matter of no importance now. The past is gone. The present and the future are with us or before us, it is what we do with them that matters.

So far as ability, as loyalty to this section, and an earnest desire to forward the prosperity of this region is concerned, the men needed for the work are here. To get together to do big things, is the next step. It can be taken, and under the leadership available will succeed.

**U. S. CONSIDERS AID FOR POLAND**

Purchase of War Materials Is Requested and Recruits Are Desired.

Washington.—Moved by the reiterated pleas for aid from Poland, the war department has under serious consideration the request of Prince Lucinski, Polish minister, for permission to purchase war materials from the United States.

Polish officials explained that in addition to the desire for war materials, they were anxious to obtain authorization to permit recruiting for the Polish army in America. It was said that not only had many offers of enlistment been received by the legation from Polish citizens resident in the United States, but that many offers had come from former American veterans.

The official communique announcing the intention of France to recognize as a de facto government that represented by General Wrangel in southern Russia, has been received.

It says that a French diplomatic agent will be sent to Sebastopol with the title of high commissioner.

Administration officials consider the French step as logical in view of the succession of General Wrangel to the authority of Admiral Kolchak and the Omsk government, which was recognized by both France and Great Britain.

Copies of the American note to Italy on the Polish situation, it was said at the state department, have been delivered to allied and associated powers' representatives and distributed to all the world news centers, promising its widest dissemination, even in Russia. Diplomats generally regarded the document as having a three-fold purpose: Extension of moral support to Poland.

An appeal to the masses in Russia to throw off the bolshevik yoke and establish a constitutional government. Influencing of other nations to refrain from recognition of the soviet.

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**FOREIGN VESSELS IN LEAD**

U. S. Ships Bring in Small Part of Our Imports.

Washington.—Foreign vessels brought nearly twice the value of imports into the United States during the fiscal year 1920 than was carried in American vessels, according to a summary made public by the department of commerce. Ten per cent more exports were shipped in foreign ships than in American vessels.

Of imports totaling \$4,704,957,168, foreign ships brought in \$2,870,930,209 and American vessels \$1,833,026,959. Exports in foreign bottoms totaled \$3,923,588,373, while in American vessels the total was \$3,235,879,022.

Of the tonnage entering American ports, however, 50.06 per cent was American and 49.94 per cent foreign, while of the tonnage clearing from the United States \$1.72 per cent was American and 48.28 foreign.

**Soviet to Seek German Alliance.**  
Kobno, Poland.—Soviet Russia intends to seek an alliance with Germany to make war on France and, if it succeeds, to undertake a conquest of England and eventually America, officials of the bolshevik regime told the Associated Press.

**Flood Sweeps Toledo, Ohio.**  
Toledo, O.—Damage estimated at \$5,000,000 was done here by a severe rainstorm, which floated away great stretches of city paving, flooded cellars and paralyzed traffic. It was one of the most severe storms that ever struck the city.

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