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**GIVE THEM THE FARMS**

If the Idaho Power Company succeeds in securing the adoption of its property schedule at \$22,000,000 as the basis of rate making in this territory, the day of pumping for irrigation is over. The ranchers might just as well quit, and give the Power company title to their lands and seek other climes.

There are men in the employ of the Power company who know that the ranchers cannot make a living on their farms with the high power costs. The power company itself cannot run the farms, either, and that makes the situation impossible.

It seems that this Power company once consolidated its interests and reduced the stock issues by millions. We would like to know honestly, how much real cash the present company has invested in its so called \$22,000,000 concern?

If it be true that the company has any such sum invested in its properties, judging by the quantity of power they have developed this is one of the most inefficient institutions in all the country.

It is a fact that until this past season, there has never been an irrigation period during which the company could deliver enough power to furnish sufficient water for their customers. At that rate the capital cost per horse power; for here was not a great addition during the past year; is out of all reason. There is something radically wrong, somewhere in the business of a company of this magnitude, if it takes as much money as the company claims to develop its property to the state it has reached.

Bolled down and without trimmings the fact is that the company is asking for a valuation on which to assess charges which will make it impossible for anyone to do business with it. May be that is good business, for the company, but in the long run we think not, and the company will think so too, if it succeeds in its apparent object.

**DON'T WAIT TO BE URGED**

Undoubtedly there are many, who in the past years have been the very best supporters of the American Red Cross in its wonderful work for the needy and the suffering, who will not this year be able to give their dollar.

There are many others who in the past have not given more than that stipend who could give more, take out a few more memberships for their family; who have just let the matter go when the solicitor called upon them for their individual contribution.

Conditions this year, therefore are such that those who can should give freely, for the work of the Red Cross will perhaps be greater than ever this winter. There will be more need for help in more quarters.

The work of the Red Cross is so great, so broad, so humanitarian that it needs no eulogy. Its record stands for itself. Let those who can, remember the need and their duty will be plain. Don't wait to be urged. Send your check to the Chairman of the local committee, W. F. Homan for your 1922 membership.

**IS THERE A COMBINE**

The Argus has been approached several times of late by individuals who believe they have a grievance against the local lumber and coal dealers. The complaint is made that there is a combine among the local dealers in these two commodities which is working to the injury of Ontario.

If there is a combination tangible proof of that fact is not present, so far as we are able to determine. It does appear however that the price of coal here is high. Also that the margin which it now obtains is greater than that which previously existed, but the coal men allege that the loss in shrinkage of tonnage in transit, the loss in unpaid bills and other items reduce the margin to a reasonable figure.

The Argus is not undertaking to hold a brief for the coal and lumber men. They are able to care for their own interests. If, however, the allegations are true that lumber and coal are sold at lower figures by the same companies in neighboring towns. It is time that the fact be either proven or disproved. If it be not true it is unfair to the dealers, if it be true it is unfair to the public. It would appear that, unless they do not care, or feel that the reports are just the careless remarks of those who have not investigated the facts

and therefore cannot be stopped anyway, the lumber and coal men should endeavor to set at rest these persistent reports.

**THE COMING CONFERENCE**

That the American people are praying for the success of the coming limitations of arms conference there can be no doubt. Something of this kind must be secured unless the world is to become an armed fortress. The toll upon the wealth and strength of the world for armament is overburdening. We must have relief.

The fact that by a vast vote the people of America repudiated the Versailles treaty and the League of Nations set forth therein, does not preclude the possibility of a concert of powers, an entente if you will, of the leading nations.

Need the formation of the concert go to the end of a definite treaty, men do not have to be so bound, neither do nations. Nor are treaties solemnly entered into, guarantees of the covenants therein declared. The history of the world gives ample proof that Bethmann Hollweg was not the first diplomat who considered such engagements, mere "scraps of paper."

Without setting up a super government the nations of the world, particularly those to engage this week in the conference at Washington can, if public opinion in their several countries will sustain them, agree to limit the building of battle-ships, forts and other war agencies for a definite period of years.

However much the representatives of the powers might wish to accomplish this end they cannot, unless backed by public opinion in their home lands. So long as the people of the world want war, or see in that agency the only means of securing justice for themselves, then so long will war continue. The futility of war as a remediable agency must be recognized by the people.

So long as the public wills it, so long will the nations continue to bankrupt themselves building battle-ships.

**ARE WE A FREE NATION?**

It is the proud boast of every American, of every Englishman, of every Frenchman, of every inhabitant and citizen of many other lands that his is a free nation. In fact none of them are free, in the complete sense of that term; that is free to determine the policies they would follow.

If America were entirely free to chose her own path, would she not immediately limit her expenditures for the army and the navy? Of all the nations of the earth we are; we believe, the least bellicose; yet today we are engaged in a great naval program costing billions of dollars, and why? Because Japan and England are also building war-ships, and we cannot stop so long as they continue?

Is France free? No, only in part. France has today the greatest standing army in the world, eight-hundred thousand men under arms. Why is France armed? Because she does not believe Germany sincere or faithful in carrying up the disarmament sections of the peace treaty. Fear of our neighbors and possible enemies deprives all of us as nations of complete freedom.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Corner Idaho Ave. & 2nd St. S. W.  
(D. J. Gillanders, Pastor)  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Preaching, 11:00 A. M., Rev. D. D. Reese will preach.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.  
Preaching, 7:30 P. M. Subject: "Signing the Armistice."  
White School House  
Sunday School, 2:30 P. M.  
Preaching, 3:30 P. M.  
Do not fail to hear Rev. Reese Sunday morning. He has a message for you. The Sunday night's sermon should be of interest to all loyal Americans. The American Legion boys are invited to attend.

**ONE DAIRY BREED BEST**  
In changing sires in the dairy herd always plan to change to a better one of the same breed, never to one of another breed. Good bulls from high producing cows can now be bought cheaper than ever before, hence this is the time to anticipate future needs and select the next head of the herd.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

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Northwestern states hold the apple supremacy of the country—and of the world—because, tree for tree, the Northwestern orchards are the finest, although not the largest, in the country.

This was the statement made today by D. D. Olds, director of exhibits of the Pacific Northwest Fruit Exposition, which is to be held at the Bell Street Terminal in Seattle from November 21 to 26.

"Figures which we have prepared for use at the exposition," Mr. Olds explained, "show that more apples are produced by every tree in the Northwest than by trees in any other section of the country."

"For instance, although Washington's apple crop in 1919 was 21,568,691 bushels, as against 14,350,317 for New York, there were 9,636,698 bearing apple trees in New York while Washington had only 7,964,167. Virginia, with 7,385,277 trees—virtually the same number as Washington—produced only 8,942,520.

"The other Northwestern states show to equal advantage. Oregon, with but 3,315,093 bearing trees, had a crop of 6,921,254, while Kentucky, with 3,742,936, produced only 1,280,549 bushels; North Carolina, with 3,474,821 trees, produced only 1,938,038; West Virginia, with 5,554,731 trees, had a crop of only 4,189,162 bushels, and Pennsylvania, with 6,981,128 trees, produced but 5,556,135 bushels.

"Idaho, which had only 2,380,523 producing trees in 1920, had a crop of 3,645,640 bushels the year previous, while Iowa with 2,996,469 bearing trees, could produce only 1,810,443 bushels."

**OWYHEE NEWS NOTES**

Harry R. Wellman, county club leader was an overnight guest at the Lowe home Friday. Mr. Wellman starts this coming Friday to take the Cairo stock judging team which won second prize at the County Fair to the International Stock Show at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cantrell and daughter, Dottie Belle have returned from Montana to their ranch, recently vacated by Kygars and intend farming it next year.

Mrs. F. L. DeBord and children Florence and Vera are staying at the Klingback home during Mrs. Klingback's illness.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the past month were: Orville Bigelow, Elba Pullen, Joe Shatto, Roy Williams, Laura Huffman and Georgia Rust in Mrs. Schweizer's room, and John Bigelow, George Huffman, Merel Kygar, Earl Kygar, Albert Caperton, Marvin Caperton and Della Lois Schweizer in Miss Lillian Davis's room.

Beginning with November the school will have a set of educational slides to show the children, on the third Friday afternoon of each month. The public is invited to come to the school house on these afternoons.

Fred Klingback and daughter, Doris, accompanied by F. L. DeBord made a business trip to Arena Valley Friday, eating dinner at the Hugh DeBord home.

Louis and Rollo Penn trapped a coyote a few days ago.

Dick Morrison, of Ontario, was in the community Friday trying to get track of the Bert Cossell well digging equipment which he has purchased and part of which seems to be pretty well scattered over the neighborhood.

The school enrollment is now sixty-one.

Louis DeBord has rented the Klingback homestead up the river for the coming year and will take possession immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Schweizer and daughter Lois attended the Hi-Jinks at Nyssa school Saturday evening.

Chas Fisher brought a load of barley to Fred Klingback's feed grinder Friday, the grinding being done for Albert Caperton who is fattening a bunch of hogs for market.

Bob Elliott and family of Nyssa have rented the Clarence McConnell ranch and will move out in the course of a few weeks.

At the recent P. T. A. meeting Mrs. Floyd Shatto was elected vice president and Miss Gladys Kygar, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Denning of Parma were guests to dinner at the Lowe home Sunday.

Dr. Sarasin was calling professionally in the community Friday.

Mrs. John Wall and children were guests at the Lowe home Friday, calling also at Klingback's.

Miss Lillian Davis spent the weekend at her home in Vale.

Fred Klingback and children and F. L. DeBord and daughter, Florence were in Ontario Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green of Ontario visited the home folks Sunday. Dempsey Pleasant of Ontario is herding the DeBord sheep in the hills near the ranch.

Juanita, Orville and John Bigelow called at the Klingback home Sunday.

T. M. Lowe and Fred Klingback attended a farm sale on Roswell bench Tuesday.

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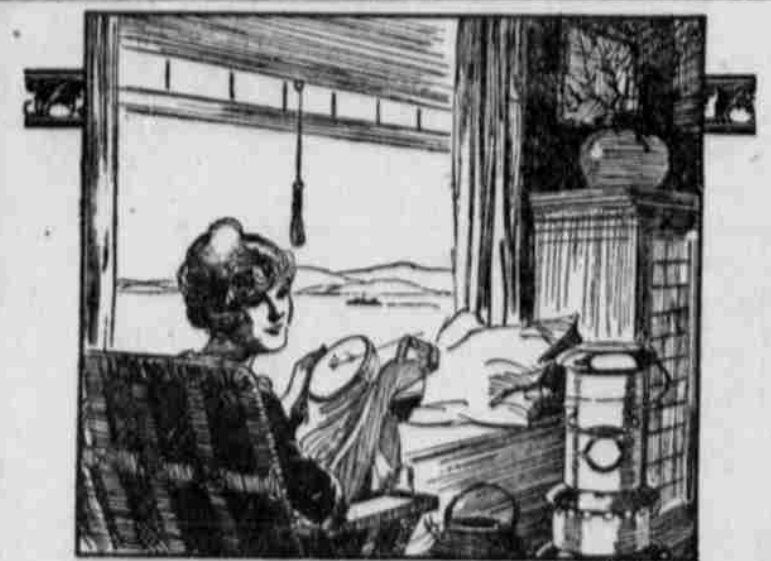
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