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IF
If the Owyhee project with its potential wealth and possibilities was located within ten to 100 miles of Portland what a fight that community, and the members of the Oregon delegation in Congress would make for its construction.

Portland with its fighting spirit would make Washington howl, and the roar which the delegation in Congress would hear would stimulate real action.

That is the difficulty we of Eastern Oregon, and particularly here in Malheur county must undergo. We are too far away from the location of the big vote to get a real hearing. No doubt the men in Congress mean to do their best. They just do not realize what the Owyhee pro-

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ject means.
Portland wants Oregon to invest three million dollars in an exposition which will be successful if it adds fifty thousand to Oregon's population. The Owyhee project will do that much for the state. It will be a permanent investment returning to Oregon each year products worth many millions more than it cost. It will furnish a real opportunity for those, who coming to see the exposition, want to remain in Oregon. If the exposition is worth while, and we believe it is, then the Owyhee project viewed as a state wide benefit, is more worthwhile. But it is not located near Portland, or it would have been built years ago.

OLCOTT AND SPECIAL SESSION
Having had a dictum from a majority of more than twenty thousand of the voters of Portland concerning their desire for a world-wide exposition for 1925, Governor Olcott has called a special session of the legislature.

It is also significant that the Governor called the lawmakers together for December 19, just six days before Christmas. The Governor has had one experience with a special session and evidently does not intend to get burned twice in the same place and in the same way.

It will take the lawmakers at least one day to get their organization to working. It will take one or perhaps two days to consider the exposition bill and another one, or perhaps two, to enact a measure for road protection, and it takes at least two days for some of the boys to get home from Salem—and they will all want to be home for Christmas. Ben's pretty smart, we say.

But even the calling of the session is not going to add much water to Ben's political wheel. Those who oppose the fair object to the Governor's office being made use of to promote it; yet their contention is not valid, for had he refused, it is apparent, after the Portland vote, that sufficient signatures could have been secured in Portland alone to put the measure on the ballot.

This goes to prove that under the initiative and referendum the big cities have a decided advantage over the smaller town and the country districts.

Anyway, the session has been called and the politically minded members of that body with their ears to the ground are listening to the rumbles and worries over what to do. And they want—have much time to ponder—that is what makes some of the boys a trifle hostile, at Ben for putting them in a hole.

PLAYING SQUARE
We wonder what some of the folks, who when the had plenty of ready money, last year and the year before, to send out of this city for things they might have bought at home, act when they go to our local merchants and charge their account? How do they feel? How should they feel? Are they entitled to credit now?

It is a safe statement that many an Ontario merchant, and many a merchant in every other small town and city is adding to his gray hairs worrying over the accounts he can not pay promptly and keep up his credit rating with the wholesalers and manufacturers; all because those who in their days of prosperity passed him by for a trifle saving, and now expect him to "carry them until times are better."

It would not be so bad if after having shortened the life of the merchant through adding to his burdens and many times criticising him severely and unjustly, those same people, when they get a little cash, instead of paying the local merchant, send their money away again and let the merchant wait. To say the least, the treatment which the local merchants receive from some of their customers is mighty unfair.

There is no denying that all of us, in this and every other community are having our troubles. The farmers were the first to feel the effects of the slump, and have been hard hit. They have lost heavily and they have a struggle before them to get back to where they were before the war.

But the farmer is not alone in this trouble, for when he is injured the entire community suffers, and the present condition is proof positive of this statement. In fact there is misery enough to go around. Everyone has his share of it, some more, some less; but still some.

If the people only knew all the facts they would be astonished at some of the burdens that men who know better compel merchants to carry. They would be surprised too at the effort that is necessary these days to keep many a business going, for the merchant has to pay every month his rent, his help, his insurance, his taxes, his freight and the one hundred and one items

which go to make up his expense account.

One of the big items is the expense of almost every concern is interest; for it is surprising how few business houses there are which, at some season at least, are not compelled to borrow money. Like everything else this interest on borrowed money is added to the expense of the store that gives the credit. Likewise the cost of keeping accounts, the loss of collections add to the burdens of the credit giving store—the store which is now the salvation of many a home.

It is not hard to imagine the hardship which would be visited upon many a home if, right now, every single store in Ontario went upon, a 100 per cent cash basis, like the mail order house. And added to that sold its goods unsight, unseen and added the cost of delivery too, which the customer pays when he pays the postage, freight or express.

While there may be local merchants who are not paragons of virtue, when one thinks of the treatment they sometimes receive from those whom they give their goods and trust for pay, it is not entirely to be wondered at.

In matters of this kind the good of the entire community, its interests and its happiness would be vastly increased by a little application of that glorious principle—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

WAKING UP
Civilian America has just discovered another World War hero. Efforts are being made at this writing to promote Sergeant Samuel Woodfill, who as lieutenant in the 60th Infantry, won the Congressional Medal of Honor, to the grade of captain.

Two years ago America discovered Sergeant Alvin C. York. The country's sudden awakening to the feat of Sergeant Woodfill bears a close parallel to the earlier case. In each instance the story of the soldier's prowess was unearthed through no effort of self-advertisement on the part of the soldier himself. In the case of Woodfill, Representative Woodruff, himself a veteran, has specifically stated on the floor of Congress: "By no word or act of his did he attempt to call the attention of his comrades to anything he had done himself."

The hundreds of thousands of veterans who do not wear the Congressional Medal of Honor rejoice in the tardy general recognition awarded men who are already famous in the eyes of their buddies. More than fifty World War Medal of Honor men still live. Two have won universal acclamation. When the other two score and more have been recognized, when the thousands of wearers of the Distinguished Service Cross are acknowledged, when the public awakes to the fact that thirty thousand veterans are in hospitals and twenty times that number are out of jobs, we shall have less cause to bemoan the ingratitude of republics. If America chooses to recognize them one at a time—well that's something.—American Legion Weekly.

—AND A FEW MARINES
The news that Lejeune's men were to ride on mail wagons to be sure they arrived at their destinations intact was received with cheer by detractors of the postal service. We can fancy one chronic kicker to the next: "How did you get your mail this morning?" and the reply, "With the help of God and a few Marines."—American Legion Weekly.

There is still time for those who have not the little button with the Red Cross upon it, to see one of the workers and enroll. No dollar ever went to a nobler cause.

OREGON SLOPE
The basket supper given at the Park school house Wednesday evening for the basket ball fund was a decided success. A fine Thanksgiving program by the pupils was greatly enjoyed by all.

P. M. Boals and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Karst, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lattig, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brethaupt and Walter Davis and family enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner together at the Walter Davis home. Covers were laid for eighteen.

Several from the flat attended the Lyceum number at Payette Friday evening.

Miss Gertrude Boals was the guest of Miss Ethlyn Cornelison of Payette Tuesday evening, where several girls enjoyed a slumber party.

Mrs. Phipps has been very ill the past week.

P. M. Boals was a business visitor at Vale Friday.

The basket social at Pioneer school house Friday evening was well attended and a general good time is reported.

Mrs. Kuehl who is teaching near Weiser, spent her Thanksgiving vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conner entertained at dinner Thanksgiving. The guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Burns of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Greene of Jonathan, Mr. and Mrs. O. Connor and Misses Grace and Geraldine Martin of Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Clough, Misses Marie Howard and Mary Conner and Arthur Conner and Milo Loveland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Chapman of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Miller and family and L. Culbertson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vincent Thanksgiving day.

Miss Marie Howard spent several days last week with Mrs. Jacob Jensen.

Jack and Allen Barker who have spent the last two months at the Miller ranch, started the first of last week for their home in Portland, by auto. Word received from them states that they left their auto in a snow drift near Hood River and completed their journey by train.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vincent were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnston of Payette.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sullivan entertained the following guests at Thanksgiving dinner: Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Sullivan and sons Clarence and Tom, of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Barker and family of Fruitland, and Clarence Barker and son.

The directors of the Pioneer district are repairing the school building this week.

Mrs. A. M. Johnston spent her Thanksgiving with Mrs. Frye of Nysa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanning of Weiser, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arner Gorton.

Mrs. E. L. Brown and L. L. Culbertson, Geo. Lattig and O. C. Miller were business visitors in Weiser Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arner Gorton were Thanksgiving guests at the Loveland home in Payette.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howard and daughter, Marie, Mary Conner and Messrs. Milo Loveland and Art Conner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brown entertained a number of friends at their home on Thanksgiving day. An elaborate dinner was served, everything being suggestive of the holiday. The guests were, Messrs. and Mrs. James Stanley Brown, E. Frost, E. L. Brown, Misses Mildred Frost and Rose West, Messrs. Ray Putnam, A. Carstens and Bernard Frost.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beizer were delightfully entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McDonald of Payette, Tuesday evening. Music was enjoyed throughout the evening.

Tom Carico was compelled to shoot one of his most valuable horses Monday, as the animal in some manner, had his leg broken while in the pasture.

S. J. Simpson and family were dinner guests at the Tom Carico home on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilcox entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stephens at dinner Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Geo. Thomas and Mrs. Mason Clough spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jonas Brown.

The Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of C. M. Atterbury and family were, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lauer and son, Ralph, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Welcher.

The wind storm Friday blew down a hay stack on the Geo. Culp ranch.

Miss Mildred Frost returned to her school work near Huntington, Saturday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES
Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m. Classes for all ages.
Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. Subject: "The Supreme Revelation." John 3-16.
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