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**GET THE GOOD OUT OF IT**

The very candid story concerning the Warm Springs Irrigation district which the Portland Telegram printed under the name of its staff writer, Henry Hansen will be a great injury or a blessing just as the people within the district determine.

The statements concerning the financial condition of the district were quoted from a memorial which the directors themselves prepared and had sent forward to Representative Sinoott as the basis for beginning an appeal for Congressional relief. Since they made these statements themselves they cannot now condemn the Telegram for publishing them. We believe that they were printed in the Vale Enterprise at the time the memorial was prepared, and thus were given to the public and any of the metropolitan papers might at that time have secured them.

Since the directors of the Warm Springs in their Memorial to Congress related their financial status and thus it can not be disputed, the thing to be done is not to condemn the Telegram for printing the story which the directors themselves made public; but to make a definite effort to place the people of the district upon a permanently profitable basis.

This is the one hope of salvation. It has been proven that improved agriculture will save a situation as desperate as the Warm Springs directors admit theirs to be. The object lesson is not so far away that it need be disputed; it can be found down at Jerome and Wendell, Idaho where through the introduction of the dairy cow R. E. Shepard manager of the North Side Twin Falls Tract has already strengthened the market for the bonds of that district in less than a year. Furthermore though hundreds of cows have been placed in the hands of ranchers there, more are to follow.

From a region which secured little or nothing from dairying there is being paid every day to the farmers of that tract \$1,500 and they plan to increase this to \$10,000. With their present income the settlers are beginning to see daylight ahead of them. It is also true that from the proportion set aside from each cream check to pay for the cows originally purchased these animals are now, in a majority of the cases, the property of the ranchers.

Mr. Shepard faced a problem as difficult of solution as that of the Warm Springs. In solving it he has done the district and the entire state of Idaho a real service. He has led the way to a stabilized agriculture in the Jerome and Wendell sections. The Warm Springs District can do the same thing for Malheur county, Oregon. We believe that should the Warm Springs District secure for the management of its affairs a man of Mr. Shepard's vision and ability it can turn its present predicament into a blessing and serve not only itself and its people, but the entire county and state.

Such a procedure calls for hard work and perhaps years of effort, but it will be worth while. Nothing else will suffice. It is needless to observe that though the form of the obligation be changed and the government enter the field, still the bonds are out against the project, the cost must be paid from the products of the land. If more favorable terms can be secured by government co-operation of course the people should endeavor to secure that aid, and are justified in so doing. This however, should not be the only plan followed or depended upon.

Efforts should be made now to assist the settlers on the lands to succeed so that others will be attracted to settle beside them. This is the hope of all this region. The Warm Springs is not alone in facing a hard

problem. Practically every irrigation project in the West, in varying degree, it is true, is up against the same difficulty.

This calls for a united effort on the part of the people on the lands and in the towns. No matter how magnificent may be the plans for boosting this region, unless, first the prosperity of the ranchers now here is secured they will fail, for the one bid we have to make for other settlers is that those now operating properties here are producing profitable crops under living conditions which appeal to Americans.

**THE AMERICAN FARMER VS THE SLAVIC COAL MINER?**

If the farmers went on strike would the railroad men stop gardening in sympathy?

If the farmers went on strike would the railroad men see their children starve rather than make the effort to get food for them? We believe not.

The coal miners who have been on strike for months have shown what they think of the right of every man to his job. They have raised gardens, milked cows and entered directly into competition with the farmer.

Of course it is all right for a railroad man or a coal miner to compete with the farmer—so the railroad men think—and the coal miner too—but if a poor rancher, who has gone broke trying to raise crops at the prices received the past few years; were to go now and take one of the jobs which these railroad men, or miners left, imagine the howl that they would raise.

The one good thing contained in President Harding's message to congress was the admission that the country is at the mercy of the United Mine Workers of America. It is well that this fact be faced. Not until the people admit the danger of a condition will they set about trying to correct it.

It is about time that the people know that they are at the mercy of the United Mine Workers of America; and to know too; that the membership of the United Mine Workers is fully 65 per cent Slavic, that over half of the members, it is safe to say, are not even citizens of the United States.

This is a fine state of affairs. The President of the United States openly admits that a nation of One Hundred Millions of people is at the mercy of four hundred thousand coal miners, not half of whom are its citizens.

Talk about being dominated by foreign influence, should we enter the League of nations? According to President Harding's own statement we have foreign interference right here now.

**IRONSIDE NEWS**

Miss Mary Lackey of Ontario, spent the past week here as the guest of Miss Dottie Locey.

Among those from here who attended the dance at Malheur City Saturday night were, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beam and daughter Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lawrence, Zetta Lawrence, Fred Reed, Ralph Harvey, G. A. Tureman, Chas. Seaton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wise and daughter Blanche, Fay Wise, Bill Hall, Fred Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derick, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Locey, Dottie and Carol Locey.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family of Brogan, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Myers have resigned their position with the Eastern Oregon Land Co. at Ironside, and are now working for Stanfield Co. at Malheur river.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taylor of Chico, California, visited relatives and friends here a couple of days the first of the week, touring to points in Idaho.

Mrs. H. C. Elms returned Friday from a huckleberry trip on Beaver creek.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nickols and son, Oral, and Miss Hazel Van Buran of Welsler, returned from a trip in the mountains near Beaver creek.

Sylvester Rise has returned home from Baker, where he has been very ill from a rattlesnake bite on the hand, which he received two years ago.

Ray Duncan made a business trip to the county seat Monday.

Dan Matherson and son, of Emmett, brought in a load of fine watermelons and canteloupes Wednesday.

Mr. McLeod and Wm. Tureman made a business trip to Vale Monday.

C. R. Emison of Ontario, was an Ironside visitor Wednesday.

J. A. Bullock and family of Kansas City, were overnight visitors enroute to the coast.

John Scott of California, and Mr. Seabery of Texas, were at the Ironside camp grounds Tuesday, going to Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Westfall, are working at W. Lofton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawrence were overnight visitors here one day this week, returning to their home at Unity from Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Welsch of Malheur river, were guests of Mrs. Fred Lawrence Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan and Mrs. S. D. Duncan and sons Walter and Merwin, left for Dixie Mountain for a hunting trip.

Muligan Bros. were Ironside visitors Thursday.

Before selling your grain or seed see Andrews Grain Co. (Boyer Building), Ontario, Oregon.

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