

Oregon Journal

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40,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow land and 200,000,000 acres of logged-off lands for governmental, state and private forces to reclaim.

Twenty-five irrigation projects constructed by the government have put under water, at a cost of \$120,000,000, about 2,000,000 acres of land that had added \$500,000,000 to the wealth of the country.

Why is congress unable to see that money appropriated for reclamation is as much in behalf of national defense as the equipping of an army?

MR. THOMAS' SEVENTH JUNKET... The voters defeated the 5-mill tax levy at the recent Portland school election, the new board, at its first meeting, authorized Director Thomas to go East on his seventh junket.

It will be observed that the last trip of Director Thomas cost the taxpayers \$113,975. It will also be observed that, beginning with a fairly modest expense account, each new trip by Director Thomas increased in cost. Just what will be the cost of the new junket by Director Thomas which the board has authorized?

It will also be observed that Mr. Thomas' trips become more numerous year by year. He made one trip each in 1918 and 1919, but made three in 1920, and four in 1921.

The board ought to rescind this action. What possible end can Director Thomas serve the schools of Portland by filling a place on the program at the N. E. A. convention? Is Mr. Thomas the expert on education that Portland wishes to send to Des Moines to instruct the teachers of America how to conduct their classes?

They say Mr. Thomas wishes to go to Washington to get \$25,000 for the Benson Tech. Whom will he get it from? If he can get it, why cannot Oregon's representatives in congress get it? Haven't they hitherto much standing and prestige at Washington as Director Thomas?

His CONFISCATED LOT... WHEN he bought a certain Portland lot, it was his plan to build on it a home for himself and family.

THE RECLAMATION SERVICE has acquired an income as well as a budget of expense. Arthur P. Davis, director of the bureau, testified before the senate and house committees, which had under consideration the McNary-Smith bill, that its income this year will be \$5,000,000.

looked forward to a day when they would have a little fireside all their own with a green lawn and flowers in the dooryard, have seen their hopes swept away by assessments piled up against the lot that had been purchased.

And here is a question: In morals, has the municipal corporation the right to pile on assessment after assessment until they finally amount to practical confiscation?

Can any city afford to make the terms of home building so severe as to make it impossible for some people to own homes?

RAILROADS AND REVOLUTIONISTS... WHAT attention can the railroads pay to the action of the Washington board of public works in suspending application of the new rates in the Columbia rate case?

THE RAILROADS know full well where their duty lies—apply the rates in accordance with the findings of the interstate commerce commission and let the Washington revolutionists go to the courts.

SHARPERS AND THEIR PREY... THAT pawnbrokers and other money lenders in Portland are "approaching ex-service men with tenders of ready money in exchange for an assignment of their bonus claims" under the new war veterans' state aid act, is a statement made by Henry Boyd, president of Post 1 of the American Legion.

Here is confirmation of the contention of The Journal that members of the American Legion would be steadfast in insisting that the law should be administered in a way to uphold the integrity of the act and in a manner to uphold the honor of the Legion. President Boyd is leading the way, and it will be found that his hand will be upheld by the mass of Legion membership.

RESCUED!... EVERYTHING is quiet again in Chicago. The beleaguered but defenseless men have been rescued from a horrible fate. Late reports indicate that conditions have returned to normal. Here was the cause of the trouble:

THE CONVICT SHIP Success is again exhibited in New York. You may see her dungeons cells, without ventilation or light, her whiplike punishment balls, man racks and straight-jackets. When those things were used there were 145 capital crimes. The law books. And all that seemed perfectly right at that time.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE... (Communications sent to The Journal for publication should be addressed to the Editor, 1010 Commercial Street, Portland, Oregon.)

There are things that "seem perfectly right" and which later on will be hard to believe. For instance: Twenty-five thousand mothers die in this country every year in childbirth.

Does this create a cycle in perpetual motion? Capitalism has made certain its own end. It topples, and great will be the difference between capitalism and socialism.

SOZZETTE'S BABY—DEAD MORE THOUGHT? WHAT KIND? UNHULLED SWEET CLOVER... Suzette has lost her baby—too much civilization, Suzette, a lady chimpanzee, had spent some time in the jungle.

AGED VETERAN DOUBTS IF MODERN PRESCRIPTIONS WILL WORK... Soldiers' Home, Oregon, June 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Old back numbers, like the writer of this article, have little part in the affairs of the world.

A LIFE FOR A LIFE... Scripture Quoted to Sustain the Capital Punishment Code. Portland, June 24.—To the Editor of The Journal—In The Journal of June 21, under the caption "A Failure," you ask: "Has anyone recorded the lives of those who have followed the retraction of the capital punishment law?"

THE NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE... From the Salem Capital Journal. The nigger in the woodpile is a metaphorical expression used to describe a person who is hidden or overlooked.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY... Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON NOTES... J. R. Boyd, who settled in Lane county in 1852, died a few days ago at Goble, aged 75.

OREGON NOTES... Between 150 and 200 tourists are registered daily at the Salem automobile camp grounds.

OREGON NOTES... Contract has been awarded for paving the public streets of the city of Marysville within the corporate limits of Dallas.

OREGON NOTES... Miss Mary Fale, Red Cross nurse, has located 60 ex-service men in Coos county who are entitled to government help of some.

OREGON NOTES... Teams and men are busy breaking a roadway through the snows leading to the Quilliam resort will soon be opened to guests.

OREGON NOTES... Assets of the Coquille Lumber mills, recently placed in the hands of a receiver, are valued at \$200,000 and the liabilities at \$140,000.

OREGON NOTES... The loganberry crop, experts estimate, will be about 100,000 bushels in this county this year, and there will be about 150,000 bushels in the state.

OREGON NOTES... Farmers along the road have taken up all the bonds for the Brownville-Hardness road, and the road will be completed this summer.

OREGON NOTES... Mrs. James Foster, early Oregon pioneer, who had made her home in Lakeview, died at the age of 82 years.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

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