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THE WORK ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY IN MARION COUNTY IS BEING PUSHED.

The work on the Pacific Highway in Marion county is being pushed. But it will not all be finished this year.

The nature of some of the work to the south of Salem precludes this possibility.

Marion county will finish her part of the work this year; will finish all the grading.

On the stretch of the Highway from Aurora to the Sam Brown place, just north of Gervais, the county has completed all the grading but four miles. The contractors on that stretch have been delayed for various reasons, but they have been assembling materials, and they will soon be in position to show some of the finished product.

On the next stretch, from the Sam Brown place to within four miles of the end of the paved county road beyond the State Fair Grounds, there is a stretch of three-quarters of a mile, through Brooks, that is finished and in actual use. And there is another mile on the north end of this contract that is also finished and in use. The contractor has his work well in hand, and it will not be many weeks till that stretch is all finished and in use.

As the reader will notice, this will leave a hiatus of four miles.

The contract on that four miles has not been let.

It should be let, and in time so that it can be finished during the present construction season.

Marion county has six grading crews at work south of Salem. The contractors on the six miles from Jefferson towards Salem will begin laying rock next week and they will begin to have a finished paved road by July 1.

But that is all the paved road there will be on the Pacific Highway in Marion county south of Salem this year.

The grading requires a lot of deep cuts and high fills, and, while this will all be finished this year, and the rock put on, according to the promise of the State Highway Commission, it will have to stand and settle till next year, before the binding surface is put on.

There, the reader has it. There will be a paved road all the way from Salem to Portland this year, excepting in one short stretch—if the four-mile hiatus is attended to; quickly.

The exception is a stretch between Aurora and Canby, which will be too new this year for the binding surface; as there are a lot of fills that will have to settle.

It is to be presumed that the four mile hiatus north of Salem will be attended to.

THIS IS RATHER HOT STUFF.

Editor Statesman:

As you are kind enough to answer all questions, I would like to ask one "Where are we at?" Only a few days ago, I stood watching a parade in honor of our soldiers; saw a beautiful bouquet lodged in the drift on the waters of Mill creek in honor of our marines.

Today I read the Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines' educational bill was badly beaten in Marion county.

In the same paper on page three, I read "Celebration Plans Are Soon to Be Announced," plans for the Fourth of July celebration and home-coming for the men who served in the late war; farther down the page it says: "It is strictly our duty to show the boys that we are glad they went for the reason they did."

Of course; we are glad they went, but we have missed our chance to show it.

It should have been shown at the polls on June 3, not on July 4, with a dinner and display of a few flags.

What will we say to the boys of Marion and Polk counties at that dinner?

I am proud to say I voted "Yes" on the bill, but I will be ashamed to meet those boys at a dinner or celebration, for they know it will be only a show.

They will ask, did Marion county support the bill?

If Uncle Sam calls for boys again, will those same boys go as willingly as they did before?

No, never.

They will ask again, did Marion county support the educational bill?

What will we say to the fathers and mothers of those boys (Mr. Editor, you had a son there) that have aged and suffered while their boys were in France?

Will a dinner pay for their suffering?

Never.

Are we selfish to vote \$850,000 for good roads and not one cent to help our boys?

I did not have a son in France, but I voted "Yes" on the bill, and yet I'm ashamed for Marion county.

How do you people feel who voted \$850,000 for roads and not one cent for our brave boys?

Is Decoration Day a fad?

Will our Fourth of July celebration be a farce?

In the face of the facts, yes.

—A Friend of Our Boys.

Salem, Or., June 4, 1919.

Remember the pageant.

The good ship George Washington is making its regular trips overseas. It does not seem to be afraid of foreign entanglements.

There is a man in this town who is saving money by waiting to do his correspondence till July 1, when the postage rate drops to two cents.

Former Crown Prince Frederick William has fallen off his motorcycle and injured his arm. Judging from his pictures he would be just the kind of man to take to a motorcycle. —Los Angeles Times. What

is the matter with a man who takes to a motorcycle? In your mind, probably, on all fours with the old gag about the man who fiddled never amounting to anything. But look at Paderewski.

The cigarettes you smell that are so strong you must be gassed when you light them are the kind that do not advertise. —Exchange.

Only the five million dollar bonding scheme and the measure for a lieutenant governor seem to have failed at Tuesday's election. The reconstruction hospital amendment to the constitution will, however,

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be inoperative, owing to the failure of the bonding measure by which the funds would have been provided.

It is pretty hard to please the bakers. They are now objecting to night work. So nobody will want to work o' nights but astronomers and newspaper reporters.—Exchange.

A good deal of talk going the rounds just now as to what should be substituted for the saloon. Nobody has thought about suggesting the home.

You ought to hear what the little girl says about the Democratic party when she orders an ice cream cone and is soaked six cents for it.—Exchange.

The returned soldiers are taking charge in Canada, and the reds and aliens will have to clear out or sing low. It will be the same way on this side of the international line.

THE HIGH SCORE

General Villa has proclaimed himself Minister of Fomento in Mexico. As a fomento Villa could score about 100 per cent. efficiency in an unceasing service examination.

TO CUBA AND BACK

An aerial freight service between Florida and Cuba has been established. The smuggling of Havana cigars into this country may take on winged activities. As it is now, when a Key West woman has a kimono she calls it a Havana wrapper.

THE STEEL BONNET

A Connecticut munitions plant is said to be contemplating the manufacture of German helmets as souvenirs in connection with other peace-time activities. The boys brought back thousands of the helmets, but there are not enough of them to go around.

GRAVE CRIMES

The Bolsheviks in Russia have robbed an American newspaper correspondent. That ought to be ground enough for a war or the speeding up of the League of Nations. There are some crimes it is hard to condone, and one of them is pilfering from a reporter.

SEES END OF BIG FORTUNES

Croesus and his ilk hereafter will have no place in the hall of fame, so far as the United States is concerned, for the days of accumulation of great fortunes have passed, according to Guy Huston, president of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago.

The banker was the principal speaker at the annual banquet and meeting of the Minnesota Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association recently when he prophesied that there never can be another great fortune, such as exists today, with the continued operation of the income tax law.

If the tax does not take away a large share of the earnings in the lifetime of the accumulator, the inheritance tax makes up for that partial neglect, the financier said.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

FARMERS VERSUS STATE SOCIALISM

North Dakota is about to hold an election of epochal importance to every state in the Union. On June 26 the voters of that commonwealth will be asked to pass judgment on state Socialism.

For the first time in history the weapons of the initiative and referendum will be turned against the radicals who designed them. Machine government in North Dakota has become so oppressive that the farmers have risen in rebellion. Under the adroit autocracy of the Townley crowd Socialism is already in possession of the governor, the legislature, the judiciary and nearly all the state offices. It is backed by plenty of boodle and an extensively subsidized press. The farmers rely solely on the merits of their case

and the wrongs that they have suffered.

At the last general election the voters in North Dakota were grievously misled by the fake promises and clever misrepresentations of the so-called Nonpartisan League and its president, A. C. Townley. Taking a leaf from the Hiram Johnson book in California, Townley posed as a Republican and, having obtained control of the Republican organization in North Dakota, proceeded to use it for his own personal aggrandizement. Thus he contrived to saddle on the farmers of the state his own political machine. Bismarck went Sacramento one better.

Before the war the farmers had been dissatisfied with the prices they were getting for their wheat. When A. C. Townley in 1914 organized the Nonpartisan League for the avowed relief of the farmers they responded eagerly to his glittering representations. In 1916 the league was strong enough to capture the Republican party. The chief bait held out to the agricultural population was the establishment of a terminal elevator, owned and operated by the state. By the magic of misreason this was expected at once to bring wealth and prosperity to every struggling farmer.

In 1916—still posing officially as the Republican party—the league made a clean sweep of the state. The state elevator bill, to the delight of the farmers, passed the legislature. Then, under instructions from Grand Master Townley, Gov. Frazier vetoed it.

The reason for this double-crossing of the farmers by the Nonpartisan League was obvious. The league president did not want the bill to become a law because its enactment might put a damper on his whole campaign of discontent and thus interfere with the larger aims he had in view.

Townley's real political objects, however, were demonstrated by the measures that were actually adopted and approved by the governor. One of these empowered the state to engage in industrial enterprises of any kind; by another the bonded indebtedness of the state was raised to "the limit of the sky." When the farmers realized that Townley would be practically the business manager and treasurer under these blanket

powers of administration they began to sit up and take notice.

Four arbitrary measures were passed in 1919 which showed even more clearly the real aims of the Nonpartisan League.

(1.) The industrial commission law, operated by three members, with general powers over all utilities and businesses in the state.

(2.) The Bank of North Dakota law, which practically handed over all North Dakota banks to the custody of the Nonpartisan League.

(3.) The Mill and Elevator Association law, providing that the state shall establish a system of elevators, flour mills, factories, manufacturing plants, etc.

(4.) The Home Building Association law, by which the state shall engage in the enterprise of providing homes for its residents and exercise the right of eminent domain.

Bonds for these purposes were authorized as follows: \$2,000,000 for the bank; \$5,000,000 for the Elevator Association and \$10,000,000 for the Home Building Association. These were to be all administered by three commissioners, who, of course, would be appointed by Mr. Townley. An extensive new system of taxation was tagged on to the program.

It was then that the farmers of North Dakota revolted and demanded that the whole case be submitted to a vote of the people. The legislature of North Dakota was controlled by one man who knew what he wanted and had his followers well disciplined.

This revolt against their autocratic authority caused a flurry in the inner circle at Bismarck. The Townley gang vigorously opposed any tampering with their schemes by the common people. So the farmers formed a league of their own and invoked the initiative and referendum. By the referendum they sought to reverse the blanket power the state machine was planning to assume and by the initiative to substitute relief measures of their own, as applied solely to the marketing of their farm products.

The petition filed called for an election to be held on July 8, in order that both the measures might be passed on at the same time. In a few days 17,000 signatures were attached to the petition and the number rapidly grew to 30,000. Even

by straining the state constitution the Townleyites could not defeat this expressed will of the voters. But the governor did the best he could for his Boss Townley. He changed the date of the special election to June 26, thus preventing the initiative measures from going on the ballot. By this move he hoped to persuade the farmers that if they voted the negation of the machine program they would inevitably lose the state grain elevator, which was the only item in the non-partisan program that they really desired.

So now the big fight is on. In spite of the wriggling of Gov. Frazier and the bulldozing of Townley, the issue is a clean-cut fight between the farmers of North Dakota and the Townley-owned political machine. The Nonpartisan League is led by straight Socialists, very few of whom own any land in the state and most of whom are outsiders, not having any permanent residence or paying any taxes in North Dakota.

It looked for a time like all the states of the West were in for a run of the Nonpartisan League plague.

It has operated in some parts of Oregon, especially east of the Cascades.

But, thanks to the now disillusioned farmers of North Dakota, perhaps the end of this serpent of Socialism is in sight.

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ABOUT FLU

Just a word as to what Flu is. In Spain it is Influenza; in Russia it is Russian Fever; in France it is La Grippe; in Germany it is Grippe; in this country it is known as Grippe, "Spanish Flu," Epidemic Catarrh, Epidemic Bronchitis.

Flu or Grippe is supposed to be an acute infectious disease. It does not always infect persons exposed to its infection. It sometimes occurs as a symptomatic disease.

The history of "Flu" or Grippe epidemics shows a wide variation in the severity of the disease.

Flu appears in at least three definite types of disease:

1st—Respiratory disorders.
2nd—Gastro-enteric disorders.
3rd—Nervous disorders.

These various types will be discussed in our next.

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