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JUST THINK THAT WAY.

(By Frank L. Stanton)

If the rain won't fill up the lily's cup
An' the sun won't shine, we'd be burnin' up!
See think that way
On the rainy way,
An' you won't have nothin' 'gainst the rainy day!

If trouble misad you all the time, old boy,
You'd sure get tired of the whirl with joy!
See think that way,
An' they ain't no doubt
You won't get lonesome for the time ter shout!

With its sigh an' singin', with its joy an' weep,
It's a queer world, people, but you make it so!
See finger plain
On its peace an' pain
An' you'll find more reason in the time o' rain!

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THE JOHN DAY PROJECT

UMATILLA county has but little knowledge of the wonderful results being attained in the Boardman region by settlers under the west extension of the Umatilla project. Nor have we any proper conception of what it would mean to have the John Day project carried out, watering all the way from 122,000 acres up to a possible 300,000 acres, or even 400,000 acres.

Some idea of the situation was obtained yesterday by those who went to Boardman, viewed the fertile alfalfa fields in that section and heard explanations regarding the John Day project. Those who made the trip had their eyes opened and came home enthused over the possibilities for the future. The land in that region is well adapted to irrigation. The soil is good and the contour of the land favorable for reclamation. There are many who declare that in these respects the land under the John Day project excels the land reclaimed under the Umatilla project. It is predicted that with the John Day project carried out the region between Umatilla and Willow creek will become a second Yakima.

Nor is it too much to hope that the project can be put over. Other western states have secured federal projects just as large as this in the past and Oregon, being far behind in the amount of reclamation money secured should be able to present a strong case in behalf of the John Day project. Our position is further enhanced by the fact Senator McNary is chairman of the senate committee on irrigation and Congressman Sinnott is head of the public lands committee in the house.

From knowledge at hand the John Day project stands forth as the most favorable federal project in the state if not in the entire west. Pendleton and all other towns in this region can afford to join heartily in every move to secure action.

THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

THE fact that a man the calibre of Daniel Roper is predicting the railroads may have to go back under governmental control shows the seriousness of the transportation system. Much has been said of the deficit incurred under private control will be still heavier. Though the roads have been given a \$300,000,000 revolving fund and are guaranteed six per cent interest on their investment they are still up against it and think they must have a half billion dollar government loan.

Some features of the problem with suggested remedies are discussed in the following editorial in the St. Louis Post Dispatch:

must awaken in order to meet it, has four phases, more or less interstate Commerce Commission is awakening and the public must awaken in order to meet it, has four phases, more or less menacing:

1. The present congestion of freight in terminals and sidings caused by the switchmen's strike and the shortage of equipment.
2. Shortage of equipment with increasing demand.
3. Insistent demands of railroad employees for large increases of wages, coupled with the menace of a complete tieup of the railroads.
4. Inadequate working capital and insufficient rates to meet any of these emergencies.

The key to the solution of the problem, in the opinion of practical railroad men, is a government loan, in addition to the revolving fund of \$300,000,000 and an increase in freight rates, adequate to meet increased wages and other costs of transportation.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is preparing to relieve the freight congestion by rigid priority rulings which will check the shipment of all non-essentials until the yards are cleared. The effect on general business, temporarily, will be drastic.

For the other menacing problems the only solution is a loan for the purchase of equipment and increased freight rates to meet the increase of cost.

If the railroad brotherhoods should be satisfied in wage demands the actual percentage of increased cost in transportation would not be great, nor would an adequate freight rate add a large percentage of increase to the actual cost of manufacture or the selling prices of commodities, but increases of wages and freight rates are invariably made excuses for higher prices, so that the public suffers unnecessary hardships from both. Mr. Lauck, the statistician of the railroad brotherhoods, showed that the increased labor cost of shoes was only one-twentieth of the increased price.

The public must be prepared to concede something in freight rates and increased costs to put the railroads on their feet and to maintain transportation service adequate to the needs of the country. Further sacrifices are necessary to the public welfare, but they should be as light as possible and wholly relieved of profiteering, with which the people are now greatly afflicted. The worst that could happen would be a continuation of chaotic congestion or at least of transportation. Either of these must be averted to save the business of the country, upon which all life and prosperity depend.

Certain students at the University of Washington have been suspended for cheating. The action was initiated not by the faculty but by the student discipline committee which is backed by seven student organizations that have voted to uphold the honor system and "Call" any student found cheating. The sentiment shown is wholesome and proves the students understand that those who cheat do not cheat the school but themselves.

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