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Cost Plus Contracts

The state Irrigation and Drainage Securities Commission has a second time refused to approve plans for the development of the Jefferson Water Conservation district, formerly the North Unit of the Big Deschutes project. The action of the Commission is to be commended, though it meets strong objection from property owners of the district who are impatient at delay. It will save them from the certain consequences of their own folly and eventual bankruptcy. The Commission's refusal is based upon objections to the cost-plus contract proposed and to the sale of district bonds at 82 cents on the dollar, as well as to the lack of practical colonization plans necessary to develop the district. Under the plans offered, the land owners would not have received more than fifty cents of each dollar expended for development work.

The Grants Pass Irrigation district offers an excellent illustration of the beauties of the cost-plus contract and discounted bond sales system. Under it, the cost of irrigating the district lands increased from an estimated \$45 an acre to \$143. What was estimated to cost \$300,000 actually cost \$1,390,000 in district bonds—and Grants Pass district bonds were sold at 90 cents instead of 82. The same bond buyer and the same contractor who fleeced the Grants Pass district, proposed to duplicate the operation in the Jefferson district, so a glance at actual operations conducted at Grants Pass is enlightening. The cost plus contract paid a profit to the contractor of 15 percent on expenditures, including rentals of equipment and transportation as well as payroll. An expenditure of \$2150 a month or \$25,800 a year, plus expenses, for contractor's superintendents and foremen, paid with 15 percent additional was forced upon the district. All the autos the contractor desired were furnished by the district, except one, which the district rented from the contractor at \$100 a month plus cost of operation, maintenance, as well as 15 percent additional.

The Grants Pass contractor received in rentals for second-hand equipment more than enough to purchase the equipment new, made a profit on its transportation, made a profit upon all district construction and other expenditures, had all salaries and expenses paid with 15 percent added profit and kept the profit from the commissary and camps built and maintained by the district.

No irrigation district handicapped by excessive costs of construction and excessive interest charges can make good. Because so many have tried to, is what has delayed irrigation development. The emergency that produced the cost-plus contract has long since passed. Labor and materials are abundant and comparatively cheap. There is no excuse for perpetuating the almost criminal conspiracy to rob the farmers upon whom the future development of the state depends.

It is to be hoped that the era of exploiting the irrigation district of Oregon by unscrupulous promoters and greedy bond-brokers and contractors has definitely ended. The welfare of the state is at stake and progress can only be insured by the districts, securing full value for their money. It was to insure this, and impose these safeguards, that the Commission was created.

JURY IN BANKER'S CASE DISAGREES; DISCHARGED

Tacoma, Wash., May 27.—For the second time this week a jury before whom O. S. Larson, former president of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank was tried on the charge of illegally borrowing the funds of the bank, was unable to reach a verdict and was dismissed by Superior Judge M. L. Clifford shortly before noon today. The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

GIRLS BAN EXPENSIVE GRADUATION GOWNS

Tacoma, Wash., May 27.—If any girl graduate of the Lincoln high school here appears at the commencement exercises June 16, clad in a dress costing more than \$15 she will be given her diploma without being allowed to sit with the class on the platform. That was the edict promulgated by the girls of the class today, and a committee of teachers was named to see that it is enforced. Girl graduates, under the decision, will be permitted to wear any kind of a white dress coming within the price limit.

Wool Rates Reduced.

Omaha, Neb., May 27.—Reductions of carload rates on wool in grease in sacks and in bales, from points on the Union Pacific system lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to Boston, Mass., effective June 5 were announced today by Frank W. Robinson, the system's freight traffic manager.

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It is nearly always the case that a "good fellow" makes a bad husband.

The first kiss is hard to get, but the rest are easy.

There would be little talking done if nobody opened his mouth until he had something to say.

People say things are wrong, but they don't seem to know what they are.

Hez Heck Says:

"When you see a good thing comin', turn around and go with it."



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Love's Masquerade

By Idah McGlone Gibson

Enter the Woman

In voluntarily John Davis and George Milton drew their chairs nearer Clavering.

"I thought that you would think that Harry's story gets interesting right here," remarked Clavering, with a sly grin.

"Marriage is always interesting, Milt. Not always pleasurable or comfortable, perhaps, but if we look at it aright it is always interesting. The trouble is that husbands and wives do not seem to get the perspective."

"Then you think, John," smiled Dr. Milton thoughtfully, "that the third person introduces the perspective, as well as the prospective?"

"I do not know whether that's a pun or an epigram," laughed Clavering. "I think you will see though, that up to date Harry hasn't been entirely to blame. Tied to a selfish extravagant woman—I really have been a little sorry for him. Seems to me he has been fairly white so far. I'm afraid I should have 'frown the coop' long before."

"You're delaying things, Jim. Tell us, what does Harry say about the lady who 'rang the bell' with him?"

"I will repeat the sentence I just read," said Clavering. "Then—suddenly—I woke up, and it was a woman who awakened me. 'I had been quite ill and it was my first day at the office for three weeks. I knew that I was looking frailer than ever, for you know, Jim, that every time I catch the slightest cold, that lung of mine fairly blows in remonstrance.'"

"I shall never forget the first time that I saw her. She came into the magazine office to sell a story. 'I heard her voice in the outer room before I saw her. It had a

peculiar resonant quality that I have never heard in the speaking voice of anyone else, man or woman.

"Before I looked upon her I knew from that voice that she was a woman who had 'a sympathy as wide as want and like the sky it would always bend above a suffering world.'"

"Presently she came through the doorway into my office. Her voice had made me very curious. As I heard her coming I rose and walked a few steps toward the door.

"She was very beautiful—a woman anyone would look at the second time. I have often seen women, and of course men, turn on the street and look after her and always there was an expression on their faces was an expression of a modern Pippa and had said to them in passing, 'All is right with the world.'"

"Aside from her mere physical beauty she seemed to radiate a spiritual quality that I have not found in any other person. Her smile was like a caress. She was vibrant with that intangible quality which, for want of a better word, we dub personality."

"After I came to know her, I told her once that she had a man's brain—for she is the most brilliant woman I have ever known—and a woman's heart."

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she insisted that her brain was as feminine as any other part of her, and withal she was the most feminine woman I have ever known.
"As a rule I do not care for brainy women. They always seem to be so egotistical about it, as though no other woman had the qualities of mind and intellectual attainment that belongs to them, but she had been able to eliminate from herself all the silly prejudices and affectations that one finds, or at least I have found up to that time, in every acclaimed intellectual woman I had known.
"I have never known a woman so unaffected, so democratic, so just. Never known one so loyal to her friends, so tolerant of her enemies.
"Many people misunderstood her because in their hypocritical brains there could be no conception of the frankness and generosity of a mind like hers. Her spirit was unquenchable. She did not know the word fear, except as an interesting psychological study."
"He has described Margaret better than I could do it myself," murmured Dr. Milton.
Monday—Margaret.

Will E. Purdy is to be the author of a book entitled "Twenty-five Years of Up's and Down's in Oregon." The copy is practically ready for the printer.

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