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HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAYMEN

Morrow county has bonded itself some \$300,000 to build the O. W. highway. The North end of the county voted favorably on the bond issue. It was a road which would give us access to the county seat. This road is now constructed in Morrow county. Nothing has been done towards construction of the ten miles in Gilliam county. When the state highway map was laid out by the Highway commission, the O. W. Highway was routed from Heppner Junction to Heppner and to Pendleton. A survey has been made of this unconstructed ten miles in Gilliam County. A controversy has arisen between the County Court and the property owners as to the right-of-way for this highway. Last week the state highway commission met in Portland. They ordered a survey of this O. W. highway to leave Willow Creek at Rhea siding, thence running in a north-westerly direction to Arlington. It means that you will have to pull up out of Willow Creek across the flats and down into the deep Alkali Canyon. It means that the O. W. Highway will be within ten miles of Heppner Jct., but that you will be compelled to go on to Arlington, and then back-track to Rhea siding, some 25 or 30 miles out of your way. That you will be compelled to pull long 5 per cent grades in both canyons. Is there a voter in the North end, yea, a voter living along Willow Creek who would have voted for this O. W. bond issue if the road had been located via Rhea siding to Arlington? What of you Willow Creekers? Will it be a pleasure for you to travel to Arlington when your destination is some point east on the Columbia highway? What of your wheat and products? With a down water grade North of Rhea siding, what an economic saving you will make by going over the hills. The highway commission says that it will be over the hills or there will be no road. Then let there be no road, that you may keep your self-respect and honor. Do men respect the given word or are we hearers of "acrap of paper"? Where are you on this matter, Heppner? We recall a visit of county officers and business men, of a meeting addressed by you gentlemen on a bond issue of \$270,000 to construct the O. W. highway. We do not recall that at that time you routed the highway via Rhea siding and Arlington. Are you content to sit back and permit the highway commission to give you any kind of an outlet, just so long as it is an outlet, and in so doing break faith with your people of the North end? Is the manhood of Morrow equal to the political trickery of Gilliam County.

READY FOR NEW YORK FARM BLOC

The national farm bloc conceived and organized by the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington seems to be a growing inspiration to the states where similar blocs are forming, perhaps unconsciously, but none the less certainly. Broad visioned men have come to see that the operations of the farm bloc in Washington have had much to do with the rising tide of returning prosperity and so they see the possibility of beneficial effect if the states come to follow the national example. There is a distinct trend towards the farm bloc idea in the state of New York where it is that that such a move might have the effect of offsetting the line of cleavage between the country districts and the great metropolis. New York City has contended for years that it has been ruled from Albany by country legislators who know nothing of the requirements of city life. The friction has been so intense that there have sprung up movements even looking to the forming of the separate state of Manhattan. The New Yorker pays the major portion of the taxes of the state and yet he feels that he has little, if any voice in legislation, even considering the broad city charter granted by the state. The city man, however, is not blind to the needs of agriculture and stands ready to further the welfare of the farmer. The farm bloc idea in the Empire State is likely to bring about a mutually beneficial compromise. When all is said and done, the spirit of tolerance invariably operates for the benefit of the people.

HONEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922

When we are young ambition is fired with the desire to create something, and then as we grow older we see that mankind can't create anything. Often, when it is too late, we learn the lesson—that our time should have been spent in recognizing the things that are created for us rather than trying to create new things and try to steal the job of the divinity. There has been a correct answer to every problem in arithmetic, even before we knew anything about arithmetic, and so there is a solution to every problem in life that confronts us. All we have to do is to find the way. There is no path so thorny but there is a primrose byway that will lead us out into happiness if we only see it. It's there. We don't have to make it. All we need is to recognize it.

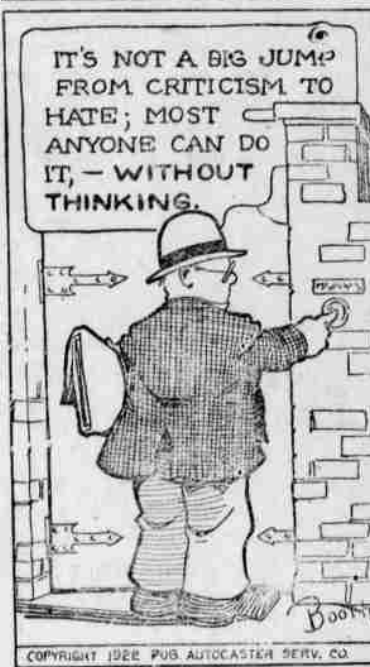
NEW COUNTIES

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A news item tells of a division of Umatilla and Morrow counties to make a new county comprising the territory from Echo to Boardman. This is the second proposal that we have received in the past two months. Arlington submitted a similar suggestion, cleaving the front stoop from the back porch of Gilliam county, Morrow county likewise. What is there about us that produces the appearance of "hicks"? Just why to these "off-side county mavericks" submit to us plans of a separate greatness? When the proper time comes, the bell cow will call in these two long horns and a county will be born radiating from Boardman, which in time will become a state. We view these present proposals with suspicion. We suspect a "lem-sour" in the form of a delinquent tax list which runs in the eighties, just why should we mingle our party with this European "skin sealer". The farming brother to the west now has its dirk aimed at our heart in deliberately pilfering the O. W. highway away from Willow Creek to Arlington. And they would call us county brothers. If it ever comes to pass, we plan to wear shirts that spike to the body.

These outbursts for new counties come from the smallest of men. You, Arlington, come to us to form a new county because Condon, your county seat is giving you the razz. At his very time you are doing a Slamsie with Condon to pull a road away from the very people with whom you have asked to break bread. And Umatilla would gather a dynasty to her folds, because a short-sighted county seat persists in fighting a bit-off. In the above you have the answer why Oregon is the "runt" of the West. In your childish way, you individually try to lick the pink from your candy stick. You would create a new county by adding new taxes to your tax-welched body. In your "deep" anger you fail to see that it will take the concerted effort of all to put over the Umatilla Rapids. You prefer a new county with all its ills in preference to an Electric Empire. Your deep chested development may have an egotism of a self-constructed power dam but the haze from your round house blocks the view at your city limits. Umatilla, let Pendleton nurse the county grief. Pendleton, quit trying to whittle the frozen parsnip of a cut-off. Arlington, let the O. W. follow nature's trail of less resistance instead of trying to pull it over mountains for the sake of pelf. Until you to these things, Oregon will remain the hermitage of a dolt ridden race.

Uncle John's Josh



VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Residents of country towns will learn with interest that the fire loss for 1921 exceeded that of any previous year in the history of the country, totalling more than a half billion dollars. The National Fire Protection Association calls attention to the fact that fully seventy-five per cent were preventable. It is interesting, too, to know that the country which must depend on the services of volunteer firemen has a smaller fire loss than cities with their highly paid and well skilled fire fighters. There is no local activity deserving of greater encouragement than a good local fire department.

WESTERN BANKS SEE BETTER DAY

From the annual report of conditions and earnings of banks in western states for 1921, it appears that banking has come thru a hard year. In one state 293 banks and trust companies show net profits of only \$93,093.70 for the year after writing off losses. Losses were charged of totaling \$2,321,961, of which \$254,299.33 had been recovered, and in other states reports are similar.

Seattle suffered one gigantic loss in a big bank that was supposed to be protected under a state guarantee of deposits law which failed to afford protection. Western banks have also suffered from inroads of state and national farm loans, raised or untaxed bond issues. Deposits fell off but demands for farm loans increased. But our state and national banking laws have come thru it and all look forward to a brighter year. The banks have met the situation by writing off doubtful paper, by using current earnings and by voluntary contributions and assessments from the personal funds of the stockholders. There has been no material reduction in deposits and undivided profits accrued, and the banks are now facing more prosperous conditions with unimpaired capital, but additional security to them selves and their depositors.

EIGHT FOR LOWER TAXATION

In all western states the people are fighting to cut down their heavy loads of direct and indirect taxation. In Washington the fight is led by Governor Hart who has installed a ten-department system instead of 72 boards and commissions. That state has wiped out a deficit of \$2,600,000 left as a hang-over from 1921 and reduced total levies over

BEN FRANKLIN'S KIN AIMS FOR CONGRESS



Ellen Duane Davis, great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin, has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the second Pennsylvania district.

four million dollars. In Idaho the battle for tax reduction has been led by Governor Davis and Utah is alive with suggestions for reductions. It is the vital issue in the states of Colorado and Oregon, where a direct fight is being waged for a cut of 25 per cent. The lumber industry has suffered from over-taxation of saw mills and timber lands, and many such properties are on the delinquent rolls and many operated three or four months to pay taxes. High federal and state taxes are driving industry to the wall, increasing unemployment and preventing new development taking place.

"BEAUTIFUL OREGON ROSE"

We are printing "Beautiful Oregon Rose," words and music by H. Edward Mills. This has been adopted as the official song for the Festival of 1922.

Every school in the state of Oregon now have the song and fifty per cent of them are singing it. Others are waiting until weather conditions are such that they can plant roses and use the song as the dedicatory song.

The Victor talking machine company have given assurances of making records of it, and the Department of the Interior may distribute the song to every school in the United States.

Where the Willamette is winding,
Where the Columbia flows,
There I am everywhere finding,
Beautiful Oregon rose;
Bright with the flush of the morning,
Pure as the towering snows;
Cottage and mansion adorning,
Beautiful Oregon rose.

Chorus:
Beautiful Oregon rose,
Beautiful Oregon rose,
Gowned in the robes of Aurora,
Beautiful Oregon rose,

Valleys eternal in verdure,
Summits imperial, proud;
Skies where in magical merger
Mingle the rainbow and cloud
Forest and river and ocean,
Crag where the waterfall goes,
Lay at thy feet their devotion
Beautiful Oregon rose.

Chorus:
Child of the sun and the shower,
Rocked in the breeze's embrace;
Queenly yet neighborly flower,
Smiling to greet every face.
Over thee hummingbirds hover,
Under thee fairies repose;
Thou hast the world for thy lover,
Beautiful Oregon rose.

Making It An Event



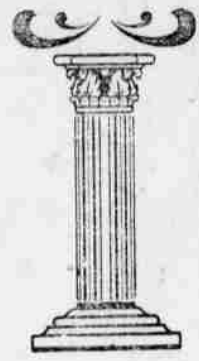
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