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EDITORS OPPOSE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

Oregon editors are opposed to the non-partisan league. the state editorial association in annual session at Astoria last Saturday, adopted a resolution pledging its members to fight any attempt to start the league in Oregon.

The league was launched in North Dakota several years ago. It is an organization of the farmers, and in that state it has had control of the political machinery for the past few years. Radical changes have been made in many things. State ownership of elevators, banks, stores, and in fact practically everything will eventually be controlled by the state except the land, if the leaguers are able to carry out their plans. It is the nearest to socialism of anything which we have in this country.

In some respects, undoubtedly, the members of the league have derived benefit, still it is far from what was claimed by the promoters, and unless there are some radical changes it is doomed to ultimate failure.

Taxes have trebled under league management and they are becoming so burdensome that many farmers have disposed of their property and have gone to other states. Some of these are still of the opinion that the league idea is correct, but are unable to determine how it can be successfully carried out.

In Minnesota the non-partisans are strong and in the state of Washington the organization is gaining a foothold.

Oregon newspapers undoubtedly have an opportunity to prevent the league's entrance into the state. But they must remember, however, that there is usually a cause for every effect. The farmers of North Dakota perfected their organization because they believed that they were not getting a square deal. The bankers, the lawyers, the doctors, the merchants, and in fact, all classes of business and professional men were organized. Hence it did not require a great deal of persuasion to get the farmers to organize. North Dakota, being exclusively an agricultural state, the league has been able to guide the ship of state, and naturally the legislation which has been enacted under its regime has been favorable to the farmer, or rather, that was the intent.

In Oregon it is not probable that a non-partisan league would be able to muster sufficient followers to any where near gain control of the state machinery. Notwithstanding this, the surest safeguard against it is a preventative. Let the welfare of the farmer be given more consideration. In practically every city and town in Oregon there is a business men's association. Make it a point to include the farmers in the membership, and then strive to give them just a plain, square deal. Unless the Enterprise is greatly mistaken, that is all they will ask.

An elimination of price manipulation of grain at harvest time and taking other undue advantages of the farmer will bring content to the tiller of the soil. Otherwise, there will be discontent, and discontent usually results in a change, whether it be for better or worse.

BIG PROFIT TO FARMERS IF THEY WILL ADVERTISE

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—That a field of farm advertising worth \$150,000 annually could be opened up in Oregon with even more profit to farmers than publishers, was told by C. J. McIntosh, agricultural press editor at O. A. C. to the State Editorial association.

"The average farm yields annually at least \$200 worth of produce that could be marketed more profitably through advertising in the community press than in any other way," he said. "This would mean \$1,000,000 worth of this class produce for the near 50,000 farms of the state.

"Big business allows not less than 3 per cent of gross sales for advertising, and this basis would call for the use of \$300,000 for local advertising. The growers of the produce, the consumer and the press would benefit from this practice. No legitimate business would suffer."

The speaker said that the college had already taken up with the farmers' organizations and individual farmers and that the farmers were ready to give the plan a trial to a much greater extent than before.

"A number of editors have already built up a big advertising trade with their farm patrons," Mr. McIntosh declared, "and united co-operation in extending the practice promises splendid results."

The college is considering the advisability of issuing a bulletin on the advantages and methods of farm advertising.

ROAD MEETING AT DALLAS IN OCTOBER

A mass meeting of Polk county citizens will soon be called to take place on the second day of the county fair, to consider Polk county road building program for next year.

This was the outcome of a report made to the club last night by A. B.

Muir, chairman of the committee on highways and roads. Mr. Muir and some other members of the committee have been investigating road matters in other Oregon counties and are prepared to lay definite proposals before the people for consideration.

It is the plan of the club to get as large an attendance as possible, that all interested roads may be able to have a hearing. It is hoped to next year to have a road program that will show results. To make this possible every man and woman in the county interested in roads is to be urged to be at this meeting. All will be welcome and every man will be given an opportunity to have his say. In this matter it is hoped to satisfy as far as possible the conflicting interests and bring about a program extending over a series of years, making it possible to achieve real road results.

E. J. Himes reported to the club that work on the Dallas-Salem road has been definitely stopped for the year. The contractor has dismantled his plant and stored it at Rickreall. It was the opinion of some that the highway commission would see the error of its way and consent to the paving of the road to Rickreall at least. But the order has gone forth to stop the work at Brunk's corner after the state has been told, and the campaign against the Dallas program made on the theory that the road is already paved to Rickreall. — Dallas Observer.

HERBERT HOOVER PAYS BRIEF VISIT TO SALEM

Journeying from California to Minneapolis in a car, Herbert Hoover, former food administrator and presidential candidate, spent Monday night in Salem. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hoover and their two sons. It was Salem where Hoover spent part of his boyhood days, and he spent a portion of his time there seeking old landmarks.

GOING TO TRY DRIVING 'EM DOUBLE



WARREN PAVING OUTFIT IS BEING MOVED

The paving outfit of the Warren Construction company is being moved to other points. The company had the contract for the paving between Monmouth and Rickreall and lacked less than a mile of completing the work when operations had to be suspended by court order.

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Tomb Was Tramp's Home.

A tramp who had solved the present day problem of where to live by taking up his abode in one of the old Roman tombs at Arles, on the Rhone, gave two Dutch tourists the fright of their lives.

They had gone out to see the remains by moonlight, when suddenly out of a tomb emerged a human form, which the moon caused to appear exceedingly ghostlike. The tourists fled at top speed for the town, declaring that they had seen a resurrection. The "ghost" was interrogated by the police and will be prosecuted for the French equivalent of wandering without visible means of subsistence.—From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

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