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**THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

The states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and the northern portion of California, comprising the Pacific Northwest, is rapidly gaining prominence in all parts of the Union for the reason that it is the last of the great west and for the wealth of its natural resources and many opportunities. This fame has spread in the past few years through advertising, our known very healthful and invigorating climate and the enterprise of citizens in building good roads, making so much of it easy of access by the automobile. This has been added to largely by the railroads in giving cheap tourists rates, by local citizens already here inducing eastern friends to come and by the local newspapers published in every town of any pretention throughout the whole territory.

For many years the Oregon country was held back by adverse reports of its wet character, easterners being led to believe that was a continuous rainfall, and that people were forced to go about in raincoats and rubber boots. This fallacy has been exploded however, and it is found that the annual rainfall here is not so great as in most of the eastern states. Fact is one can find in this region weather suited to all conditions and tastes. In the mountain and plateau sections real winter with snow and ice is found, while in the lower latitudes and along the coast a milder climate with rainfall in the winter, scarcely any snow or frost and the landscape green during all the winter months. West of the Cascade range the thermometer never reaches zero and in the mountainous region seldom getting but little below.

The territory of the Pacific Northwest contains an empire within itself. It might be cut off from the products of all other parts of the United States and not suffer want for any necessary need. It has the largest amount of standing timber left, and sufficient to last for 75 years. It has mountains

of iron ore, vast coal fields, and mines of all the precious metals, millions of acres of productive soil where all the grains, grasses, fruits and everything for the wants of man are produced in abundant quantities. It has unbounded sources of cheap water power for industrial purposes, streams and forests from which may be drawn food to supply the human need. Every line of industry is capable of being engaged in and under much better conditions than can be found east of the Rocky mountains.

As evidence of all this one has but to look at the fast growing cities in the territory. Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Seattle, Eugene and Salem and many other smaller ones which have sprung up in a few years and become wonders as progressive communities, may be cited. Improvements on a vast scale are progressing on all sides and over night such changes are made as are astonishing. The territory is fast populating and taking on such a forward movement as is witnessed no place else in the United States. It is pushing forward with all the energy an enterprising people can display, and destined to become the abiding place of the most happy and prosperous people on the whole American continent.

**IRRESPONSIBILITY**

The unrestrained power asked in the housewives' amendment, providing for state-owned hydro-electric and irrigation, is in vivid contrast with the present laws which safeguard the rights of the public in so far as the hydro-electric development is concerned. It is conceded that irrigation is a debatable subject and only under national supervision does it appeal to some minds as a feasible or possible enterprise. One thing is sure: the state of Oregon is not warranted in committing itself to a policy of irrigation development with state funds at this time.

Protection of the federal power act and the existence of an electric public service commission in Oregon safeguard the interest of taxpayers and the welfare of the public. Under the housewives' plan as presented for decision of voters November 2nd, there is no responsibility for the expenditures of moneys other than the recall, which may be invoked. Conditions under a possible future administration by a board of five members, responsible neither to the governor nor to the public service commission, would not result in benefits for the state. It means the difference between financial safety and unsoundness.

It will increase taxes; we shall have a political machine in control of large properties owned by the state, in which the public will have no voice or influence as to opera-

tion, management or location of plants. Service would not be extended to farms as rapidly as private interests are now giving it. Instead of bringing industries to the state it will repel them. It involves the expenditure of at least \$53,000,000, with privilege of further bond issues and the added right to mortgage plants after construction.

**A QUESTION ON THE SEATORIAL SITUATION**

The Wallowa Sun, as with all others who have the best interests of Oregon at heart, takes the senatorial contest between Frederick Steiwer and Bert Haney seriously, very seriously.

In the primary the Wallowa Sun opposed Stanfield and supported Steiwer. We were republican then and are now, but with a mind open to conviction. The issues of the primary were not the issues of the coming general election. Then it was a choice among so-called republicans. Now it is to be a choice between a republican and a democrat, standard bearers of their respective parties. Yes, it is more than that. There are matters that transcend party conflict.

When we consider that Oregon, the parent of the great Pacific Northwest is more backward in population and development than its offspring, and yet the equal if not superior in natural resources, it makes us wonder why. And, wondering, sets us to thinking.

Oregon is known as a standpat republican state. It rarely strays off the reservation. The presidential administration has little to fear. Oregon keeps the faith.

Not so Washington. And Wash-

ington through its Dill-Jones, democratic republican combination, gets dollars in federal patronage where Oregon gets cents.

And similarly, though somewhat removed from the Pacific Northwest is the Smoot-King, republican-democratic combination in Utah. Utah generally gets what it goes after.

Now, the supposition is that such combinations are so politically effective through fear they exert on the administration—fear lest the administration offend and incur needless hostility. In times of republican administration the democrat can do the "dirty" work, and vice versa during a democratic administration.

Now we arrive at our question, directed to the Oregonian not with any intent at confusion or embarrassment, but with the earnest expectation of intelligent and informative discussion from the paper which of all probably has more at heart than any, the candidacy of the republican nominee:

Can Oregon, in its present state of retarded development, afford to accede to an administration request for united republican representation when there is no reward for standing pat?—Wallowa Sun.

**AN OPEN LETTER**

Press dispatches state that Congressman Crumpacker, speaking before the Chamber of Commerce at Salem, Oregon, September 27, gave Congressman Hawley credit for the passage of the Stanfield O. & C. Land Grant Bill.

I write to take exception to this because the fact of the matter is that Hawley refused to have anything to do with the bill until practically driven to its support. When

he was asked to introduce a similar bill in the house, he refused, and said that he would introduce it "by request" as he did not want his name attached to legislation of that kind. Hawley will not deny this, and Crumpacker is peddling republican propaganda or is ignorant of the facts, or both, which is beside the question. For the sake of truth I simply want to contribute the foregoing statement, and dare Crumpacker or Hawley, either one or both, to deny it and debate the question with me.

Mr. Hawley has been a member of the House of Representatives beginning with the Sixtieth Congress, and I challenge him or any of his constituents to show wherein he has made a good congressman. Everything that has been given his district since he has been there would have been given said district without his

presence. He simply plays tail to New York's kite, and the people of the first district ought to retire him and elect Newton W. Borden to represent them, not only because of Hawley's do-nothing record, but for his sins of omission.

He has championed cancelling the debts of foreign nations thereby saddling said debt upon the backs of the taxpayers of America. The farmers of his district are laboring under an unjust system of taxation that he helped to create and for which he stands.

If the voters of his district do not get any relief, they will have no one to blame but themselves, for they have kept him in office, and they have it in their power to retire him and his kind to private life.

Respectfully,  
Elton Watkns.

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The Housewives' Council "Water and Power" amendment would permit a new political board to issue \$53,000,000 more bonds, or an increase of 32 per cent to start state adventures in irrigation and power.

VOTE 337 X NO

- AGAINST AN ISSUE OF \$53,000,000 OF NEW BONDS
- AGAINST AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF NEW TAXES
- AGAINST CREATING A BOARD OF POLITICIAN-DICTATORS
- AGAINST ENROLLING A NEW NEW ARMY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS
- AGAINST PARALYZING INDUSTRY BY BUREAUCRATIC DESPOTISM
- AGAINST REVOLUTIONIZING OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT
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