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"LET'S SWAP VOTES."

Under this head, the Malheur Enterprise publishes a pertinent editorial in support of two measures to be voted on at the special election to be held on June 3rd. Eastern Oregon arid areas could be reclaimed to great extent, should the Irrigation Interest Guarantee measure carry and the thousands of tons of hay and feed these areas will produce would find ready market in the counties which will be benefited in common with the state at large, should the Roosevelt Highway bill carry at the polls. Eastern Oregon has within her grasp a splendid system of highways and the Western Oregon counties are only asking that they be lifted out of their present isolation. The Enterprise hits at the crux of the situation when it says:

"Eastern Oregon is mighty interested in the passage of the special measure to be voted on at the coming special election to be held on June 3rd, known as the Irrigation Interest Guarantee Measure. This bill will cost the State as a whole nothing and will open the way for immediate development of hundreds of thousands of acres of the best land in the world that is now either too swampy or too arid to produce a healthy weed.

"The Pacific coast counties are mighty interested in the passage of the measure known as the Roosevelt Highway bill providing for the building of a north and south highway along the Pacific coast, the bonds not to be issued unless matched by a special appropriation from congress. This measure will not cost the State much and will greatly benefit the isolated people of the coast counties, who now have to wait until the fog settles in order to travel their roads.

"Let Eastern Oregon boost for and vote for the Roosevelt highway and in return we will graciously relieve the support of the coast sections for the Interest Guarantee bill."

Camouflaged Philosophy.

The child labor law doesn't prohibit work that will make mother's burdens lighter.

Eggs in China are selling for six cents a dozen—but we prefer to live in America.

The woman, ankle-bound by a tight skirt, doesn't walk; she does a sort of hesitation glide.

Those soldiers who miss the war will, of course, marry immediately upon their return.

The backyard hen and the home garden will help meet living costs—if you keep them apart.

Nothing is regarded by American experts as so good for an attack of bolshevism as a sea voyage.

Maybe the farmer is opposed to daylight saving because he wastes less of it than anybody else.

We have often wondered whether the females who use cigarettes employ breath-killers like the men.

Perhaps the ex-soldier, as he is confronted with the cost of civilian clothes, is sorry the war is over!

There are, even in this solemn time, things not to worry about. One of them is the shortage of garlic.

The farmers who work only from sun-up to dark shouldn't care a hoot what the clock says about anything.

There are 10,500,000 in this country who are not citizens, besides all those who never should have been accepted.

Returned soldiers should not be permitted to work in their uniforms—it makes the rest of us look insignificant.

Many people would join that "buy what you need" movement of the council of defense if they had the money.

England is confronting a servant-girl famine. There are some institutions which the new democracy is hitting hard.

There is said to be a movement on foot to call the kings and queens in the deck of cards "presidents" and "suffragettes."

The influenza germ has been practically subdued and is fortunately unable to disguise itself and resort to propaganda.

Conscientious objectors are reported returning their pay to the government, surely the acid test of conscientious objections.

Contention, controversy and brawling are disagreeable, but apparently there are thousands of people who regard them as preferable to work.

American heroes are not like the French ones, kissed by their commanders when decorated. However, they do not go unklassed on that occasion.

Not one man in ten million ever gets splinters in his hands from holding to the plow handles, but in this day and time the boys do not care to take chances.

In Holland a useful gum, or paste, is being made from garlic. When the government begins putting that kind on the backs of postage stamps, then watch out!

A lot of unnecessary argument has been utilized over the question, "What is beer?" It is of merely academic interest, and should be corrected to read, "What was beer?"

The moment that the Lord created Eve it became absolutely certain that man's cerebral equipment would never become permanently inert for lack of something to think about.

Bolshevism's declaration for forced labor makes the red terror still redder and more terrible to a citizenry trained and accustomed to working when it jolly well pleases.

The Germans quit fighting before the war carried into their own country, but that didn't do them any good. They've got a war in their midst now without the interference of an enemy.

Heretofore it has been accepted as one of the homely but inexorable laws of nature that what goes up must come down. Living costs, however, are the exception that proves the rule.

It is not "sleeping sickness," but "lethargic encephalitis." This is important, as its proper name may tend to discourage its spread in any average community with the American instinct of not wasting time.

It is easier for a needle to go through the eye of a camel than it is for a woman to pass through a room without glancing in the mirror.

FORCING GROWTH OF PLANTS

Intelligence of Man is Enabling Him to Become Master of Nature and the Seasons.

By degrees man is becoming master of the seasons. Light and electricity are being pressed into his service, and he can already force on plant growth so rapidly that he can beat the ordinary process of Nature by many weeks.

One method is to treat seed, before planting it, with small doses of high-tension electricity. In 1910 a trial was made of this method near Burnham-on-Crouch, in Essex, England. Spring wheat is usually sown in March or April. On this occasion the wheat of which the seed had been treated by this special process, was not sown until July 19. It was up in five days, and on September 16 was in ear. It was reaped 12 weeks from the time it was sown, whereas the ordinary time for wheat to mature in that country is 18 weeks.

Another method of forcing crops is to run a current of electricity through overhead wires. In this way the yield of oats and beans has been nearly doubled. Experiments tried last year at Lincluden Mains farm in Dumfriesshire, were practically successful. A third method is to use artificial light, either electric or, better still, acetylene. Plants are thus made to grow by night as well as by day. Cabbages and lettuce are easily forced in this way, but other plants such as carrots, seem to resent it. Flowers bloom earlier under artificial light, and are more brilliant.

Rock That Floats.
 James E. Grieve of Prospect, Jackson county, Ore., has a formation of rock on his property which will float.

Mr. Grieve claims that floating rock is not uncommon in his vicinity, the supposition being that it is the rock from the eruption when Crater lake was formed, that body of water being about 30 miles from his property. The rock resembles pumice stone and pieces of it can be seen floating around on the ponds. Regarding this strange rock Mr. Grieve says:

"To appreciate this enormous eruption one should visit Crater Lake park and the surrounding country, which is being made more accessible and attractive every year by extensive road and trail work under direction of the war department."

Working Upward.
 There is nothing so sure of succeeding as not to be over brilliant—as to be entirely wrapped up in the thought of success, and endowed with perseverance which, in spite of the rebuffs it may meet, never relaxes in the pursuit of its object, and the man of real talents is the man who will make bold to ask for what he wants. He will beseege every employer in the world for work before he will remain idle or be satisfied with a mediocre position. Then when he has once obtained it, he will almost immediately lay claim to something better. He will summon all his courage and demand the right to take a step higher up on the success ladder; and nine times out of ten he will be permitted to take it.—Exchange.

Notice to Stockholders.
 Notice is hereby given to the subscribers of stock in the Farmers Grain Elevator, Company of Athena, Oregon, that a meeting of the subscribers of stock in said company is to be held at the office of said Elevator at Athena, Oregon, June 9, 1919, at 3 p. m. of said date for the purpose of fixing the number of directors in said corporation, (to be not less than three) and for the purpose of electing said directors.
 F. A. Berlin,
 A. R. Coppock,
 Cass Cannon,
 M. Melville Johns,
 William Read,
 Dated at Athena, Oregon, May 9, 1919.

Notice to Creditors.
 In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon
 In the Matter of the Estate of John S. Harris, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of John S. Harris, deceased, by the above entitled Court. All persons having claims against the above entitled estate should present them to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice; said claims to be verified as by law required.
 Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 18th day of April, 1919.
 Henry A. Barrett, Executor.

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Notice of Final Account.
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.
 In the matter of the estate of Lucinda Hiteman, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled court has fixed Saturday, May 31, 1919, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and the county court room in the county court house at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account and report.
 Any and all objections to said final account and report should be filed in the above entitled matter on or before said date.
 HENRY DELL,
 Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of Fannie O. Myrick, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Olive Lee has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Fannie O. Myrick, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against her estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to the said administratrix at the law office of Will M. Peterson, in the Smith-Crawford Building at Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is made on the 2nd day of May 1919.
 Olive Lee, Administratrix.
 Will M. Peterson,
 Attorney for Administratrix.

Notice of Final Account.
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.
 In the matter of the estate of Mary LaFave, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled court has fixed Saturday, May 31, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and the county court room in the county court house at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account and report.
 Any and all objections to said final account and report should be filed in the above entitled matter on or before said date.
 CARRIE D. BERGEVIN,
 Administratrix With the Will Annexed.

Notice to Creditors.
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of D. G. McKenzie, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Alexander McKenzie has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Daniel G. McKenzie, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against his estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to the said executor at his home in Adama, Oregon, or at the law office of Will M. Peterson in the Smith-Crawford Building at Pendleton, Oregon, attorney for the executor, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice, which is Friday, the 18th day of April, 1919.
 Alexander McKenzie, Executor.
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