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BONANZA DAYS ARE GONE

For many years the majority of citizens of this country have heartily endorsed the proposition that the oil fields, the coal mines, the timber resources and the waterpower of this nation were by rights the heritage of the people and should not be allowed to become the exclusive property of those bent upon making a profit from them at the expense of the general public.

There are many laws on federal and state statute books restricting and supervising the handling of these natural resources. Most of these laws have been put there by popular demand.

Now comes a movement to include the land itself in the same category as the generally accepted public resources. The enactment of the farm relief bill makes land conservation a governmental responsibility, and will in the end have the same effect as the governmental responsibility that caused the jurisdiction over timberlands and established the reserves, over water power that caused the restrictive legislation on that industry, and over other natural resources as well.

It is being pointed out that a shockingly large part of our agricultural land has been washed or blown away because of carelessness or indifference on the part of the owners who were interested in "mining" the soil, even timber owners were interested solely in getting the most immediate profit from their holdings and oil and coal resource owners over produced their commodities to the disadvantage of present and future generations.

Some of the things that will be said in this connection will come as a shock to hard working farmers who have plowed, sowed and reaped in order to make a living and who took no thought of the formerly infrequent blows and spring run-offs that were depleting his soil. Aid will come in the form of soil conservation. If the erosion leaders are correct it will have to come soon or there will not be food enough for our population.

We will have stories of the diminishing supply of bread stuffs and the possible end of bread eating by the general population within a given number of years much as we hear now days of a coming shortage of gasoline, of coal and of timber. Waterpower, while the most constant of natural resources, may depreciate in quantity if irrigation becomes general.

Thus we come to the end of the bonanza days.

THE POWER SURVEY

The report of the northwest planning board to the president was issued last week. It proposes a Columbia valley authority different in structure from the TVA, recently given new life by a supreme court decision.

It is estimated that 2,500,000 people will be brought into the northwest by power development here. The proposal that much of the Bonneville power be utilized for farm and home use leaving the larger matter of factory power to private power companies will meet with heavy criticism for many consider that the establishment of factories on the west coast is more important than the wider distribution of electric energy.

A Columbia valley authority with power to build transmission lines and aid navigation and transportation could do much toward the development of the northwest and there is little doubt that some such arrangement will be made although there is dispute in congress about it. The report suggests that the electric power be handled alone without connection with other developments that will be brought about by the damming of the river. The power developed may be the only profitable part of the venture and it may retard navigation and irrigation if they have to stand on their own feet without benefit of the income that will accrue from the power part of the venture.

It is easy to discern that profligate spending is getting to be a sore spot with this administration. Look what it does to a man who dares to criticize "stage money."

Portland is easily exciting over marine visitors. First it was a whale, then a sealion, or lioness; next they'll have some big fish spread all over the front pages.

According to reports spring is only two or three inches deep in this country, despite the summary removal of the snow.

Note to bakers: The price of bread has not dropped although the AAA that was charged with the raise has been out of the picture for nearly two months.

Japanese have a most effective way of getting rid of political opponents, but murder of majority officers to sustain a minority may be found unprofitable later. At least we hope so.

People's Column

To The Editor of the Journal:
In his exceptionally able and comprehensive address delivered at Sacramento last year, National Grange Master L. J. Taber wisely stressed the vital importance of Erosion Control and Soil Conservation as one of the principal corner-stones upon which the wanted long-range Agricultural policy for America should be established. He spoke of this at that time substantially as follows:

"There can be no permanent or long range policy for agriculture that can succeed until we first establish a sound land policy and properly handle this. There must be planning and adjustment in agricultural land use. Literally hundreds of millions of acres of our top soil has been washed away. Some has been gullied and destroyed, but sheet erosion has taken a heavier toll than flood or cloud-burst. The soil erosion work now under way by the government is outstanding and will add tremendously to the nation's wealth. We must preserve our soil resources by checking erosion and by controlling run-off of water. We have neglected the farm wood lot. It is time to give it more consideration and protection."

The master dwelt upon this subject at length in his address, so that it is plainly evident that he places great stress upon this necessary step of conserving the natural resources of our soil, before it will be too late to do so. No doubt he foresees that other matters now receiving close consideration can be of little import, if we should neglect and finally lose our productive lands to this thief of night, Soil Erosion.

Very truly yours,
James B. Adams,
Moro, Oregon, Feb. 25, 1936.

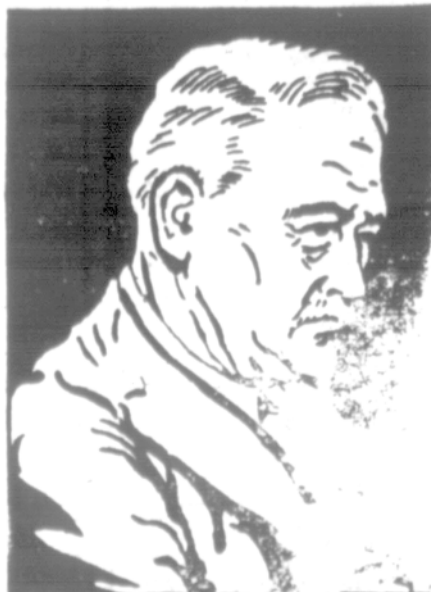
STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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general rules regulating traffic on the highways of the state, which right when exercised cannot be curtailed, infringed upon or annulled by local authorities."

Oregon motorists have paid a grand total of more than \$64,000,000 in gasoline taxes since this source of revenue was first adopted in 1919.

The state emergency board is meeting here today (Thursday) to consider requests for deficiency appropriations totalling more than \$23,000. This is the first meeting of the board since the session shortly after the close of the 1935 regular session when two of the members held to be disqualified because they had accepted other public employment and forfeited their seats in the legislature. Top ping the requests for help before the board today are two from C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, one for \$7098 for the bureau of labor, and another for \$7010 to finance the work of the industrial welfare division. O. D. Adams, state director of vocational education, is asking for an appropriation of \$3472.73 for a mining survey in cooperation with the federal government which will match the state money. Wallace S. Wharton, newly installed executive secretary to the governor is asking for another \$5500 to run the budget department.

Four thousand Oregon employables who were at work on seasonal jobs last November are out of luck now so far as jobs on relief projects go. Governor Martin asked the WPA to advance the relief



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registration date to May 1 so that these workers could qualify for jobs but the federal administrator refused to accede to the request. As a result those who were not on relief rolls November 1, can not find jobs on relief projects.

The budget department is stealing the legislature's thunder. When the law makers met in 1935 they

In Other Days

From the Observer Mar. 2, 1917
C. R. Belshee has purchased a set of light driving harness for his livery work.

W. B. Johnston is building a 14x20 foot garage on his farm to house that new auto.

P. H. Zobel, wife and daughters were in town Thursday coming by train from Grass Valley where they attended the Bayer-Vintin wedding the day before. Mr. Bayer is a nephew of Mr. Zobel.

Frank J. Bayer and Miss Mamie Vintin were married at the home of the bride's parents in Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon, February 28th.

A total snow fall of about eight inches was general over the county as a result of the storm of last Saturday.

W. C. Miller and family returned Sunday last from a three months trip to his old home in North Carolina.

From the Observer Mar. 1, 1907
Hayden Brisbane returned from the valley with Mrs. Hayden Brisbane, nee Miss Biggs, formerly of this city.

Sherman Huff is getting ready to start to his new possessions in Alberta. G. W. Coy bought the John Day farm.

John M. Johnson sold his Hood River 20 acre tract for \$9,000, and is coming back to Sherman county to stay, having purchased the Anderson half section of E. E. Barnum.

Billy Myers, the new deputy sheriff, has taken the Freeman residence, Court and First street. Even though the ground was frozen 2 1/2 inches deep last winter; plow lands now have five feet of moisture under the furrow.

Page wears a pretty black eye, but is reticent about where he secured it.

Orion Ramsey is making some repairs to the L. V. Moore residence which will be occupied by Geo. W. Berrion.

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decreed that salary savings in self supported state activities should go into the general fund. Now the budget makers are taking credit for this salary diversion as savings brought about by this department. In fact they admit that these salary diversions constitute the big end of the department's alleged \$195,000 in "actual savings" accomplished during the past year.

Seines may be nets to the average individual but not to the fishermen of the Columbia river. There a perennial fight wages between the seiners and the gill netters. The latter are sponsoring an initiative.

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For Sheriff

To the members of the Republican party.

This notice is to Publicly Announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector for Sherman County.

After serving as Deputy Sheriff for seven years, I feel that I am fully qualified to competently fulfill the duties of this office to the best interests of the people of this county.

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sherman county, subject to the action of the voters of the Democratic party at the Primary election to be held on the 15th day of May, 1936.

Charles C. Wilson.

To the people of Sherman County. I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff and Tax collector, on the Republican party ticket.

I have been a resident and a Taxpayer in Sherman County for twelve years and, have always stood for Law Enforcement. I

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have had considerable experience with Tax Rolls as deputy Assessor for Jefferson County and, feel that I can handle the office in an efficient manner. If nominated and elected will serve the people faithfully and honorably.

For Assessor

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself as Assessor of Sherman County, subject to the will of the Republican voter.

Margaret W. Peetz.

For Commissioner

Subject to the will of the Republican voters of Sherman county at

the May primary election, I will be a candidate for the office of county commissioner at the next election.

David Reid.

For Clerk

Mr. G. C. Vintin has announced that he will not run for the office of Clerk; therefore I announce myself as a candidate to said office subject to the will of the Republican voters.

I believe that with my six years experience as Deputy I will be able to handle the work in the office with only part time help and will thereby save the taxpayers at least eight hundred dollars a year.

Viola M. Hansen.



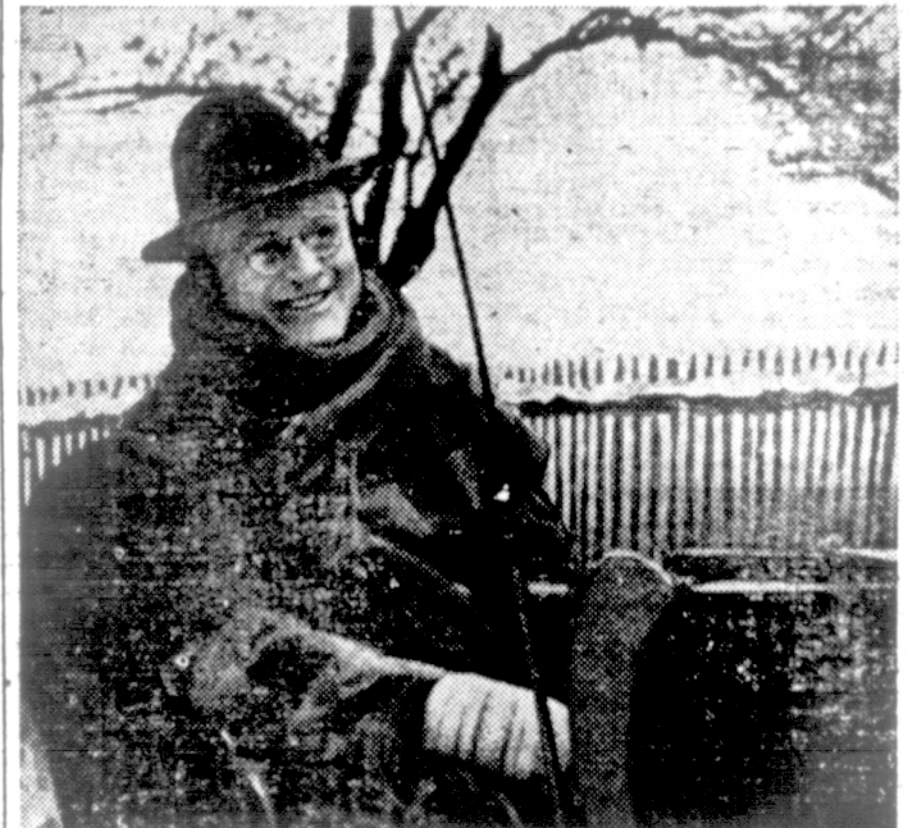
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