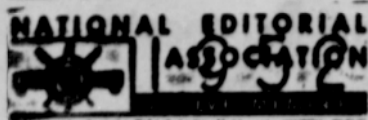


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OREGON MOVES AHEAD

The appointment of Governor Douglas McKay to be Secretary of the interior should delight all Oregonians. Others had been mentioned but the evident disinclination of Eisenhower to pick his cabinet from the legislative branch and the sound character of Oregon's governor make him among the three best appointments.

Oregon has a large stake in the interior department and one that has not been recognized by presidents heretofore. This state is peculiar in that it has great acreages of U & C land which is partly administered by interior.

Oregon is the site of many projects for water utilization and should be the location of many projects to clear land of sage.

On these matters McKay is informed. He has long been active in the Willamette Valley project which had a hand in getting the dams in that section of the state. Through the agency for Columbia river development he knows about the river. He realizes the value of clearing our range land of sage.

He will not be in the spectacular pattern of Harold Ickes, beside whom McKay will be colorless. But McKay will probably get more done and with a lot less noise.

Having a cabinet officer from Oregon will help in an indirect way. It will be a means of taking more Oregonians to Washington whereby observation or by working they will obtain new knowledge of the federal government.

FARM PROGRAM

It is almost certain that we will have a new farm program. There is likelihood that there would have been one whoever was elected because we do need a farm program more capable of being permanent than this one, which was designed for emergency.

The present farm program is built around government aid to so-called major crops. The list includes tobacco and rice as a gesture to southern majorities on the committees and is not economically justified. Aid to producers of major crops has produced surpluses of them which would have been disastrous had it not been for war and the subsequent shipping of such crops overseas.

The beef producers, now in their first price reversal of 20 years, were never in the program and have fared best of any. Sheep men, also outside, did well until imports cut prices. This particular area has fared better than most under the wheat program. Better than average moisture has helped wheat farmers generally, and especially here; a foreign give-away program has continued and expanded income.

But the program has not

been so helpful to general farmers who make up the majority in the United States. High feed prices have been a handicap to poultry, dairy, pork and similar producers. The dairy industry has had a particularly hard row to hoe and really the dairy industry is as basic as any agriculture.

The program has been held together by federal money. A permanent farm program should not need continued subsidization. A nation of 155,000,000 people with incomes sufficient to buy enough food and fibre should be able to sustain a profitable agriculture without direct payment to producers.

Under a Mormon secretary of agriculture, who must believe in self sufficiency, the farm program will probably be different. The nation's agriculture department might first try to balance the agricultural production of the nation to meet the needs of the people. That should remove the danger of recurring surpluses and shortages. For a farm population warned of impending surplus would be too smart to bring it on if to do so meant reduced prices.

If money must be paid directly it might better be paid to increase production of some deficit crop instead of paid to decrease a surplus crop. Also, if direct payments are to be made, they might be reduced in relation to the surplus made, thus wheat growers, for example, could receive less per bushel for a billion and a half bushel crop than for a billion bushel crop, if only a billion was needed.

Farm groups are already debating the kind of a program desired and that is desirable. Generally the program may well have less effect on farmers than the present program; producers may have more freedom. There may be more local authority and less centralized in Washington. It might influence the size of crops by giving available information about production, markets, freight rates, foreign needs and without direct governmental interference at all.

Anyway it is an important subject for group meetings this winter.

People's Column

To the Editor:
Facts About Sherman County Rock Crusher

While the county court was in Portland attending the Judge's and Commissioner's meeting, November 19-21, Judge C. A. Tom and Commissioner Wilson told me they signed a contract with Howard-Cooper Corporation Machinery Company for a Rogers Jaw rock crusher for a price of about \$28,000. I do not know any of the specifications as I was not contacted about the matter, although I attended the meetings, was there every day and saw them each day.

Several companies had submitted preliminary bids at our November court meeting, but no decision was reached then, as to what or when we would buy.

If the county court hadn't got the idea of buying a rock crusher, we could have contracted it crushed for \$1.75 per yard and part of it would have been on the roads now. As it is no rock will be spread this winter for sure, and a pretty good guess not much for some time.

I know nothing about a Rogers Jaw crusher, whether it is a good machine or not, so the only thing I was able to do was to seek the advice of rock crusher contractors and operators. I have not been able to locate a contractor who has used this

crusher, though I know of a few in the northwest, one bought by a city and one on lease to a county. There are probably others.

I have talked to several operators and contractors about making road rock with only a jaw crusher and without exception they say we can't expect anything but base rock, 2 inches and over, only a small per cent smaller than 2 inch. Best results could be expected with the jaws set for 3 or 4 inch rock. A small per cent could be screened off and used for topping, but that is not feasible. This means that a secondary crusher would have to be added at the cost of another \$30,000 before we would have equipment that would be of any practical use. It usually takes a 3-unit crusher to meet most state specifications.

I have not obtained any information that would convince me that this county should purchase a jaw crusher. I did not have anything to do with the buying of this machine, but will

be most happy if I have been wrong about the whole thing and it turns out to be a success.
Donald Martin

ABOUT THE COUNTY

A large part of the citizenry of Sherman county was in Portland last week end and most of them attended the annual struggle between Oregon and Oregon State on the gridiron at Multnomah stadium.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnett and daughter Stephanie planned to leave Wednesday for Hermiston to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks.

Miss Janet Workman of Portland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Workman this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand recently. The men did some hunting.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mary E. Roos, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and sworn executor of the estate of Mary E. Roos, deceased, at Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice to-wit: November 28, 1952.
William Roos
Executor
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executor 4-7c

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Notice is given that Mary J. Baker, executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Roy J. Baker, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, her final report and account of her administration of said estate and said court has fixed Saturday, the 27th day of December 1952 at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. of said day and the court room of said court in the court house in Moro in Sherman County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing all objections to said report and the settlement thereof.
Mary J. Baker
Executrix
Carlton L. Pepper
Attorney for Executrix 4-7c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Thomas M. Garrett
Estate No. 568
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, Probate Department.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Thomas M. Garrett, deceased by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and has qualified. Attorney for Administratrix

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
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