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FARM PROGRAM

There should be no joy in these parts over the failure of the two-price plan for wheat, which apparently has been forgotten by the advisory committee. Actually it had little chance anyway in an election year.

The Pacific northwest has been seriously injured as a wheat country by the high and rigid price support program, together with other high agricultural prices it engenders. Stockmen cannot feed wheat and it cannot be shipped to the east to compete with mid-western wheat. It must be sold abroad, to Asia, and Asians have little with which to buy.

A continuance of the present program can be expected to further reduce the acreage permitted for next year. This year the acreage is near 62,000,000 for the nation. It can be reduced to 55,000,000 without change of the law. If that should be necessary—and stocks of wheat are such that it is probable—Sherman county farmers will be able to plant but 55 percent of their total acres.

That would put us out of the wheat business. Or certainly so near out that another source of income would be necessary. Despite the high prices for wheat, there is no expectancy that the reduction of this year will materially cut the surplus leaving the only hope depending on drought in the great plains.

Neither is there much chance that unlimited production of barley will be permitted. Everything will be full of barley for years if the 1954 crop materializes.

The only hope is that some farm plan, like the two-price system or some other, that will cause competition for wheat to be on a price basis again. Now we are competing for governmental favor—and are getting licked.

LINCOLN COUNTY

It is unfortunate for Lincoln county that its moral troubles happened in an election year. Rivalry of parties will becloud the issues and broadcast the difficulties until little constructive can be expected.

Citizens of Lincoln county, like those of any other county, do not care to be advertised as an immoral group just so someone can get headlines. They feel they can handle their own problems. Further, they probably can.

The story is that during the summer when visitors go to the coast country there is income enough for many little businesses that sell or purvey services. When winter comes there is not enough business and the morals drop in an effort to stay in business until warm weather and another advent of visitors. It has probably been going on a long time.

If a clean-up is to be made it should be made by local officials and in a manner that is approved by a majority of Lincoln county residents. Should reform be enforced by the state there would probably be enough resentment that a change for the better could not be expected.

We hope the state stays out of it and that the district attorney go ahead with his actions without benefit of the attorney general who seems set on his right to dabble.

NO NEED FOR IT

Every now and then we read where someone has said that the state of Oregon will have to find a new source of revenue at the next session of the legislature. At any rate, it is assumed, old forms of revenue will have to be expanded. Thus are some helping the extreme centralization of government—and its socialization.

Actually there isn't any good reason why the state should enact any new form of revenue, nor any good reason why old taxes should be increased. A wise and careful legislature need not do either of these things and a politically wise and economically careful legislature will not.

Since 1940 the population of Oregon has increased 40 percent. The value of the dollar has dropped by approximately a half. Let us therefore be generous and say that taxes for state purposes should be twice as much as they were in the 1941-43 biennium. That's giving a good ten percent.

In 1941-43 the budget item for general government was \$3,068,750.50. In the 1953-54 biennium the budget item was \$8,789,297.78. In 1941-43 the budget item for protection of persons and property was \$3,116,875.10. For the 1953-55 biennium it was \$8,747,202.48. In 1941-43 the budget item for conservation of natural resources was \$5,750,507.12. For the 1953-55 biennium it was \$5,089,935.33.

Other comparisons of the same budgets are: Health and sanitation 1943, \$570,655.44; 1955, \$1,534,795.00; Hospitals and institutions for handicapped, 1943, \$3,680,153; 1955, \$19,549,039; Corrections, 1943, \$865,410.60; 1955, \$6,395,056.46; Education \$8,965,385.13 in 1943, \$38,975,159.22 (the basic school fund has been added).

It seems fair to assume that as a nation we have reached a plain of fairly even values; in other words, inflation is not to go without restraint. That being the case there is no reason at all why state budgets should continue to increase.

Income may drop, that is, citizens may not pay as much to the state as they have been. When that is the case it behooves the legislature to spend less. A government, state, federal, local, cannot morally keep on spending at a high level when citizens have to curtail expenditures.

A part of the present series of statements about the necessity of getting more money for the state stems from a back stage campaign to soften up the taxpayers for a sales tax for school purposes—a pious if not holy purpose, it is true.

If the people let their legislature levy more taxes next winter they will deserve the fate they will get which is having to pay them. There is no need for more taxes.

THE GOLDEN STEER

It takes a long memory to recall the famed golden steer that once decorated the space above the door of the Old Perkins Hotel in Portland. Its heyday was in the nineties, a day when the income from beef and sheep was of greater importance to the residents of the city on the Willamette.

Now the golden steer is forgotten by all but the birds, that is, forgotten until recently when some enterprising reporter and photographer retold his story and his present plight.

Those days will never come again, the days when men from the open spaces will congregate in one hotel and make it a sort of headquarters. Now they scatter about the city like businessmen or politicians and the observer cannot tell by appearances whether a man raises cattle or has spent much of the summer on a golf course. Not all stockmen spend their time aboard a horse and the dark brown neck and sunburned cheek are no longer marks of the trade of cowmen.

Neither does Portland beckon as once it did. Other markets have crowded it from its place as a prime market for beef. Ontario handles more cattle than Portland and southern Oregon sends its cattle to San Francisco.

Nevertheless the idea of the steer is a good one, a fitting gesture on the part of some hostelry to attract the men who know the plains better than they know the streets, who come to the city at long intervals and distrust its confinement.

IDEAS

Did you ever notice how many ideas there are about any subject?

No matter how many magazines and newspapers are read, nor how much discussion there is on a given subject, any group of 20 will express that many ideas about it.

Sometimes those with ideas are most unwilling to stand for any change in them and battle is waged over minor features; others follow ideas that meet theirs only generally. This is what causes long discussions in committee meetings, city councils, state legislatures, to say nothing of the interminable arguments of congress.

We understand that among citizens of the undemocratic nations a surplusage of ideas does not exist, or if it does, they are not expressed. We assume in this country that the more ideas we have to work on the nearer we can come to a satisfactory solution for all. That may not be provable because a man whose idea has been rejected may be much more unhappy than a man who had no idea in the first place.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Alvin Keen—deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned Virginia E. Finley or Clyde L. Finley, at Dinty's Station, Biggs, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is March 26th, 1954.

VIRGINIA E. FINLEY
Executrix
CLYDE L. FINLEY
Executor
DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for the Estate. 21-24

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

We've dutifully read accounts about John Foster Dulles and his work in the international league and will willingly exchange them for information about how Restelli is hitting.

Joe McCarthy has been making a lot of headlines by getting up to the plate every inning and swinging wildly and we can dispense with all that and watch Eddie Basinski handle a hot liner.

There's an election coming on we read and a lot of new boys are trying out for places on the legislative team and all that is important, we know, but who's going to pitch today and who's going into the outfield?

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WANTED—After school work by two school age boys. Lawn mowing, yard cleaning, garden spading, or what have you. Ph. 332. 20p

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MAY ELECTRIC, electrical contracting, Moro, Oregon, Phone 722. 19 fn

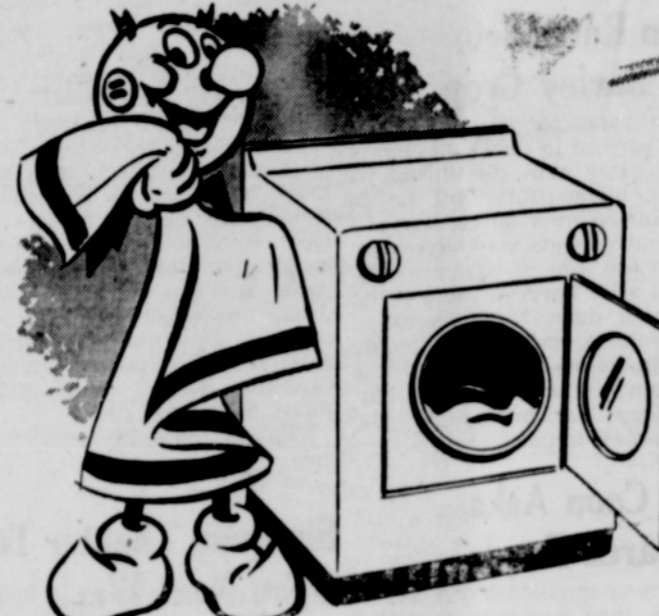
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