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PUBLIC DOMAIN POLICY

Right in the midst of this political campaign it seems proper to consider the nation's history about the public domain. There should be such a thing as policy about it instead of so much political name-calling about giving it away, conservation and other words that mean little.

After the Louisiana purchase this nation had a great deal of public domain in which no one lived but Indians whose property rights the white men didn't intend to honor. All these millions of acres were useless to the citizens and the government alike unless put to some use, preferably a greater use than as a vast fur factory.

The government gave land away to homesteaders, to railroad companies, to road companies. Some of them didn't do much for it. But all of them paid taxes on it after obtaining title and that was better than letting it lie unused. It was then the policy of the government to get the public domain in private hands for development—for use.

Since the attempt to socialize the United States got into full swing the policy has been changing without any direct statement of what it is or what it is going to be.

Some of the more active socializers want the government to keep all of the public domain and develop it with public funds. Results so far of this policy have been huge government expenditures and not much income because government is not an efficient administrator. Government is not organized for administration of public domain. Imagine the difficulties a private concern would have if it had 531 members of the board of directors, divided into two warring camps, each often more interested in the success of their faction than in the success of the concern itself. Efficient administration is not possible under such an organization.

Certainly the record shows that private citizens and private corporations can develop the public domain better than the government can and make a profit and pay huge taxes at the same time.

This does not mean that the government should give the public domain away free of charge; it means that it should sell on the market or arrange for a fair rental or other compensation in exchange. Timber is sold on the market; land is sold for cash; grass is leased for pasture (and often at a rate so low the stockman must do his own fencing and grass seedling).

If the John Day dam is built by private companies they will use it fifty years and give it to the government. They will also build it in about half the time the government takes and probably for a much cheaper price.

A tree is of no use to a citizen except for shade. It must be cut down, hauled to the mill, sawed, delivered in properly sized pieces to his home before he can use it. Some one has to do that work and it takes a lot of labor and capital to do it. It would take a lot of labor and capital if it was done by the government—undoubtedly more of both.

An acre of grass in the forest reserve isn't of much use to a citizen unless he is able to go and sit on it some Sunday. A stockman can use it. But to use it he must spend money for some cows, have land to grow feed for them in the winter, fences, saddle horses, money for labor and when the cow or her progeny is ready for the market the trucker, the butcher, the retailer all must have something for doing the work. The government isn't equipped to run cows in the national reserve and couldn't do it efficiently if it was. The starry eyed grass sitters will derive little material benefit from their trip to the forests commensurate with the good they can get out of the beef.

The purpose of a dam across a big river is to make electricity, with some minor benefits (mostly malarkey no matter who does it) figured in. If the government does it the power is sold wholesale to electric distributors or in some rare instances sold to consumers. It is no better power than if made privately and distributed privately. Neither is it cheaper. If it is sold more cheaply it is because the government pays no taxes and figures less overhead.

This nation was made great be-

cause it had ambitious citizens who developed the resources of the country. Some of them made a profit; some didn't. All tried. What will happen to the ambitious if government takes over the job of developing the public domain? They will not be willing to work for government—not the ambitious. What, then, will happen to a country without the production of the ambitious? We think it will deteriorate. Therefore we do not like big government; we do not like it because it makes little men, weak men, subservient men, fawning, cowardly men.

A government in the long run can be no better, no bolder than its citizens. Development of strong citizens is a proper function for governments and this cannot be done by making citizens the servants of the state, mere laborers in the public service.

BILL HEALY

Bill Healy, who has been assistant secretary of state for the past eight years, is running for the Republican nomination for that office. He is certainly one of the best prepared men to be a candidate for secretary in a generation because he has actively worked at it for so long.

He is mature in judgment, married and settled down to public service at which he has worked for the larger part of his adult life. Voters might well continue a man of experience when possible.

AMONG THE BETTER ONES

Republican voters may have some difficulty in picking out the men and women they want as delegates to the national convention.

There are 37 running for delegate at large and ten can be elected; from the second congressional district ten are running for two places.

Inasmuch as the slogans will help little a short word about some of the better equipped candidates may be of help. Howard Belmont is a long time state senator with an excellent record; Phil Bladine is publisher of a daily newspaper at McMinnville, county party chairman and vigorous; Henry Buehner of Portland is state party treasurer, a frequent visitor here and a sturdy battler for his ideas; Angus Gibson of Lane is a retired state senator; John Hounsell of Hood River is our own state senator and the candidate with residence closest to us; Paul Kerrigan is a young Reed college man who supports the Federal Plan; Lowell Paget is an experienced party warhorse who knows his way around; Elmo Smith is governor; Wendell Wyatt is the party's state chairman; Mrs. Young is an experienced party worker with no axe to grind other than the party.

From the second district where only one in five can be chosen the voter may choose from Lowell Steen, state senator and wheat farmer; Ron Bayes, young EOCE student, vigorous in young Republican councils for the Federal Plan; Alva Goodrich, ex-state representative of Bend; Irvin Mann Jr. Umatilla farmer and cow man; W. B. Morse, ex-state representative from Prineville and George Stadlerman of The Dalles, known to more in this county than any of the others.

Democrats have a less onerous job for only 20 are running for delegate at large and the party has but eight such delegates. But that party's members must choose between candidates of new deal or the conservative wing of the party which is sometimes difficult. Alfred Corbett and his brother-in-law Howard Morgan are less radical than they sound. William Josselin, Portland lawyer who got some of his training under Gov. Charles Martin; Walter Pearson, state representative; are among the experienced members of the party who are running.

From the second district six are in the race with only two to be elected. Of these Lloyd Rea of Baker and C. L. Allen of Deschutes are two county judges with knowledge and balance in public affairs.

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dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews. Miss Barbara Alley accompanied them from Portland and spent until Tuesday with her parents, the Earl Oids. A bridal shower for Miss Lois Kelley will be held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon May 26. Everyone is invited. Mr. and Mrs. JW Woolwine and son of Portland spent the week end at the Wallace May home.

Beefo's

at the Capitol City

Fellow came in here the other day to eat pretzels. Made him so dry he stayed quite a while—eating pretzels.



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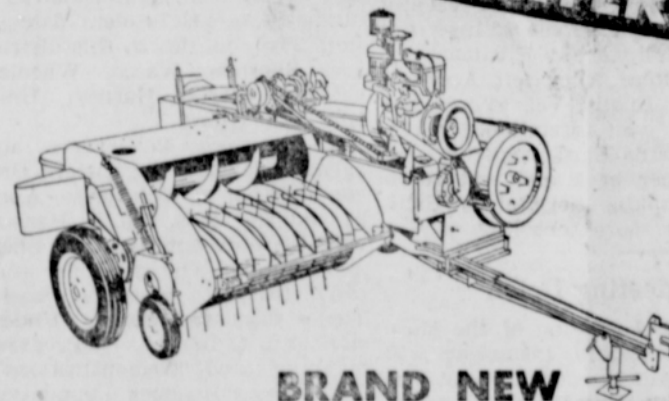
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator with the Will annexed of the Estate of Ruby May O'Meara, deceased. Claims against the estate must be presented to the undersigned, duly verified and with vouchers attached, at Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published May 4, 1956.
Patrick G. O'Meara
Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Ruby May O'Meara, deceased.

PHIPPS AND PHIPPS
Attorneys for Administrator
Pioneer Building
The Dalles, Oregon 27-30c

NOTICE OF SALE

The undersigned Executrix of the Will of Marion H. Medler, deceased, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, but reserving the right to reject any and all bids, the following parcels of real property with the improvements thereon located in Sherman County, Oregon.
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Sealed bids will be accepted, and they may be addressed to the undersigned, care of Phipps and Phipps, Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, to be opened at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, May 15, 1956. The undersigned reserves the right to consider bids submitted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days before accepting the best bid or rejecting the bids.

NORMA BYRD
Executrix of the Will of Marion H. Medler, deceased 27-28c

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION in the Rural School District of Sherman County, Oregon, upon question of increasing Tax Levy over amount limited by Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Monday, May 21, 1956, by the Rural School District of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in all component school districts of said Rural School District.

The election will begin at 2:00 p. m. and will be held in the schoolhouse in each of said component districts. The purpose of the election is to submit to the legal voters of the rural school district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956, over the amount limited by Section 11, Article XI of the Constitution.

The reasons for increasing such levy are:

The Rural School District base is too low to permit the raising of sufficient funds for operating the schools.

The amount of tax, in excess of the six per cent limitation pro-

posed to be levied by the rural school district of Sherman County, Oregon, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956, is \$195,360.51.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1956.
Attest: Willy W. Knighten,
Secretary, Rural School Board
Charles Burnet
Chairman, Rural School Board

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Notice of meeting of the County Board of Equalization for Sherman County.

To the taxpayers of Sherman County, Oregon:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, did adopt at its last meeting on April 23rd, a ratio of 30 percent of true cash value, for the assessment of all property in Sherman County, Oregon, and the Board of Equalization will be in session at the County Assessor's office of the Sherman County Courthouse, Moro, State of Oregon, on the second Monday of May, or May 14, 1956, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by such assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and shall be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session; and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board.

Each such petition or application shall state thereon the address to which notice of the action of the Board of Equalization shall be sent.

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