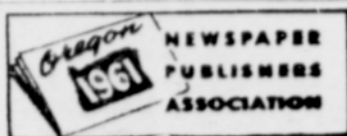


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TIME FOR CRAZY IDEAS

The Oregon legislature provided for a committee to consider changes in the state's constitution, an old and much patched document, but one that like an old hat, is the object of more affection than disdain. This committee is now listening to all sorts of proposals from individuals and groups. Most of them are ill-considered, crack-pot, screw-ball ideas with neither principle or precedent back of them and there is no need to pay attention to them. It is presumed that the committee will winnow such things out and drop them quietly in the wastepaper basket although the committee is a little too political for safety.

On of the most everything of these suggestions was that Oregon consolidate a bunch of counties so the committee assuming the non-official position of God, could remake the state from its own ideas.

The Oregonian gave the notion a half hearted cheer because it says the legislature could do it and the committee, of course, could put such things in a constitution. Unless it does away with the initiative and recall it couldn't do it permanently. Congress might also join eastern Oregon into Idaho (which, as above noted, has an American type of opportunity) and perhaps Nevada and Utah (wouldn't that be funny) but we will not lose any sleep over it.

It is apparent to anyone who has read a page of Oregon history that Oregon counties in the main were established for the identical reasons American states were established: because residents demanded them. In a world that is recognizing dozens of little states and nations in the name of self government we do not fear that there will be any consolidation of counties without the consent of the governed.

WRONG AGAIN

President Kennedy in saying that the danger to this country was from without was just as wrong as he was last year when he went about the land saying that this nation was lacking in defense. We hope he soon admits it just as he has admitted his error about defense. Well, not admitted, but stated his conviction to the opposite side.

The danger to this nation comes from the miserable economics it has followed since the advent of the new deal.

American business, American labor, American agriculture would be in better shape if government would leave them all alone and quit meddling with the age old rules of economics for political reasons. Even American poor would be aided more by self reliance than by government handouts.

Government has been weakening this nation and it had better quit or it will be too weak and too listless to defend itself and some other government will have to succeed the middleclass one we have.

BAD FOR STOCKMEN

We learn that the Bureau of Land Management would like to appoint some one on the control boards that supervise or advise about the use of public lands under the Taylor Grazing Act. The purpose is to give other groups some control for stockmen have been giving the advice.

The idea probably meets with the approval of the recreation groups who are anxious to obtain control of such lands and in who ask must be heard.

We hope the stockmen still retain a majority on the boards for we like beef and think our nation or it would be curtailed if we had to raise our meat on farms. Cattle can use public lands for a good six months of the year and while it may not always be neat and tidy no harm comes to the grass because of them.

The sportsmen would use the land infrequently and would do a great deal more damage. They are not so responsible as cattle or sheep, animals that neither set

fires nor smoke cigarettes. They do not cut down trees or dig trenches. Livestock are means of producing meat and wool that are an economic benefit to the nation. Men who go into the open obtain some spiritual benefit therefrom and that is valuable, too.

But if government is going to let everyone invade the public land it must find some method of instilling or enforcing some responsibility on the invaders.

WHEAT LEAGUE

Next week end after this one the Oregon Wheat Growers league will be in session at Pendleton. The meetings have become somewhat frozen in format in recent years with entertainment taking a larger part than it did in the bad old days when farmers had to talk and figure and scheme to stay in business.

They still talk but it has been a long time since there were the impassioned arguments that once made the league meetings a battleground. Rail rates, sales tax, nothing is as important as it used to be. We even doubt that the new snafu in government programs will cause a respectable argument.

The truth is the wheat growers have been surrounded. Whether they like federal programs or not they must live with them until national disgust rises high enough to stop them. There are many farmers who will welcome that day. In the meantime they must leave land unsown or even plow up some wheat; they must apply fertilizer to combat the idiocies of federal control. So, they meet to discuss it.

Whether farmers of this area are as interested in government as in the past is not known. They still resolve about taxes and apportionment but seldom get really involved in campaigns over them. A group with so much dependen-

cy on federal programs should watch carefully the state programs.

Actually the wheat farmer is in much worse position than he was at the start of the depression of 1932. His costs are so much greater. The drop in production was the worst feature of that depression although the drop in price was bad also. He is paying for his efficiency in reduced acres and is only able to keep going by out-smarting the government. A few poor crops would be very serious for many partly because of their own over confidence and partly because of their too implicit faith in government programs.

Rufus News

by Mrs. George Fox

The Cooking No. 1 4-H club called "Let's Bake" met on November 15 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Roy Gayman. The club made milk and fruit drinks and also elected officers. They plan to learn how to make cocoa at their Nov. 29 meeting. The reporter is Linda Wright.

The Rufus Home Extension unit met Nov. 16 at the home of Mrs. Harland McDonald. Mrs. Sammy Tsubota conducted the business meeting and the new secretary Mrs. Otto Petersen was present. The lesson was "Facing Widowhood" and the Sherman County Extension agent Mrs. Janet Walker gave the lesson. Although there wasn't a large crowd out the group got a great deal from the lesson. The next meeting will be a pot luck at the home of Mrs. Millard Leigh Dec. 21. The lunch at 12:30 will begin the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Wilson and children of California are visiting their relatives in this area. While here they are guests at the home

of Stacy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson.

The Rufus Grange plans on starting their card parties for the winter season Dec 2. These parties are for the public.

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