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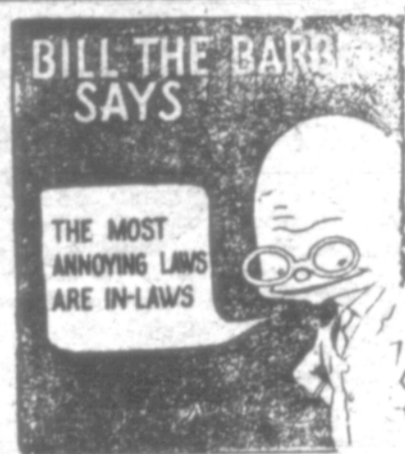
Nine hundred and ninety-nine forest fires have been reported by the twenty-two national forests of Oregon and Washington for the present fire season, up to July 31. These fires have burned 69,699 acres of national forest land, 3,396 acres of private land inside national forest boundaries, and 26,609 acres of private land outside and adjacent to national forest boundaries. Only 131 of the fires burned over ten acres each; 295 were held under ten acres and over one quarter acre; while 573 fires were held under one quarter of an acre each. Estimates of the damage of loss are not available as yet.

Over half of the fires were caused by lightning. The forest service report calls attention to the fact that the lightning hazard has been unusually severe this year; at the same time it expresses appreciation of the fact that many forest visitors have cooperated by being more careful. The report shows 561 lightning fires, as against 438 man-caused.

Analyzing the man-caused fires, however, the forest service finds that smokers and campers are still the prime offenders. There is a total of 134 smokers fires and 125 campers fires. This is 59 per cent of the total number of man-caused fires due to the camper-smoker hazard. Forest officers point out that there is still a careless minority of forest visitors who menace the welfare of the forest, as well as the pleasure of others, and who must be brought to realize that it takes only one spark to start a forest fire.

Other man-causes listed in the forest service report for two states are: railroads 65; brush burning 32; incendiary 23; lumbering 14; miscellaneous 45.

A general rain totaling .41 of an inch at Moro fell in Sherman county between Sunday evening and Thursday morning, breaking a drought extending over 84 days. Very little, if any, damage resulted to farmers because of the moisture, all being finished with harvesting except possibly with harvesting of some crops. Inside it they hid some of the best warriors with their weapons. Then they dragged the wooden horse to Troy, left it there, and ran away.



EXAGGERATED STATEMENTS

Some "remarkable" statements occasionally gain circulation. A good example is one which appeared recently dated from Washington, to the effect that tires wear out 17 times as fast on a macadam road as on a paved road. On the face of it this is an extravagant and unreasonable assertion, for anyone who drives an automobile knows that a tire will run more than 1,000 miles on a macadam road, which would be its approximate life based on the ratio mentioned.

Another interesting statement credited to the representative of a cement organization, says: "Concrete roads well built according to our specifications, will last 100 years and then be good to start on the second century lap."

If there have been any "hundred-year roads" built in the United States, few people have seen them. They would certainly be more than 6 to 10 inches in thickness, the average which is now laid on highways. This type of concrete road does well to last 10 years without expensive repairs, under heavy traffic conditions.

Few counties or states could afford to build concrete roads sufficiently thick to withstand the pound and jar of traffic for 100 years. The surface of such a road would become so rough that it would have to be retopped with some suitable material long before the 100 years expired.

So much money has been wasted on experimental road construction, that it is well to be reasonable in discussing road matters involving tax expenditures.

PROTECTS AMERICAN FARMER

The Tariff Wall Likened to Trojan Wooden Horse of Mythology

In discussing the tariff question, the San Francisco Chronicle makes the following startling comparison: "Finding the ancient city of Troy so well defended that they could not scale the walls, the Greek besiegers built a great wooden horse. Inside it they hid some of the best warriors with their weapons. Then they dragged the wooden horse to Troy, left it there, and ran away."

The foolish Trojans went out and dragged the wooden horse inside their walls. And the Greeks waiting outside poured in. That was the finish of Troy. "It happened many centuries ago, but the Trojan horse goes on happening over and over again."

Like the great walls that protected Troy, the tariff wall protects the American farmer and industries against ruinous competition. We cannot maintain the American standard of living, pay American wages, and then meet the price competition of foreign nations with lower standards and lower wages.

POLITICAL ACTIONS LIMITED

Initiative Prostituted For Personal Gain by The Wealthy

That the initiative is being prostituted for political and personal gain is apparent in all sections of Our Country. An instrument intends to be used by the people on voluntary signature, has been so abused that it no longer attracts public interest or support. Why not make it unlawful to buy signatures to initiative petitions the same as to buy votes? The San Francisco Daily News says:

The initiative petition seeking a constitutional amendment for the relief and better education of the blind in California has been withdrawn by those humanitarians having it in charge. Why? Simply because, having no money with which to push the petition, they were bound to fail of securing the necessary signatures.

One glaring fact has been uncovered in the recent campaign, says the devoted but disgusted promoters of the petition, and that is that the law providing for the placing of propositions on the ballot by initiative has been shown to be confined to wealthy organizations and individuals. It has been shown that practically every initiative proposition which will qualify for the ensuing November election has been carried out by large sums of money.

In other words, a proposal whose purpose is not for financial benefit of any person or set of persons and is purely of a humanitarian nature, fails of appeal! Only money-supported initiative gets anywhere! It is an indictment to shame the state.



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GOVERNOR PIERCE'S REMEDY

Oregon Governor Starts Initiative to Save the Voters Money

The governor of Oregon has made an astonishing discovery. He finds that the utility rates in this state are unfair, and that the people are paying an excessive price for telephone service. He demands a special investigation into the utility rate structure for the purpose of securing, if possible, some measure of relief to the public.

It is interesting to note that this discovery comes just previous to a general state election, where the people will be called upon to vote for a governor and also a measure which would authorize the state to spend \$40,000,000 upon a hydroelectric development scheme. Due to the fact that a governor makes the charges against the utility companies, the news value of his statements secures columns of front page publicity in the newspapers. Persons familiar with such proceedings know that it will be impossible to investigate the rates of Oregon utilities in the short time before the coming election, but the "demand" for the investigation serves the purpose.

The utility rates in Oregon, as in other states, are the result of many years of study and the application of state regulation applied to private business. The courts and public service commissions of Oregon and other states, which have made numerous decisions as to the reasonableness of utility rates and what should be considered a fair valuation and return, are virtually accused of being in league with the utilities to rob the consumer, under sweeping charges such as the Oregon governor makes; for the courts and the commissions have established the rates after exhaustive hearings and investigations.

One can easily see what would happen to the profit and loss account of a \$40,000,000 state hydroelectric plant in Oregon, or any other state, under a rate making schedule, free from state regulations as applied to private plants, and based on political expediency rather than on the necessity of making a profitable financial return, including tax payments.



ALL MEN EQUALLY INTERESTED

Our Interest in "The Other Fellow" Makes Wheels Go Round

No one man ever made a baseball team, and no one man ever carried on a successful business by himself. City carpenters and plumbers may think they have little interest in the farmer. The man handling freight on a city delivery truck or the timekeeper paying off a bunch of stevedores on a seaport dock, may say: "What do we care about the farmer's problems?"

But the majority of carpenters secure employment from individuals or corporations, who, in turn, are dependent for the business they do, upon the sale or manufacture of products derived from some farm crop. A large part of the business of the city drayman and the waterfront stevedore, will be handling farm crops, either in their fresh state, canned, or in the shape of sugar, flour, cured meats, etc. The man who says he is not interested in agriculture, lacks good sense.

Lack of tariff protection on crops where it is necessary, simply cuts off the jobs of thousands of workman in other lines of industry besides farming. What good does it do the laboring man if he can buy butter, eggs or sugar for a few cents less each month, if unrestricted foreign competition causes him to lose his job? The sooner we all learn that we have an interest in each other's problems, the sooner will industrial and agricultural stability be assured.



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