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### THE WALLULA "CUTOFF"

A matter that is just now creating more than ordinary interest in this section of eastern Oregon is the proposal coming from the Portland chamber of commerce to divert Oregon's quota of the federal post road and forest road money, soon to be available and which amounts in the aggregate to some \$2,500,000, away from the uncompleted highways of the state and have it applied to the construction of what is known as the "Wallula cutoff," a proposed highway, not yet on the map, which will follow the Columbia river from Umatilla, where it leaves the Columbia river highway, to Wallula, where it will connect with the Washington state highway system.

The proposed highway is appropriately named the "cutoff," as, if built, it will, to start with, cutoff Walla Walla from the main travel route between Spokane and other northern points and Portland; cut off Pendleton from the same through route; cut off the use of the Oregon-Washington highway between Pendleton and Heppner Junction via Heppner from the use of tourists and home seekers from the northern route and induce them to save 30 miles distance in order to see the water flow down hill in the Columbia on their right hand and a waste of sand and rock on their left.

The chief reason advanced by Portland spokesmen for the building of this link is that it will save tourists 30 miles in distance—which would mean one hour in time—from points north and east to Portland, and no doubt their belief is that the cutoff will divert a little more of the tourist travel towards Portland and away from western Washington points.

The road, if built, will also help divert travel from the route south from Pendleton via Heppner, Spray, Bend and Klamath Falls to California points and, incidentally, retard the development of a big territory in eastern Oregon which is tributary to Portland and a supporter of Portland's business institutions thereby, eventually, causing her to repeat the painful and expensive operation, so often performed by that city in the past, of cutting off her own nose to spite her face.

Portland is a mighty fine, big city and it is destined to become bigger and finer as the years go by but it will not become bigger and finer if it continues to listen to would-be leaders, whether within or without the chamber of commerce, who have not yet discovered eastern Oregon. That's one big trouble with some of Portland's leading citizens. They seem to be so wrapped up in their own little affairs that they have never found out that the world does not end with the sky line of the Cascades, because that is as far as they can see. They lack vision and they need a periscope to see over the range. They perhaps do not know that there are people living up this way that have produced a large proportion of the tonnage that has built up Portland's commerce and made that fine city what it is today.

Another funny thing about a lot of Portland people is that they seem to know there is a country called eastern Washington, but remain in densest ignorance regarding eastern Oregon. They seem to know that there is a Columbia River highway that was built from Portland to Umatilla for the express purpose of connecting with the Wallula cutoff which, they hope, will tap some trade territory in eastern Washington. All that type of Portland mind thinks there is of eastern Oregon is the right of way for the Columbia river highway and south of that, to the California line is void—something like everything looked the morning before the first day of creation.

What eastern Oregon wants to see done with her share of the federal road money, soon to be available, is to have it expended where it will do eastern Oregon some good. Not used to build a road to tap trade territory for Portland in another state while helping to divert tourist and commercial travel away from rich agricultural, fruit and stock-growing districts that would be sure to give tourists and homeseekers a favorable impression of Oregon.

So far Oregon's highway system has been built largely with a view of attracting tourist travel. Is it good business for the state as a whole, including Portland, to try to make a sort of spider's web of the highway system that will land every fly (tourist or homeseeker) into the metropolis?

What impression of Oregon, as a state, is likely to be gained by the tourist who follows the Columbia river all the way from Pendleton to Portland? Isn't he likely to think that when he heard Frank Branch Riley talk about Oregon somewhere away back east that Frank Branch was guying him? Wouldn't it be better for Oregon and for Portland to have the tourist see that wonderful country between Walla Walla and Pendleton and the almost equally rich country between Pendleton and Heppner and the country beyond?

Eastern Oregon has a lot of uncompleted highways; the Oregon Trail, the Oregon-Washington, the John Day The Dalles California and the Ochoco, the completion of which will mean wonderful development. The state and the counties are broke—bonded to the limit and these roads are unfinished, and if there is a way to induce the federal government to assist in completing these unfinished highways Portland should have enough vision and good, horse sense to cut out the cutoff, forget eastern Washington for awhile and take her coat off to help eastern Oregon, the big rich empire that has, practically unaided, built herself to her present position while helping build Portland trade and commerce.

## The Tangled Skein

Untangled by the Herald  
Bell Hop

Ever since Joshua commanded the sun to stand still—and made good—the thinking public has admitted that nothing is impossible. Of course all of us sometimes have a feeling that all is not going in a manner exactly in accordance with our own ideas, but what's the use to holler? If you haven't got a dollar or two you are in a sore predicament, financially, but nearly every one knows a bootlegger, and it is said they are still doing a flourishing business. The profiteers are getting more scarce since the federal government has begun to issue pardons to the seditious war talkers who failed to use a Maxim silencer. In the central states corn is being used for fuel while there are residents of every state who would be glad, right now, to eat the fuel off the cobb. Cotton, the raw product has gone up and the finished product has come down. It'll be possible soon to put a cotton garment on the Statue of Liberty during the winter months.

The government is loaning money to farmers who own their own farms and it isn't the fault of the government that each of us do not own a farm.

The disarmament clause will soon

be inserted in the constitution of the United States and no one but a bank robber or a thug will be allowed to carry fire arms.

A school is going to be started for the purpose of teaching policeman that they must not in any way assist the nefarious practice of bootlegging and won't be but a short time until the policemen will all resign to take up the profession of selling fuel oil—without a prescription.

The November ozone goes through our clothes faster than a prohibition officer goes through the effects of an alleged woman bootlegger—but this isn't a bad place to live.

We don't need our geography to tell of 116 places in the world that have fewer things to be thankful for than we have.

A republican president—with the democrats right on their trail—may help some, and then again it mayn't.

If wheat was selling for 25 cents a bushel and wool for a nickel a pound, we'd still keep right on living and the only difference there would be was that we had more things to kick about.

You can't make us think this little old land of the free and the home of Jack Dempsey and Theda Bara is going to the ever lasting bowwows. No sir; we'll not believe it until we hear the bow-wows baying, or at least see the kennel where they should be—and are not.

The war debt is being paid at the rate of a billion a month—Liberty

bonds are worth nearly as much as we paid for them, freight rates have been reduced and about the only thing any of us have to worry about the coming winter is: "Are we going to be able to eat every time the dinner bell rings?" And most of us will eat, even if we are not eating exactly what we wanted to eat at this particular meal. Personally, we have found under all conditions, that if we are able to stand the heat of the summer, we have been able to live through the following winter—and we are going to take another shot at it this winter.

## What Women Think

By Mary, the Girl Reporter

Are teacher believes in Kaptlin's punishment or she woodent have made Gordon Bisset stayin thirty 5 minnits after skule with onli her an Gordon as sole ockypants of the skule room.

We are organizin a brass band up to skule an as soon as the yell leader has been choosed the different karakters will be picked out for their plaies.

Unkel Silas ses if it was possibel to cash the chears of the parryotic puble whitich was cheared when the American Leagon boys marked by it woodent be necessary fur congress to talk enny moar axshun on the bonus bill.

Paw ses the only differents between a kiropractor and medickle fissionhun is that the kiropractor admits that he knows how to do it.

I have furgotten the name of are car but paw is bussily engaged in be, in confined to his rume these days an is inventin a parasol that can be carried oaver the carbewrayter on a damp day. He also rites to detroit every day or so.

Are direkter of sience ses the reason thair is so mutch diphtery and sarlet fever in the kuntry this year is because thair has been an over supple of yeloe paiper sints the armistiek was sined whitich must be used up.

Are teacher got boxin gloves for the debaters to use in arbitratin questions of dispewt but she found a brick in 1 of the gloves yesterdy an took them away from the debatin sessiety. She ses she may get swords for them now.

The ladys ade met last wensdy an discusted the neer east releaf. They just a resolution that the neer east was gittin nearer but the releaf was not.

Paw ses about ever organization in the world has struck now ecksept the institushun whitich was organysed for the prevenshyn of cruelle to members of the neaver sweat club. He thinks therell be an uprish thaire suna.

Star Theatre To-night

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