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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



But Is There Discrimination?

The esteemed Ione Independent gave space to the following in its columns last week:

"County roads are a burning issue in the southwest portion of Morrow county, especially in Ione. The claim made that our county commissioners continually favor Heppner in the matter of roads is said to be easily proven.

"Why the business interests of Ione and other trading and shipping points should be sacrificed for the benefit of the county seat is difficult to understand.

"Today it is next to impossible to get to Ione, Morgan or Cecil from Eight Mile, Gooseberry, Olex and other prosperous and thriving sections in this end of the county because of the bad conditions of the roads; all due, it is said, to neglect and favoritism by the county authorities.

"The Independent is collecting data to prove or disprove these statements and will publish the same when completed."

As was stated editorially in the last issue of The Gazette-Times, we believe that the court has striven to be fair to all sections of the county at all times. Generally speaking, we are of the opinion that if our Ione friends and readers were forced to travel the roads in the vicinity of Heppner they would find them on a par with the roads in the sections referred to in the Independent's article.

The court sits as an impartial body. Its members are, at the present time made up of men who are credited with being above the small things referred to in the Independent's article. Mr. Padberg, one of the commissioners, is a citizen of Ione and has large interests in the Ione section. The other commissioner, Mr. Bleakman comes from the south end of the county, at Hardman. Judge Campbell maintains his official residence in Heppner, although he owns a large wheat ranch in the Social Ridge section.

At the present time, the through highways are being given the most attention. There are more funds available for this work than for the feeder roads. Surely Ione cannot charge that she has been discriminated against in this regard. The court has designated but one market road in the county for 1920. This road runs up Rhea creek from Jordan Siding and is a distinct asset to Ione. More than that it will work to the benefit of the entire county. It is only a beginning in what is planned for the ultimate in Morrow county's road construction campaign.

So far as the roads in the outlying districts are concerned, and they are of vital importance to the successful growth and development of the county, their condition will be but temporarily improved until such a time as the county is financially able to construct permanent roads.

We are confident that when the Independent has collected its data concerning the claims which have been made against the court, it will be found that there has been no discrimination and that the court has done all within its means to give everything possible to all parts of the county without fear or favor.

Value of the Dollar

A dollar is worth what it will buy—exactly that and no more. It is a standard of value, but a fluctuating and relative standard. Money is a medium of barter. When commodities increase in price, it simply means that the purchasing power of the dollar has decreased. When the wage-earner receives more for his labor, the clothier receives more for his goods, the farmer receives more for his product, and the manufacturer receives more for his manufactures. Neither the intrinsic value of labor nor of any commodity can be artificially changed. They maintain their relative values. If we give more dollars for one, we must give more dollars for the other. If the wage-earner in 1914 received \$3.00 per day, which would purchase sixty pounds of sugar, and if today the wage-earner is paid \$6.00, and this sum will buy only sixty pounds of sugar, the relative values remain unchanged.

A table of prices today, as compared with prices in 1914, shows an average increase of 121 per cent, or

more than double, in 92 standard commodities including building materials, metal products, food supplies, etc.

In the consideration of increased prices paid for commodities of all kinds, little or no notice has been taken of the increased returns that capital must have in order that capital may justly retain its relative value.

An investment that realizes six per cent today, as formerly, has only half its former value if the six per cent will purchase only half the commodities that formerly could be bought with the same return. The investment has then become worth only three per cent. Too little account is taken of the increased cost of living in the scrutiny of present-day corporation returns. The hundreds of thousands of holders of stocks whose income partially depends upon dividends on the stocks of conservative and substantial corporations are unjustly treated if the reasonableness of those dividends is measured today by the standards of former years. A corporation which today, as formerly, distributes dividends of seven per cent on its capital stock is actually paying its stockholders less, in exact proportion to the decrease in the purchasing power of money, which today is less than one-half the purchasing power in 1914. Stockholders are entitled to a higher rate of dividends in the same proportion.

Criticism based on increased rates of return and on increased dividends' rates which fails to recognize these obvious facts is superficial and unjust.—Standard Oil Bulletin.

"Compulsory education for aliens and illiterate citizens as proposed in an Americanization bill in Congress is a good thing. It is the public ignorance in which pernicious doctrines find their nourishing soil, and it was the terrible illiteracy of Rus-

sia which rendered it such an easy prey, first to despotism of an autocrat and then to the despotism of Bolshevism. And ignorance in a country of opportunity like this, is as incurable as it is dangerous."—Baltimore American.

Did You Know That—

A number of families have left Heppner on account of insufficient housing facilities.

Heppner is the main distributing center for one of the richest territories in the West; but that we, as citizens have not yet fully awakened to the value of our geographical blessing.

When Morrow County gets its new fair grounds there will be no other in the state of Oregon surpassing it.

Nearly every democrat you meet is strong for Hoover, and that no doubt they will continue to his support after he receives the Republican nomination.

A number of local people who contemplate building this spring are now only sorry they did not build last year, when prices seemed prohibitive.

A 100-year-old Brooklyn (N. Y.) woman attributes her long life to faithful reading of the Bible.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is now forced to employ 127 men today to do the work done by 100 men in 1917.

The Commissioner of Education of New Jersey declares that every school holiday wastes \$140,000 of the State's money.

Columbia University is now the largest in the world, having over 22,000 students enrolled in its different departments.

Lenine is reported to have said: "Among 100 Bolsheviks, there are one idealist, twenty-nine criminals and seventy fools."

A pastoral letter issued by Cardin-

al Avette, Archbishop of Paris, denounces the immodest toilets of women and indecent dances.

A glib Texan induced 2,000 residents of Pittsburg to buy twenty acres of alleged oil land at the price of \$250 to \$500 for each 400 square feet.

Ole Hanson has informed Samuel Gompers that the American Federation of Labor must drive out the "Reds" or they will be cleaned out by the American people.

President Carranza of Mexico vetoed a bill providing for restoration of bull fighting. He denounced the "sport" as a degrading spectacle, which stimulated sanguinary instincts.

The National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture lately condemned organized labor's demands for shorter working hours and higher pay as unpatriotic, and un-American.

Seeking to reduce the high cost of living, railway men at Detroit, Mich., have purchased and will operate a knitting and underwear concern, a glove factory, a tubing factory and other manufacturing plants. The deals represent an initial investment of \$1,000,000.

The Executive Council of the American Institute of Banking has declared against unionization of bank employees. The council opposes any plan purporting to promote the material welfare of its members "on any other basis than efficiency, loyalty and unadulterated Americanism."

Numbers of labor leaders in Great

Britain demand higher salaries from their unions. Over 30,000 employees of cooperative societies lately struck for higher pay. These societies, with a membership of 15,000,000, consist entirely of working men,

and were supposed to have abolished the evils of the wage system.

Colonel Abbott of the University of Pennsylvania, an Army sanitarian during the war, says: "In case of a threatened outbreak of influenza

avoid crowds, avoid intimate contact with other persons, look upon all persons with colds so-called as suspicious, and regard all convalescents as probable carriers of disease germs."



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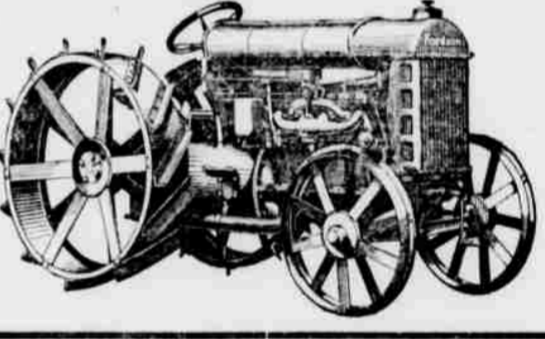
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