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Passing the Buck

"While congress has inveighed against publishers for waste of print paper on mammoth editions and has talked of penalizing them by raising postage rates and by taxing advertisements, the government itself is the greatest waster of paper," says the Portland Oregonian. There you are. There is the spirit of cooperation which is doing so much (?) to help the smaller publications out of the present news print crisis.

We grant that the government is a great waster of paper. Tons of it goes through the mail and on through the offices to the waste basket. But we have noticed that the Oregonian has not curtailed its lavish use of news print. Maybe its cause that paper owns its own paper mill and has no fear of a shortage in its own stock.

The fact that the government is a waster of paper does not excuse the Oregonian. The government has a great many ills which we are sure the Oregonian would desire to keep free from. Let the Oregonian, which by the way, is easily Oregon's first newspaper, set a proper example for other metropolitan dailies in this territory, by itself eliminating the waste of news print. Then it can very nicely tell others, the government included, what is the best course to pursue in this matter of waste.

A Fool and His Money

It is amazing the number of wildcat schemes that are abroad in the land to separate us common folks from our hard-earned money and the GAZETTE-TIMES again and most earnestly advises its readers to be watchful of all allurement—all of them.

The mails are chuck-full of prospectuses of swindling concerns, especially swindling oil companies. Clever writers compose them, using their crooked brains to make even the cautious unsuspecting.

Have you seen the latest? It's a so-called California ranch company that says it has started a cat ranch with 100,000 cats. Pussy gives birth to an average of 12 kittens a year. The company proposes to kill 5000 a day and sell the fur at 30 cents a piece. To feed the cats, they propose an adjoining ranch with 1,000,000 rats, a prolific tribe. The bodies of the skinned cats will in turn feed the rats. A sort of perpetual motion or endless chain. Stock, five cents a share!

Preposterous, of course, but in one of our biggest American cities, 50 prosperous business men made inquiries about the shares at a bank which had posted the "ranch" prospectus in its window as a horrible example.

Horrible credulity!

State Text Books

Non-Partisan League government of North Dakota has reached the socialistic stage where it is proposed that all text books used in the public schools shall be prepared and printed by the state.

It is easy to imagine what political-edited and politically-printed text books would be like under a socialistic regime such as that which prevails in North Dakota.

While a few attempts would be made to amend mathematical law, anything that relate to history, economics and sociology would very likely be fixed up to suit the politics of the faction that happened to do the editing. The common school reader could be made an effective instrument of propaganda, with declamatory exercises from socialist and radical orators and writers to take the place of Patrick Henry's oration and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Oregon Voter.

Yumsumkin, one of the best known of the Cayuse Indians and probably one of the wealthiest of the Indians on the Umatilla reservation, died in Chicago recently as a result of asphyxiation. Yumsumkin was on his way to Washington to interview the Secretary of the Interior regarding Indian lands, and stopping at Chicago he went to a hotel. He blew out the gas. Yumsumkin was 65 years of age and his wife was a sister of Chief Umapine. Sumkin had been a leader among the Indians. He is survived by a wife and daughter.

If this tractor business keeps on, a horse will be the same rare sight on the farms that the automobile was ten years ago.

Some people seem surprised when they learn that their taxes have gone up. We must not forget that the value of the old dollar, based on purchasing power, has decreased about fifty per cent. Taxes are only keeping up with everything else.

Mr. Traver has made a most excellent showing in the way he has rushed the work along on the new hotel. If Heppner don't have a first class hostelry by July 1, surely it will be no fault of his.

1920 is not being marked by the early season rush of political candidates as in days gone by. A salaried office of today is not necessarily the same high-salaried office of yesterday.

It is encouraging to all loyal Heppner people to note the fact that the contracting companies are going about their work with a desire to give the city a new water system at the earliest possible date.

Higher Education in Oregon In Crisis

Higher education in Oregon is passing through another crisis. The first one came a few years back when certain interests, for selfish reasons, tried to stab the state university in the back, by hanging a referendum on the state's appropriation bill. The university passed through those stormy years, for when the people of Oregon fully understood the situation, they were not slow in coming to the relief of their state university. Conditions were improved and that strained situation which had existed for so long, was relieved to a certain extent and the university went ahead.

Then comes the second crisis. High prices have hit our colleges just as they have hit the individual, only where the individual has been able to increase his income somewhat in proportion to the increased cost of everything, the state institutions of higher learning have had to get along on a fixed income. Buildings have run down as a result. It has been impossible to build new ones and the steadily growing student bodies are facing cramped conditions on every turn. Class rooms are inadequate, dormitories are too small and equipment is insufficient.

Then another grave situation is that confronting the faculty. The agricultural college and the state university have lost instructor after instructor, big men, who have been lured away to other colleges through larger salaries. If Oregon is going to remain faithful to her future citizenship and maintain her place among the states in an educational way, she must get over that small way of dealing with her state schools. Every voter of the state who has her future welfare at heart, will support the millage bill, which provides for the support of these institutions, in the May election.

The City Beautiful

Heppner is finally going forward with great big progressive strides. Modern business blocks, improved streets and above all, an adequate water supply will soon give our city an appearance, the like of which but few of us dreamed a few years ago.

The town is badly in need of more homes. Population has increased out of all proportion to home building. Families are living in two or three room suites where they should have much larger and more comfortable quarters. Many of these people have invested their money here in a business way and are not yet able to build and own their homes. Yet they would not be adverse to paying ample rent on a house where real home life might be enjoyed. With comfortable living quarters, these people would become better satisfied with everything in the town in general and the town would be benefited thereby.

Heppner might well follow the same plan as adopted by other towns that have faced a similar situation, and organize a local home builders association.

The housing situation should begin to clear itself within a few months. Hon. J. W. Morrow of Portland, and for many years a resident of Heppner, is plating his east side property and beautiful homesites will be laid off. Winding roads and terraces, beautiful parking and landscaping will make this tract ideal for home building. In speaking to a Gazette-Times representative in Portland this week, Mr. Morrow said that he was not placing the lots on the market with a view of making money, but that the lots would be offered to the buying public at the lowest possible figure. The lots will be sold on easy terms.

The opening up of this tract to homesites is one of the greatest forward moves to occur here in some time. It is all a result of Heppner's new gravity water system, which will be complete by early summer.

Cannot Fool the People

California has voted down single tax, Oregon has voted it down time and time again. The people of the Pacific coast are to be afflicted with it again, however, at the coming elec-

tion. In plain English Single Tax means to tax land values only. Under this system the personal property of individuals and corporations would pay no tax. Probably 50 per cent of present taxable property would be eliminated from the tax rolls. This would mean that the tax on land would have to be doubled and the farmer would be hit the hardest. City dwellers having largely personal property, and operating stores, etc., would go Scott free of taxation.

Single tax is voted down by increasingly large majorities each time it comes before the people and the better they understand it.

The Non-Partisan League of North Dakota which is seeking support in several western states on the ground that it favors measures favorable to farmers, is a strong backer of the single tax idea, which would greatly increase tax burdens of the farmers.

The Non-Partisan league is a socialistic organization which explains its support of the Single Tax idea which is the entering wedge for socialization of land through enormous taxation, which would force private owners to release title to state thru inability to pay taxes.—E. Hofer in *The Manufacturer*.

Rhea Luper, assistant state engineer, paid Enterprise a visit the first of the week in connection with the work of the county water master. Mr. Luper found numerous acquaintances here, classmates and associates of college days at O. A. C. His headquarters are at Salem in the State engineer's office, but he claims Heppner as his home.—Enterprise Record-Chief.



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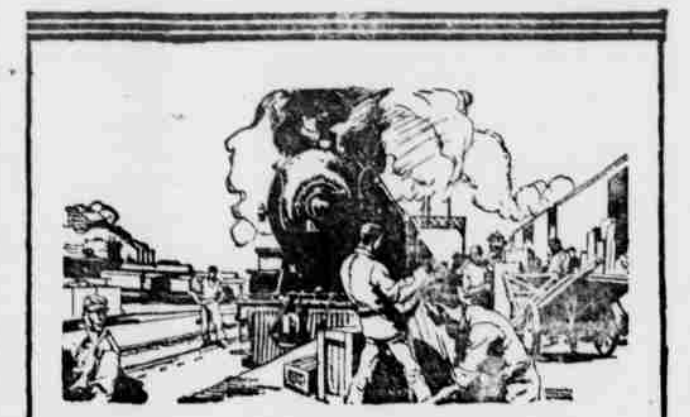
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