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WE NEED MORE BURBANKS

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The boy in school fifty years ago looking upon the map of the United States in his geography found the vast territory between the Pacific Coast states and the Missouri River designated as the Great American Desert.

Since that time the surveyor has clearly defined the state lines, and into these states hundreds of thousands of brave people have pioneered.

There today great cities stand, sky scrapers pierce the sky, the hammer is heard, business thrives, the parched lands are kissed with irrigation ditches that drain the glaciers' melting flow and spread bounty and prosperity into the lap of an aggressively progressive people.

On that desert land the great Burbank lives. From out that hopeless wilderness he brought forth fruits that have been the wonder of the world.

Daniel Webster was a wise man. But amazement would make him wiser were he alive today. On the floor of the United States Senate he opposed the acquisition of the Oregon territory because he said, "You cannot roll a wheel out there."

Soon after Daniel made this declaration a fellow by the name of Whitman rolled a wheel out there. On his wheel Whitman laid a load of apple tree roots. With them he planted out there what have grown to be the greatest apple orchards in the world.

The changed map has taught anew the old lesson that all things are possible to the men who defy defeat, to the men who dare.

Twenty years ago we used to speak of undeveloped sections as "the last west." As we have closed in on these unsettled places we found the new east.

While developing ways to fertile fields in what was once the desolate desert we learned much. Now abandoned farms in New York and New England are attracting the college trained agriculturist of the West. The Carolinas and the Southern States about them are revealing farms that lure the lowan, than whom there is no better farmer known. Florida, long looked upon as a tangled mass of semi-tropical verdure, is proving to be a matchless garden spot. Good land is everywhere.

Our agricultural colleges are turning out engineers to irrigate and drain; chemists who teach us how to replenish the soil; agronomists who tell us how to grow better grain and captains of commerce who show us how to make a better product-pack and find a better market. These colleges are changing farming from drudgery to a scientific profession.

Lincoln said, "I always plucked the thistle and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow."

Give us more Burbanks; give us more scientifically trained men, and we have land enough in the United States to feed and clothe all the people in the whole wide world.

One month till election, when the great questions agitating the mind of the body politic in Oregon will be settled—for a time, at least.

While the Rodeo did not make money above expenses this year, it came very near breaking even. When it is considered that there was some expense that had to be met in the way of permanent fixtures, such as the grand stand, it is figured that the committee came out ahead, as this expense will not have to be met another year. It was a very creditable exhibition, staged by purely local talent and should be made an annual festival for Heppner. Its management this year was in the hands of good men who admit that there is room for improvement in many ways and future events, if staged here, will be spared some of the features that were the cause of some criticism this season. The big crowds of people assembled during the three days were orderly and appeared to enjoy themselves to the full. A few instances of "ruff stuff" were noted and the perpetrators were promptly handled by the police force which kept an eye open at all times for those who would be real bad, as well as the fellows who had imbibed too much moonshine and bootleg. The town was thrown open to the visitors for a good time, and there was no interference with any who desired to enjoy themselves the very best way they could. The Rodeo will be a bigger success in every way another year.

NATIONAL BUDGET ON TRIAL

The new director of the budget, General Lord, has before him a standard of accomplishment the administration points to with an excusable feeling of pride.

The books for the fiscal year 1922 recently closed show the year began with a prospective deficit of \$24,468,703 and ended with a surplus of receipts over expenditures of \$313,801,651.

The national debt has been reduced \$1,041,968,844, and a balance of \$272,105,512 remains in the general fund.

It is only fair to say, however, that Secretary Mellon clearly pointed out some months ago that much of the reduction of expenditure is merely a postponement of payments due to a shift in the government's financial operations.

Calm analysis of the results of the budget system do not warrant more than an indication in its favor, though certainly nothing can be said against it. The system has not been put to the test, proof of its efficacy being impossible to date.

With a more complete knowledge of the resources of government now known and a closer tabulation on expenditures that are elastic, the likelihood is that the new budget which is now on hand will be much more accurate than its predecessor.

When General Lord is ready to report, the public will be in a better position to judge the system and its workings and perhaps to appreciate the groundwork laid by General Dawes.

On its face the budget appears to be working in favor of the American pocketbook.

RABIDLY PARTISAN

It is vigorously denied by a democratic newspaper, the *Portland Journal*, that the \$5000 contribution of Jesse Winburn to the Pierce campaign fund is Newberryism.

Mr. Winburn is a newcomer. He or his friends have let it be known that he is an ex-Tammany captain from New York, where he made a wad of money out of the advertising concession on the street cars.

Now it may be that Mr. Winburn is one of those

New York hicks who are easier to separate from their money than the rural rube was ever said to be. Yet we doubt that an ex-Tammany captain is soft enough to be separated from \$5000, without one hope of reward, by the tears of Walter Pierce, or by his indefinite promises of tax reduction, or that he would care a whoop whether taxes were reduced in Oregon or not. It is not charged that this new angel of the Pierce campaign was forced out of Tammany hall in disgrace—as would doubtless have been the case were he so impractical a politician as he is now represented to be.

But the gift does not concern us a lot. It is, however, interesting, for the accompanying revelations of partisan quality in the high-sounding stuff we have been reading about Newberryism and purity of elections.

Anybody in Oregon who wanted to go gunning for corrupt practices in elections never had to go back to Michigan, whether he was looking for republican or democratic game. In more than one election wealthy democratic candidates in Oregon have poured out money notoriously in excess of the amount permitted by the corrupt practices act. In one election one democratic candidate for high office was openly charged with so doing.

Yet the Portland newspaper which goes gunning in Michigan, which sees nothing but sweet sincerity in a handsome contribution from a political hard-shell, which discovers only slush and corruption in every fund accumulated for any purpose of which it disapproves, has never peeped about democratic corrupt practices in Oregon. Yet in an indignant reply to a printed letter it says it is not a rabid partisan.—*Oregonian*.

The rain came just right—a good shower preceding the Rodeo laid the dust nicely, and since that event has passed, heavy showers are placing the summerfallow ground in excellent shape for fall seeding as well as bringing up much that had been placed in the ground before the rains came.

A ROTTEN MESS

If further argument were needed to convince Oregon citizens that the direct primary, the initiative and referendum, are failures and detrimental to the cause of good government in the state, it is furnished in the revelations of corruption before the Marion county court in the methods used for obtaining signatures to the petitions for the income tax and fish bills.

The hearing is a rotten record of forgery, perjury and falsehood. Notaries, presumably at so much per name, made affidavit that they personally knew all of the signers of the petitions.

On the stand they admitted that they knew but a trifling percentage of the signers. Some knew none at all. The notarial commissions of these false servants will be revoked by Governor Olcott, and rightly so. Then they can openly join the army of self-seekers, opportunists and disgruntled ranters who have been righteously rebuked by the commonwealth's chief executive and exercise their dishonest and unscrupulous talents in bringing about the governor's political downfall—if they can.

There is a contest on in this state between righteous government by the people in their own behalf, and a government by invisible forces seeking to fatten their purses and advance their political standing at the expense of the state.

They have seized upon the very laws that the people fondly hoped would purify politics, and have by falsehood and unscrupulous manipulation, while the majority of voters were sleeping, worked thru a manipulated minority, by fraud, deceit and corruption, to gain ends that will hamper and restrict the development of the state if those ends could be effected.

Fortunately the majority is awakening, and as the nefarious methods possible under the present political system are brought to light, there is a growing revulsion against the false prophets of progress and purity, who stand publicly arraigned as betrayers of the people.—*Klamath Herald*.

POWER OF PUBLIC OPINION

The railroad shop crafts have lost the strike. They have been beaten as no band of strikers was ever beaten.

They were beaten because from the very start public opinion was solidly against them and no strike can succeed against such opposition.

Public opinion was against them, first, because after the public had established an impartial tribunal to peaceably adjust differences between them and railroad managements, they refused to abide by its decisions; and, second, because they refused to accept a wage award though it fixed wages from 29 to 90 per cent higher than in 1917.

Strikes are bad things. They smybolize anarchy no less than industrial warfare.

This one has visited misfortune and hardship on many who were contented with their rate of pay and working conditions but who went on strike because an arrogant and stupid leadership so ordered.

They deserve no public sympathy, for from cowardly assaults on defenseless men who refused to strike to bomb-throwing, train-wrecking and murder they stopped at nothing to accomplish their selfish ends.

When smyphatizers under the false and subtle pretense of "defective equipment" deserted trains on a sweltering desert and subjected innocent women and children to suffering and hardship their reprehensible acts were brazenly applauded by strike agitators.

If this strike did nothing else it set the sober mind of America in action against bolshevism as it never was before. It has aroused the law-abiding, law-respecting element of the people to a realization that bolshevism is not confined to Russia and that if the cherished heritages and institutions of civilization are to be preserved a public duty attaches to the citizen to see that justice prevails, law is upheld and transgressions and transgressors are commensurately penalized.—*The Manufacturer*.

Mr. Pierce, author of millage tax bills, which created additional tax burdens for the people of Oregon to meet, wants us all to vote for him now as the great champion of tax reduction. The most of this tax reduction talk is bunk, and Walter is the chief "spreader," whose sincerity on this question is open to serious doubt.

News Notes

New Orleans—Thousands of ex-service men are expected to attend the American Legion National convention in New Orleans, October 16-20th, as a result of the announcement of a railroad rate of one fare for the round trip. Announcement of the reduced rate was made by E. A. Simmon, chairman of the Legion's national transportation committee. The rate has been accepted as official by Hanford MacNider, Legion National Commander.

The reduced fare, which will be effective on all railroads, will apply to members of The American Legion, and its auxiliary, widows, or deceased members of the legion and to delegates to the convention of the International Veterans' Federation which will be held the week before the Legion gathering.

Legion convention officials estimate that a crowd of 100,000 visitors will attend the national gathering as a result of the fare reduction. Several thousand legionnaires are also expected to take advantage of the fifty per cent reduction granted on all vessels of the United States Shipping Board.

The railroad rate table based on the reduced fare shows that those in Oregon contemplating attending the convention, will pay \$98.53 for fare from Portland, Oregon to New Orleans, La. and return.

In these days of Modern improvements it is certainly refreshing to run across a roller towel occasionally.—*Pacific Legion*.

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Legion National Convention in New Orleans in October. Their expenses will be paid by the Legion convention committee.

Mrs. M. G. Weaver of Ellensburg, Pa. has appealed to State Headquarters of The American Legion of Oregon to assist her in locating her son, who is believed to be somewhere on the Pacific Coast.

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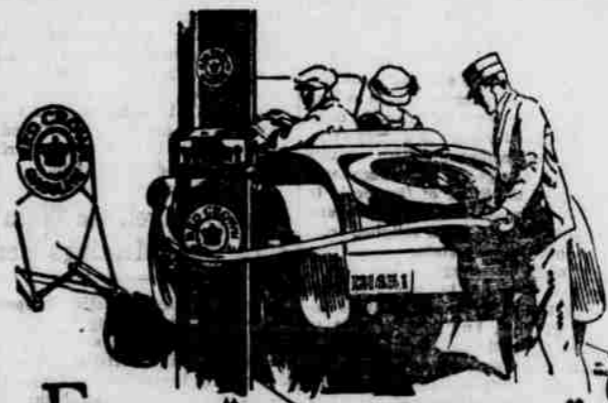
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