



Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, is looked upon with great favor in the South as the logical candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

OVER-PRODUCTION NOT PRICE FAULT

Newspaper Howl of "Surplus" Ungrounded Says Spence.

C. E. Spence, Market Agent.

This country raises too much. The newspapers and periodicals of the land proclaim this. We raise too much wheat, too much of all dairy products, too much fruit, too many vegetables, too much everything. We have "over-production" and a great "surplus" must be marketed abroad, and the inexorable rule of supply and demand fixes the low price of all agricultural products and puts the farmer in his present plight.

So we should "diversify," the learned economists and editors tell us. We should change about and raise more of what we do not raise, and less of what we do raise. And all the other farmers should do the same. And then our statements at Washington get busy on legislation that will permit us to borrow more money to change our system—and run a little deeper into debt.

And in the face of this great deluge of "over-production" the U. S. Department of Agriculture broadcasts the facts that we bought \$36,000,000 of dairy products from other countries in one year—\$2,000,000 more than we exported; that we bought six and a half million dollars' worth of eggs abroad; that in 1923 we imported a million and a half dollars' worth of hay; over a million dollars' worth of potatoes; \$1,700,000 of tomatoes; almost a half million dollars of turkeys; \$115,000,000 of hides and skins, and so on with lists of imports of products that we have a "surplus" of that would fill a newspaper column.

With the wage scales and living standards of nearly all countries far below those of this nation; with the market values of the currencies of these nations dropping each day, and with nearly all nations trying to sell to this country in order to get money with value in it, how can the American farmer hope to get production cost from his products in competition? Why shouldn't we have a surplus when we import billions of dollars' worth of the same goods we raise? And why shouldn't we have European prices when the prices of these imported products are used to fix the home market?

Between tariff schedules and combination strength the manufacturers, utility corporations and others maintain profit prices, and the financial statements of many large concerns show amazing earnings, while the soil producers get but production prices, and less, and have to pay the high prices of the protected. This condition makes two standards, two dollars—an absolutely unfair and unjust system.

The farmer should be protected to the extent of other industries. If the deluge of agricultural imports had the same duty as many manufactured articles, and if the farmers had the same organization strength of other industries, there would then be one standard dollar, and all industries would be on an even footing. If the millions of tons of farm products now imported, and produced under low wages and low living standards, had the tariff protection of manufactured articles, the deluge would be greatly lessened and the products now imported would be grown here.

When farmers are organized as strongly as other industries they will get the same protection. When they do their own marketing they will be able to cut out the thousands of middle profit takers that prey on them. When they control both production and marketing they will have an even break with the rest of the country. The "over-production" hogbowl is but the pretext of the middle interests.

Ford Makes High Mark of 7,456 Cars in Week

Bringing into its big spring production program, the Ford Motor company on Wednesday, March 13, reached the highest mark in its history when its domestic assembly plants produced a total of 7,456 cars and trucks.

This record-breaking figure does not include the daily output of 500 cars for export, nor the production of the Manchester, England, and Ford of Canada plants which manufacture most of their own products.

The next production record is of especial significance as it indicates the enormous demand being made throughout the country for Ford cars and trucks and the company's endeavor to bring its output up to the point where it will attempt to fill all requirements and to avoid repetition of the shortage which existed last spring when thousands of persons were disappointed in not being able to secure delivery of cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs of Ceel were visiting with friends in Heppner on Wednesday.

SINNOTT PROPOSES FEDERAL PARK ROADS

Would Make Playgrounds Attractive for Tourists; Present Roads Bad.

Washington, March 24.—"One of the best business investments the government could make is proposed by the Sinnot Bill, which has just passed the House, providing \$2,500,000 per year for three years for construction and improvement of roads, trails and bridges in National Parks," declares the Republican Publicity Association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr. "When we read in the New York papers long lists of residents of the United States taking passage on steamers for Europe, chiefly for pleasure trips, there can be no doubt of the desirability of making every reasonable effort to encourage these tourists to remain in the United States. Nothing more effective in that direction could be done than the construction of good highways in the National Parks so that travel therein will be made safe, convenient and pleasurable.

"American tourists spend not less than \$500,000,000 a year, and probably much more than that, on the other side of the Atlantic. If any considerable proportion of these tourists could be induced to remain in the United States the saving to the nation would justify the appropriation for road construction in the Parks. "But that would be only a minor consideration. Even if this feature of the subject were given no consideration whatever, the benefits that would be derived by tourists who never think of leaving the United States would fully justify even a larger appropriation than proposed by the Sinnot bill. Many thousands of our citizens visit the Parks every year. They travel over roads only 12 miles of which, in the Parks, are paved. Very few sections of the road have anything that could be called hard surfacing of any character. Many of the roads are narrow, and the grades are unnecessarily steep. If the roads were adequately improved travel in the Parks would be much more enjoyable for those who are accustomed to go there from year to year and many more thousands would be attracted by the assurance that they would be able to travel in comfort.

"It is surprising to read in the report submitted by Congressman Sinnot in behalf of his bill, that, since 1872, only \$3,540,000 has been expended by the Federal Government, in road building and improvement in our National Park system, while it is estimated that since 1915 the states have expended nearly \$24,000,000 in improving approach roads to National Parks. It is absurd that the road leading to Mt. Ranier National Park has been improved at a cost of nearly \$4,000,000, but people who travel that road to the Park entrance are required to purchase an automobile permit available for their use within the park a road only 20 miles—a road unsurfaced and scarcely in a safe condition for travel.

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"From every viewpoint, therefore, it is highly desirable that the government appropriate as much money as can be used to good advantage from year to year in the extension of roads making a larger area of the Parks available for enjoyment by visitors."

Standard Oil Company Removing Road Signs

Action of Company Warmly Indorsed by State Highway Commission; Others May Follow Suit.

Praise of the stand taken by the Standard Oil company in its recent announcement that it would remove its road signs in the interests of greater beautification of the highway was given by the state highway department last week, which expressed itself as heartily in accord with the move.

"The state highway commission greatly appreciates the action of the Standard Oil company in its announced intention of removing all of its signboard advertising along the highways of the state," said a statement issued for the commission by Roy Klein, state highway engineer and secretary of the commission, last week. The statement continues: "It is hoped that the company's frank statement that it is convinced that highway advertising detracts from the natural scenic beauty will appeal to other advertisers as well.

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Secretary of Navy



Judge Curtis Wilbur, California Supreme Court Justice and a graduate of the Naval Academy in 1888, has accepted the role in President Coolidge's cabinet as the new Secretary of the Navy.

Our Army Airmen Sailing 'Round the World



This photo-diagram shows the proposed route of the U. S. Army fliers who are now making an attempt at an around the world flight. Insert is of Maj. Martin, in command of the flight and one of the air cruisers being used.

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"This action of the Standard Oil company in the interest of the elimination of signboards will be approved by the various civic bodies of the state who have been working toward that end and also will be supported by the state at large.

"The Standard explained its reason for the action in a bulletin reading as follows: "Convinced that highway advertising signs detract from the natural beauty of the great routes of travel of the Pacific coast, this company has decided that it will erect no more signs and that it will immediately remove all of its signs of this nature now standing. Hereafter the company will confine its use of signs to commercial locations."

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ent however that the state money will be needed. Accordingly steps are being taken to secure state funds. Under the act passed by the legislature the state money is available at the request of the secretary of the interior. Mr. Crocker says that the drilling work at the damsite has now been completed.—Pendleton E. O.

C. E. RALLY IS HELD. An interesting Christian Endeavor rally was held yesterday at the Christian church, with members of the Presbyterian and Christian churches present, and visiting delegates from Helix, Milton, Freewater, Adams, Pilot Rock and Reith. About 75 delegates were present. A luncheon was a feature of the rally.

On Saturday a group of C. E. members from this county will go to Lone Morrow county, for a meeting there Saturday evening. On Sunday they will meet either at Heppner or Lexington. Those who will make the trip are Mrs. Frank Ritchey of Freewater; Rev. J. M. Cornelison, of Tualilla Mission; Mrs. A. C. Voelker, of Helix, and Miss Myrtle Corley of Pendleton.—East Oregonian.

CALL FOR WARRANTS. Warrants of the John Day Irrigation District, validated by Court decisions, registration Nos. 57 to 70 inclusive, will be paid on presentation at the office of County Treasurer on or after April 8th, 1924, at which time interest on said warrants will cease. Dated at Heppner, Oregon, March 25th, 1924.

LEON W. BRIGGS, Treasurer, Morrow County. Isaac Howard was up from Lone yesterday to attend to some business matters in this city.

State's Money Will Be Needed For Survey. In completing the survey of the Umatilla lands project the government engineers will have need of the \$10,000 appropriated by the last legislature for cooperative work of this character. News to this effect was brought here yesterday by E. R. Crocker, engineer in charge of the survey on the project. Previously the government engineers thought the \$50,000 appropriated by congress would be sufficient. It is now apparent however that the state money will be needed.

Are You Making This Mistake? Some people think that because Willard Batteries are quality batteries, they must be expensive. That's wrong! You can buy a genuine Willard Wood-Insulated Battery with Willard reliability for \$17.55.

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So They Voted for "TH" The question in the Graham home was whether it was to be TH-rift or D-rift. The vote was for TH-rift after Mrs. G. presented it thusly:

"Are we content to drift along with no preparation for the future?" "Or, are we thrifty going to save money for the future?"

"A bank account will help us meet possible misfortune without a qualm." "And when opportunity knocks it will make it possible for us to take full advantage."

"Now—what do you say, shall it be thrift or drift?" This bank helps people save by paying 4 percent interest on saving accounts. Start yours today.

Farmers & Stockgrowers National Heppner Bank Oregon

Star Theater THURSDAY and FRIDAY, MARCH 27-28 Colleen Moore, James Morrison and Geo. Cooper in

"THE Nth COMMANDMENT" A tale of Broadway's lights and shadows, blended of the joys and sorrows of plain folks.

EDNA MURPHY in "HER DANGEROUS PATH" Also PATHE NEWS WEEKLY

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 LIANE HAID (A yung lady of whom you will probably hear much praise in the near future) in

THE AFFAIRS OF LADY HAMILTON An excellent production. Not particularly a self-evident play for children, but if you are capable of reading between the lines, you will find much satisfaction in this play. Historically correct and ably directed.

Also "ANIMAL ATHLETICS" One of the Sportlight series by Grantland Rice.

SUNDAY and MONDAY, MARCH 30-31 GLORIA SWANSON in

"PRODIGAL DAUGHTERS" With Theodore Roberts as Dad. We have all heard of the prodigal son, but how about the prodigal daughter who plays with fire to the tune of a jazz band. This is one of Gloria Swanson's best.

Also Comedy—"IT'S A GIFT" WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE OPERETTA "SYLVIA"