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### Interesting Politics

**JAMES ALOYSIUS FARLEY'S** current article in American magazine gives some interesting history. It tells the actual story of the Democratic national convention that first nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for president, and one need but read a little between the lines to see motives that have actuated many New Deal measures.

There is, for instance, the story of how William Gibbs McAdoo swung the California delegation over to Roosevelt and brought about the New York governor's nomination at a time, Farley admits, when Roosevelt's chances were getting desperate. Had not this forte been accomplished early in the balloting, Farley foresaw a swing away from the candidate for whom he had carried his portfolio laboriously thru-out the country for two preceding years.

Now Roosevelt is in California ostensibly to view preparations for the big world fair next year, but "native sons" are not hoodwinked. They know the headman's visit actually is to boost the candidacy of California's "alien senator," as they term Mr. McAdoo.

Whatever Mr. Roosevelt's faults no one can say of him that he has forgotten those gentlemen who held key positions in first gaining the nomination for him. After reading the first instalment of Mr. Farley's article, the least informed person may readily understand why Farley put so much stress upon "Roosevelt before Chicago" in handing out patronage later.

If Mr. Farley in future articles is as candid about new deal acts that followed Mr. Roosevelt's entry into the presidency it will make mighty good reading for all Americans, and it should write the death knell for all leftist political movements in this country. For while Mr. Roosevelt has been considerate of his friends he has been equally retributive toward his enemies and the 22 billion dollars added to the national debt since he took office has been a mighty weapon in waging the president's will.

For the effects one does not need to look far off. No more ardent supporter of Roosevelt in the early days was to be found anywhere than the Pendleton East Oregonian. Lately, eating bitter pie over new deal interference in the Oregon democratic primary, the E. O. editor says "...The defeat of the governor at the primary and the nomination of Hess was no Roosevelt victory. It was a disgrace.

"Mr. Michelson (the new deal press agent) should tell the president to get rid of his left wing advisers. They are not smart. They are screwy and some of them appear more interested in Russianism than in Roosevelt."

But maybe Mr. Farley will explain everything away satisfactorily.

### Those Flood Dams

**WILL** Mr. Pierce give us word of the present status of the flood control dams on Willow and Rhea creeks that were given approval of the army engineers? We wrote him some time before congress adjourned, and were advised that they were included in an omnibus bill then up for passage.

Since then we ascertained from the daily press that the bill was passed, but saw no mention of our dams. There were listed a number of preferred projects with the statement that other projects included in the bill might get attention if funds were available. We surmised that the Willow flood control project was included in the latter grouping, but have had no word.

We are not alone in wanting to know. Fred Hoskins, in the city Monday from Rhea creek, believes the flood control dams are not only feasible but advisable to relieve the threat of damage from cloudbursts. Most everyone in Heppner is pleased with the channel clearing and straightening that has been done on the creek through Heppner. But there are those who believe damage in the future may be greater because of this work. In event of cloudburst, they say, the water will have more velocity into the city, and the concrete bridges across the creek fail to provide sufficient clearance for the debris' always present in the flood waters. They see this debris jamming the bridges and shooting the water out about town faster than at any time before.

This view might be unduly alarming but it should be considered before the flood control project is entirely shelved.

We would like to have the information from Mr. Pierce, too, to ascertain the advisability of going ahead with necessary groundwork locally. It has previously been ascertained that no dam construction can take place until after a flood control district has been organized; this district to provide sites and take care of maintenance of dams after construction. Such organization will require time and some expense, the expenditure of which is hardly justified if prospects of obtaining the completed project are very dim.

### A Long Needed Road

**MORROW** county has builded many roads and builded them well. But since the earliest days of its road building it has slighted one road that has always been recognized as one of the most important market feeders in the county's history. That road is the Sunflower Flat road to Monument.

It has not altogether been Morrow county's fault that the road wasn't put in tiptop shape years ago when many thousand dollars worth of merchandise was freighted over it each year. The story has been told that the Morrow county court wanted to improve the road many times, but that Grant county would not cooperate. Grant county was controlled largely by the more heavily populated south end which cared little about the north end having a good road to Heppner, it was said.

But through the years, the fact is, the road was slighted, and with improvement of other roads out of the Monument section, Heppner's old-time favorable trade balance with the Monument people became but a tale to reminisce in the fireside's glow.

The sum total, or nearly so, of the trade relationship between Heppner and the Monument section today lies in the cattle that are driven here for shipment. By virtue of the good feed and water through the mountains over the road to Heppner, the stock are brought out this way and placed on the market in better condition than they could reach it by any other route. That is a favorable situation for Heppner.

Still Heppner is only fifty miles from Monument by way of the Sunflower Flat road, and it is the natural outlet for the bulk of produce from the Monument and Long Creek sections. That produce would not all come this way, it's true, but much of it would, and many people of the section express their desire to come this way.

Now, these Monument people believe sale of \$5000 bonds voted by Grant county for use on this road can be brought about if Morrow county will build its end. Roughly estimating, eight miles of the road lies in this county. At an estimated cost of placing natural gravel on the road of \$200 a mile, it would cost Morrow county \$1600 to take care of its part.

No such sum is available from this year's road budget, but Morrow

county should take the matter under consideration in making up the budget next year. The sum is small compared to the benefits both to Morrow county and the people of the Monument section.

### One Man's Experience

**ONE** reason for the sad plight of Uncle Sam's livestock market was related by a visitor to the city this week, a man who makes a business of buying livestock. He told of a shipment of Canadian cattle being fed this spring at Pasco, Wash., on a diet of Canadian screenings, Hawaiian molasses, Argentina corn and soy beans from China.

This same man said he didn't know before that Indians were on relief, but on passing through Toppenish recently he discovered it. A line of Indians were receiving provisions from the relief office. One squaw was squatted on the ground with her box of groceries in the hot sun. A trickle of butter was seen running from the box.

In his journeys this man meets all kinds of people. He told of meeting trainmen, porters, bums and bellhops all the way to Chicago, and said all were fed up on the New Deal.

Probably everyone in his lifetime has felt he would like to cast off all shackles of propriety and do something devilish, which may account for some of the popularity Douglas Corrigan gained for himself in his unethical solo nonstop flight from New York to Dublin. Anyway if the Irish blooded Los Angeles youth wanted his evasion of flying restrictions to go unchastised, he picked the right place to land. One can't imagine good old Erin paddling a miscreant offspring for such a display of intestinal fortitude. . . . And Los Angeles prepares to add another chapter to Our Hero story.

So far as we're concerned, ye did a grand job of it, ye did, Corrigan me lad.

All we hope is that somebody a bit hare-brained doesn't get the notion that hopping the Atlantic in an old crate is a sure way to fame and riches. The chances are the splinters of his crate would be used for shark toothpicks after the sea scavenger had devoured a tasty morsel.

### FORMER RESIDENT VISITS

Dwight Morgan lived in Heppner a good many years ago when his father, Tom Morgan, taught school here, leaving with other members of the family about 28 years ago. This morning he appeared in the city on a visit, driving a large new school bus, one of three purchased at the factory in Michigan which were being taken to Roseburg where Mr. Morgan runs a fleet to carry school children into Roseburg and Medford. Mr. Morgan was traveling alone and had been four days on the road from the factory. The hottest he found it was in the Burnt river section of the Dakotas. He went out to the Tom Beymer farm this morning to visit the family of his uncle, Mr. Beymer, a brother of his mother who may be remembered by old-time friends as Miss Lena Beymer.

### BOYS TO GO TO CAMP

The four Morrow county boys selected to attend American Legion's Beaver Boy State camp will go to Hill Military academy, Portland, it was announced at the local post meeting Monday evening. The camp will last for one week beginning July 30. All facilities of the academy have been placed at disposal of the legion for entertaining the boys who will organize and conduct their own government, patterned after state governmental lines. Boys to go from this county with their sponsors are Henry Peterson, Jr., Heppner post American Legion; Harry Tamblin, Jr., Elks; Hugh Crawford, Lions, and Raymond Turner, Jr., Ione post American Legion.

### TRANSFERS SERVICE STATION

Eddie Kenny this week sold his interest in the stock and lease at the Monahan service station to Victor Johnson, and left yesterday to sew sacks in harvest. Johnson will conduct the service station in connection with his Heppner-Pendleton-Arlington stage run. Kenny expected to return to Portland to continue school work in the fall.

## TED McMURDO THINKS FATHER'S ALMA MATER HAS MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

That Charles "Ted" McMurdo thinks University of Virginia, his father's alma mater, is a mighty fine place is the impression left with the Lions club after a talk at the Monday luncheon. Ted arrived home Sunday from Charlottesville to visit at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, before returning in the fall to complete his second of two years' graduate work in chemistry for his master's degree. His attendance at Virginia resulted from a fellowship given for scholastic excellence in his undergraduate work at Oregon State college where he was an honor student.

Both Ted and his brother Bernard, student at Oregon State who is preparing to enter dentistry, gave short talks before the Lions.

Ted described the Virginia university campus as the most beautiful he ever saw. The buildings of Georgian design are all located at varying elevations and beautifully landscaped.

Originally non-coeducational, the university now has a small proportion of women students as compared to men, whose entrance is permitted following two years of study at other recognized colleges. The school's administration frowned upon admission of women students which was brought about through state support. The two-year preparatory work is not required of the men students, Ted said.

The young speaker was particularly impressed with effectiveness of the honor system applied in scholastic work. The system works differently than at other schools of his knowledge, he said. Examinations are not supervised by instructors, but if one student is seen cheating a council among the students them-

selves determines whether the offense is serious enough to be brought to attention of the honor board, also composed of students. All students have high regard for the system and cheating is hardly known, he said.

While the state of Virginia is not so noticeably anti-negro in its social tendencies, Ted said he was impressed with the Jim Crow law that requires all negroes to travel in separate cars from the white people. There are no negro students at Virginia though negroes hold janitorial and other positions about the school.

Ted said he had much the feeling of being in a foreign country. It being the first time he had been so far away from home, he had not before realized it was possible for people in different sections of the same country to live so differently.

### LOCAL BOY IS ORDERLY

Vancouver Barracks, July 19—John S. Crawford of Heppner was today chosen to serve as orderly for Lieutenant-Colonel Harry F. Travis, regimental commander for the 382d Infantry now in charge of training at Camp Hurlburt where 593 C. M. T. C. boys from Oregon and Washington are now encamped. Crawford, who is a member of Company E, was selected for this signal honor, awarded daily, because of neatness in appearance and unusual proficiency at guard mount.

### WIGHTMAN BROS. GO EAST

John and Bob Wightman left the first of the week for Detroit, Mich., where they expected to pick up a new car for Marvin R. Wightman of Arlington, then drive on to Pennsylvania for a visit at the old home before returning. They expected to be gone three weeks.

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