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Arteries of Progress

DEVELOPMENT of rivers and highways in the northwest have brought transition short of miraculous within the last generation.

Probably no more classic example may be seen than the great Yakima valley. Where lay a semi-desert three-score years ago, now may be seen one of the world's finest garden spots, with thousands of acres checkerboarded by fruit trees and fields of produce so variable that listing would be difficult. It is said this region, a small dot on the map of Uncle Sam, could feed a quarter of his people.

The region is crisscrossed by good roads, essential to getting the produce to market. Its cultivation is the result of conserving the waters in the higher mountain country to provide irrigation. And more and more are the scenic beauties and recreational wonders of the mountains being made accessible to the people through good roads.

The story of good roads would fill volumes. Morrow county has paid dearly through bond issue for the good roads she has. Still, who will deny that the yearly saving in transportation costs has not been sufficient to more than pay for them.

Resources must be reached, and in country so topographically cut up by mountain streams as are Oregon and Washington, it is mainly through the building of roads that they have been and will continue to be reached. Nature of the country makes construction expensive. But in hardly an instance has the expenditure not been justified, though sometimes the roads were obtained the most expensive way.

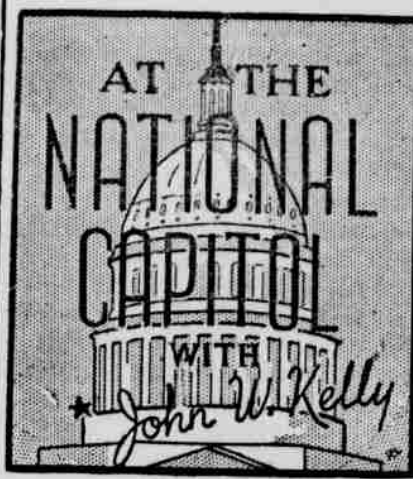
Lack of sufficient watershed may keep the valleys and sands of Morrow county from ever attaining the degree of development that is evidenced in the Yakima valley, but our people might well take a leaf from the book of development of that section. There should be ever more intensive study of possibility of water conservation for irrigation; of making more accessible the resources of the mountain region.

One of Morrow county's principal arteries to the timber is the Willow creek road. This road has received much attention in past years but it is still far from the state of improvement that is demanded by modern transportation facilities. It taps the center of the county's watershed. It makes needed recreation grounds accessible. But more important it will be the outlet for much merchantable timber that one day should come through Heppner. One of the finest stands of timber available to Heppner is that on Shaw creek, now in the forest reserve. The surest way of bringing it here for cutting is to improve the Willow creek road so that it may be brought here so cheaply that no one dare haul it elsewhere for cutting.

The chamber of commerce is asking for this improvement and it should have the 100 percent backing of everyone. It is important to Heppner for trade reasons, and it is important to all of the county in stimulating development that will take a good share of the tax load from all shoulders now bearing it.

Such arteries of progress are no idle dream. One has but to view the Yakima valley.

Father Francis McCormick returned recently from San Francisco where he attended the world fair,



Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—After three weeks of interviewing in Oregon and Washington it can be asserted as of this writing that Oregon will be carried by the Willkie-McNary ticket and Washington state will be in the column of Roosevelt-Wallace; that Idaho will go Republican. This forecast is based on the considered opinions of several hundred men and women who are supposed to know the answers in matters political. However, all forecasts in this campaign are subject to what may develop in the European war between now and November.

In agreement are new deal politicians and republicans that if Oregon does not go republican, with Oregon's Charley McNary on the ticket for vice president, then the republicans will not carry even Maine and Vermont; therefore Oregon is in the bag. It is known, however, that the administration, much as Mr. Roosevelt admires Senator McNary and feels obligated to him for his sportsmanlike leadership of the senate republicans, will bend every effort to carry the state, and there are whispers of large sums to be dumped into Oregon for this purpose.

Republicans claim they have a fighting chance to carry Washington state, but from talks with scores of people that chance appears to be very slender. There are more industrial workers in Washington than in Oregon and also more people on relief, and as a rule workers favor Mr. Roosevelt. How far the attitude of John L. Lewis of CIO and of William Green of AFL (neither of them enthusiastic for Mr. Roosevelt) will influence the members of their respective labor groups is anyone's guess. Of the two, Lewis has been abusive of the president, whereas Green has placed his complaint against the manner in which the National Labor Relations Board has administered the Wagner labor act. CIO "got the breaks" from NLRB and testimony shows the board was prejudiced against AFL.

Because of the war, markets formerly dominated by the British and Holland are being lost, temporarily at least, to the United States. A milk evaporating plant in Washington is operating 24 hours a day filling orders for the far east, a territory heretofore held by Holland and English milk factories. Pulp mills of Oregon and Washington are speeding up to provide supplies for Australia, India and way points, as the Scandanavian source has been shut off by the blockade of the German navy. This also applies to the United States, as the Scandanavians are shut out of this market for the same reason.

Next week the senate finance committee will get down to business in studying new taxes to pay the bill for national defense. What the final form of the tax measure will be no one is in position to say at this time, nor until it passes the congress. All that the congressmen can say is that the bill will be devised to raise more taxes than ever before

and the American people will begin to realize what taxation really means. Many commonplace articles will become luxuries under the new tax bill and Uncle Sam will reach deeper into the pocketbook of John Q. Citizen than he did during the first World War. The one consolation of the average taxpayer is that in the defense preparations there will be little if any profiteering and no flock of millionaires will be made.

Twenty thousand men will be under General George A. White of Oregon within a few months. Of these 13,500 will be national guardsmen from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana and 6,500 more will come from the selective conscription, drawn from the same four states. Meanwhile the quartermaster department is working overtime having supplies and equipment manufactured for these citizen soldiers. With uniforms, blankets, etc., the plan is to place small contracts and give a time limit instead of a large order to a few firms.

National defense advisory commission may do something about having a magnesium plant established by the government in the northwest. The commission is being prodded by members of the Washington and Oregon delegations. Magnesium is the lightest of known metals, much lighter than aluminum, and could be used to replace many parts of airplanes where aluminum is now used. Raw material is available in the northwest.

At this writing concern is felt whether the bill carrying funds for federal aid roads will be enacted. The bill came out of conference after passing both branches of congress, then at the request of the president the conference report was shelved. The president was quoted as saying he thought the road money should be used for national defense. Should Mr. Roosevelt veto the bill there are probably enough votes to carry it over his veto. Meanwhile the road program in the 48 states is held in abeyance.

Drouth Relieved By General Showers

Drouth of a rainless August was relieved in Morrow county with the passing of Labor day and arrival of school opening the first of the week. At Heppner the intermittent fall of Tuesday and Wednesday brought .16 inch while reports of general visitation of the precious drops comes from over the county. Continued cloudy skies today give promise of more precipitation.

Most welcome on summerfallow fields, the rain comes just in time to allay fire hazard in the forest area and to prepare the way for the annual hunt, starting the 20th.

Leonard Carlson, observer at Gooseberry, reported that August passed there without one single trace of precipitation. One heavy shower in July visited the county, while June was the driest of record, a trace only being recorded at various points.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Snyder arrived home Monday from Miles City, Mont., where they had been for several weeks and have again taken up residence in their home here.

Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson and son Ted left Tuesday for Portland, accompanied by Scott McMurdo. Ted expected to go on to Seattle to continue his aviation course.

IRRIGON NEWS

Small Boy Drowns in Irrigating Ditch

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

The 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Denton was drowned in the irrigating ditch just back of Mrs. Berta Leicht's store late Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Denton are from Prineville and Mr. Denton is employed on the telephone line work here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harness from Camas, Wash., are visiting his brother, Rev. Harness, and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Larson had Mr. Larson's parents as guests at their home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grabeil who have been visiting relatives here the last week left for their home at Imbler, Saturday.

Dave Grabeil and Miss Lula Perkins are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Grabeil.

School opened Tuesday with the full teaching staff present and ready for work. Ladd Sherman is the new school superintendent. Miss Ludmilla Seidl of Portland and Mr. Hatfield from Seattle are the new high school teachers. Miss Casteel is primary teacher and Miss Culp, intermediate teacher, with Lyle Eddy, seventh and eighth grade teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are living in the Leicht campgrounds. The other four teachers are residing at the O. Coryell home.

Irvin Whipple, John Swearingen, Robert Brace, Mitt Connell and Glenn Powlson are in Pendleton attending the government school for the coming year.

Mrs. Seites from California is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Aldrich.

Doloror Haberline left Saturday for Seattle to attend business college.

Clair Caldwell and Paul Haberline are the school bus drivers for the 1940-41 school year.

Mrs. Edith Pitts from Portland and Mrs. Baxter Hutchinson from Hermiston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Arnberg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice and Elbert Hutchinson of Pendleton were business visitors in this vicinity Monday.

Bert Dexter is working on the section at Willows.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Markham and family from Richland, Wash., attended the fair here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lucas were visited here lately by Rev. and Mrs. John J. Lucas, parents of Mr. Lucas. Rev. Lucas is a Baptist minister of Salem, and was on his way east to

Oregon Hay Plus Local Grain and Time Equals Lamb

"Just an opportunity to eat plenty of alfalfa hay and grain, and to be contented in a sheltered feed lot with salt and water handy for a short three months, is all that a 'lanky' feeder lamb needs to be ready for market as a 'choice' fat lamb."

Such is the observation of D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Livestock branch experiment station, as an introduction to his report on lamb feeding trials contained in a new experiment station bulletin, "Fattening Lambs on Oregon Foodstuffs."

Oregon, as well as other Pacific northwest states, is faced with a problem of adjustment in livestock production, Richards points out. This is caused both by changed range conditions and surplus production of hay and grain in this region.

"Eastern Oregon produces highly desirable feeder lambs that are healthy and in good condition to make rapid gains in a feed lot," says Richards. "The bulk of these lambs have in the past been shipped to other states for finishing. Eastern Oregon also produces excellent feed for fattening these lambs, including alfalfa hay, other roughages and various grains.

"This bulletin shows the possibilities of bringing together these Oregon feeder lambs for fattening on eastern Oregon feeds. As alfalfa hay is the 'backbone' of a livestock-fattening program, most of the feeding trials reported on deal with lambs fed alfalfa hay in different combinations with other feeds."

Tests with various grains showed that wheat fed with alfalfa hay gave slightly better results than barley, and barley better results than oats. The lambs preferred to do their own grain grinding, and did a better job of it than any mechanical device—and did it much cheaper.

Chopped hay was found preferable to long hay, and practically as good while being much cheaper than hammered hay.

METEOROLOGIST VISITS

Edward Wells, meteorologist in charge of the government weather service at Portland, and Mrs. Wells were Morrow county visitors the end of the week, and Mr. Wells checked the weather stations at Heppner and Gooseberry while here. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Carlson in Gooseberry, Mr. Carlson being observer for that section.

the Baptist conference at Burlington, Iowa.

When the Rain Came . . .

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