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What About Flood Control?

This column may be censured for repeatedly referring to the proposed Heppner flood control dam, yet if there were no need for such a project and if it were not feasible we most certainly would not devote time or space to bringing it up.

For several years past this region enjoyed a mild form of weather, a type wherein precipitation has been more abundant than records show for the 1930-40 period, and unaccompanied by electrical storms. This year of 1948 appears to be a reversal to form for already in this month of May we have seen numerous electrical storms accompanied by hail and almost violent down-pour of rain. Heavy winds have preceded some of the storms, all of which contribute to the fact that this region has entered a storm cycle wherein flash floods may be expected any time a really black cloud hovers over the vicinity.

This condition alone is sufficient reason for seeking to have the flood control dam as projected by the U. S. Army Engineers become a reality. The safety of our people, the protection of property, establishing that peace of mind which contributes largely to happiness and contentment, are indeed worthy of consideration. It is inconceivable that anyone, here or elsewhere, would wish to see a repetition of the disaster which struck this prosperous little city on June 14, 1903 when 225 people lost their lives, or a recurrence of the less fatal flood which swept through here in 1935.

With the exception that the Willow creek channel is a little less congested than it was on that fatal June 14, a similar storm could easily wreak as much havoc here, for people are again encroaching upon the limited waterway and many of these people could not reach safety should a blizzard of unusual volume occur.

The engineers propose to build a dam that can be amortized over a stated period—possibly 40 years. This amortization would be accomplished either under the Bureau of Reclamation or by a plan similar to the one employed by the Bureau in financing reclamation projects. This is not a matter for discussion at this time only to bring to mind that we would not be seeking an outright government gift, but rather seeking assistance in procuring needed flood control on a repayment basis.

For weeks Willow creek has been carrying a heavy flow of water, most of which is rushing down to the Columbia river where it is lost to the use of those who might well be benefiting from it. In a few weeks at the most there will be insufficient flow to benefit the valley crops. A portion of this water waste could be stopped by impounding it behind the flood control dam for distribution through the summer months. The ranchers should be willing to pay for this extra water.

There are many angles to be considered relative to the proposed dam, but first and foremost is the matter of protection to life and property and this should prompt up to make an effort to get construction underway at the earliest possible time.

It Was A Clean Contest

One of the features of the recent primary campaign, so far as discernible on the surface, was the lack of bitterness that has characterized some elections in the past. There were numerous candidates on both tickets and campaigning was active, yet personalities were dealt with in a respectful manner and there is no cause for retaliation in the forthcoming general election campaign. This is particularly the case in the county and district, where, although there were keen rivalries there have been no apparent breaches within the parties that will cause embarrassment later on. Taken all in all, quite general satisfaction has been expressed. At least, voters are not worried over the future of the country as a result of the primary election and will remain calm until the eve of the national conventions.

One of the best illustrations of a man wanting an office and letting the people know it was the campaign put on by Garnet Barratt. Having made up his mind to run for the office of county judge, he wanted the nomination and made it clear to the voters that he wanted their support. His use of printer's ink was somewhat unique in local political annals but he demonstrated the value of putting down in black and white what his policies are and what he hopes to do if elected to the office. By following the same straightforward course during his term of office, granting that he will safely negotiate the final hurdle in the fall, he should be able to accomplish most of the program upon which he based his campaign.

The Gazette Times takes this opportunity to extend congratulations to a fellow publisher, Stewart Hardie of the Condon Globe Times, upon his winning the nomination for state senator in the district covering Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties. Winning over a veteran like E. R. Fattland is a political accomplishment worthy of note and if Mr. Hardie shows the same aptitude in state affairs as he has displayed in capturing the nomination he will make an able legislator for his district.

Morrow county gave Representative Giles French a majority of 126 votes over his opponent, Judge Jerry Wilson of Moro. This was sufficient to guarantee French's election had the other three counties gone against him by small majorities, which it looked for a time was going to be the case. However, with a margin of eleven votes in Sherman county and nine in Wheeler, the veteran 22nd district legislator could afford to lose Gilliam county by one vote.

There seems to be nothing in the way of the north end of the county having a voice in county affairs, since Russell Miller has been nominated on the republican ticket for the office of county commissioner. The vote throughout the county indicates that the people are interested in giving all sections an opportunity to be represented. Mr. Miller will be in a favorable position to do a good service for his section as well as helping to administer the business affairs of the entire county.



EMPLOYMENT INCREASING

Although seasonable weather and a continued heavy immigration slowed up employment in Oregon this spring a sharp increase for early summer is predicted by the state unemployment compensation commission. Approximately 40,000 workers are now without jobs, which is 18,000 less than at this time last year and a gain in the last 30 days of 3,000. Agricultural, lumbering and construction work are making the most gains with Lebanon and Hood River cutting down unemployment by 50 per cent. Tillamook, Salem, Coos Bay and Eugene also made substantial gains. Astoria and Lakeview suffered from unfavorable aspects of the boom-men's tie-up, while Umatilla reported more unemployment because of many jobseekers coming in while dam work continued to dwindle.

Wet weather held up soil preparation and planting all over the state, but agriculture is providing jobs for many newcomers and others without steady jobs.

POPULATION GAINS IN OREGON

A close check made with census estimates of recent population gains here, showed 64,744 new workers from this source within the past two years. If 60 per cent of these remained in Oregon's civilian labor force (including workers, employers and self employed) the state's population would be at least 100,000 higher. Already this year 12,259 immigrants, including 4,149 veterans and 1,523 women have registered for jobs with the state department.

STATE BUILDING AUTHORIZED

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IONE FIREFIGHTERS CAME UP IN FORCE

Car after car of Ione men poured into Heppner Monday afternoon after word had been telegraphed to the Egg City that this town was in flames. One car made the trip of 18 miles in 35 minutes. They brought fire fighting apparatus and were prepared to lend substantial help, but thanks to Providence, the flames had done their worst and the Ione men did not need to work. They have the united thanks of the people of Heppner, nevertheless, and their prompt responsiveness is deeply appreciated.

Rev. E. E. Gornall of the First Methodist church in Pendleton will deliver the commencement address at the high school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

C. M. Schriver, Lee Padberg, H. R. Smith and H. V. Smouse, well known Ione farmers and stockholders in the Farmers Elevator company of Ione, were transacting business in Heppner Wednesday in regard to their new elevator.

Cecil item: David Hynd motored from Rose Lawn, Sand Hollow, accompanied by Miss Louise Shaw, to their Cecil ranch, Buttery Flats, on Sunday, returning on Monday with J. Smith from The Dalles, who is going to herd for them this summer.

Lexington item: W. F. Barnett and family were in Portland last week, where they went to look over plans for a modern residence which they plan to build in Lexington in the near future.

The lumber for the new J. G. Thomson residence arrived this week.

Chance Wilson and Lyman Swick, well known Grant county stockmen, were over from Monument last Saturday.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Met

The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities nor the crops — no, but the kind of man the country turns out.



I am an American. A free American. Free to speak — without fear. Free to worship my own God. Free to stand for what I think right. Free to oppose what I believe wrong. Free to choose those who govern my country. This heritage I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind. — THE FREEDOM PLEDGE

Washington Week

By CHARLES L. EGENROAD
Washington, D. C.—The Rural Electrification Administration is now taking the spotlight by the Congressional expose of government agency policy propaganda machines.

The cost of the building will be repaid from rentals charged to departments occupying space in the structure. The immediate financing will be met by borrowing the money from the irreducible school fund. The building will be five stories high with the fifth story set back 20 feet. The main entrance will be on East Summer street opposite the state library building. It is designed to accommodate from 800 to 900 employees with a number of departments, including public utilities commission now occupying extensive rented space in downtown Salem. A building for the state highway department is planned just north of the site of the new state office building. When the two buildings are completed it is believed that all state departments will be housed in buildings located in the capital group and none will be scattered in various parts of the city.

Immediately, members of both the House and Senate were swamped with mail from prospective clients and current users of rural electrification, declaring that plans to build new lines and improve existing ones would be curtailed if Congress failed to approve REA's requested budget. These letters (on file in the House and Senate offices) state that the authors WERE TOLD BY REA REPRESENTATIVES that such would be the result. REA's use of its position as a political club was not new. During the 1944 presidential campaign Claude Wickard, then Secretary of Agriculture, stumped seven politically critical states on the REA issue.

In Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, Mr. Wickard declared that he and President Candidate Roosevelt would ask the 1945 Congress for \$885 million for immediate postwar expansion of REA. At the very time Wickard was making his speeches, the REA had found reason to loan only \$389 million of the \$502 million already authorized.

At any rate, the Democrat-controlled Congress of 1945 did NOT fulfill his promises to prospective REA customers. It authorized only \$200 million. Nevertheless, Wickard became administrator of REA that year and proceeded to administer it without complaint, although the budget was about one-third what he had promised.

Last year the 80th Congress held REA appropriations to \$225 million, contending that materials shortages made larger apportionments useless. Subsequently this amount was supplemented at the insistence of REA administrators, by an additional \$175 million. Of course in seeking the supplement, no mention was made of shortages by REA propagandists, and, sure enough, on April 30—only 2 months before the end of fiscal year 1948—Wickard himself admitted that \$17 million of the original \$225 million appropriation was still in the REA till.

Once again it's an election year, but the Administration is staying far away from REA as a political issue.

The reason: the official Congressional report for fiscal '49 revealed that of the odd \$1 billion so far allocated by REA to cooperatives, approximately one-half is today unused because "MATERIALS CANNOT BE PURCHASED."

Generally, the National Convention procedures of both major parties is the same. The most significant differences are two—(1) the Republican Delegate is an independent voter and is not bound by any "unit rule" imposed by his state; (2) each Republican Delegate exercises one full vote—no fractional voting allowed. In recent years, Democrats have abandoned fractions less than 1/2 vote.

MAYOR'S DAY

The Oregon State Fair will honor the state's mayors with a special day for the first time in history of the 83-year-old institution. Fair Manager Leo "Starts-Labor-Day" Spitzbart has announced. Mayor's day has been set for September 9. The fair will be held September 6-12. Mayor Robert Elfstrom of Salem, president of the League of Oregon Cities, said he expected 200 mayors to attend.

THE CONGRESS MAY ACT

The Oregon congressional delegation has sent word to state officials that approval seems assured of legislation that will put the Salem alumina plant to work producing much-needed nitrogenous fertilizer. About half the commercial fertilizer produced on the coast is being shipped to Russia.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times May 30, 1918
Last Monday afternoon Heppner suffered the worst loss of property by fire in her history when flames broke out in the opera house building about 1:30 p.m. (The fire took portions of four blocks, doing damage estimated at more than \$25,000 and endangering the lives of some of the occupants of the opera house, or Club building, who found their escape cut off and had to leave by ladders put up to second story windows. Water pressure played out and a strong north wind carried burning debris from the Club building to nearby structures, igniting them. Losses were only partially covered by insurance.)

Wm. Giese of Hardman and E. K. Wyland figured in an accident which could have been fatal to all concerned when the team and wagon and two men plunged over a 500-foot cliff on the Wyland ranch on Cook creek about 10:30 a.m. last Friday. Both men were unconscious for several hours after the accident and although neither man nor horse had any bones broken, all suffered severe bruises.

Robert H. Young of the National Biscuit Co., of Portland, passed thru Heppner Monday to make a visit to his father and other relatives in Eight Mile.

Chance Wilson and Lyman Swick, well known Grant county stockmen, were over from Monument last Saturday.

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