

EDITORIAL



Rail Removal Means Tax Loss

Discontinuance of rail service between Umatilla and Mesaner, as petitioned to the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Union Pacific System, will mean a serious loss of tax revenue to the Irigon school district.

It is natural that the communities affected by the abandonment should protest—and they have. It is likewise natural, in view of the circumstances, that the railroad should seek abandonment of a line that would no longer be necessary, or at the least would be run largely as an accommodation to a district that would provide a non-paying volume of traffic.

The loss of rail service, aside from the tax money removed from their district, will not be much of a handicap to the shippers of the project town. Most of their products are shipped directly from farm to market by truck.

Which Comes First—

This community is about to become involved in a situation not unlike the age-old controversy over which comes first, the chicken or the egg. It has to do with two projects, both of which are important and which will have to become realities if the town is to keep up with the growth that is apparent on every hand.

The city is faced with the necessity of putting in a sewer system. As the residence districts become more crowded, the problem of sewage disposal becomes more complicated.

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THE POISON OF SECURITY

By Morton Clauson

(Editor's Note: Morton Clauson was for many years publisher and editor of a weekly newspaper.)

In ancient feudal times there lived a Baron, greatly beloved by his subjects for his courage and justice.

Often beset upon by rival barons, seeking to annex his fertile lands, he was constantly forced to be on the alert.

On the day of their maturity he called them to his side, noting with pleasure their strong earnestness and clearness of eye, and to each he promised the fulfillment of their highest wish.

One son asked that he be allowed the security of peace and ease at his father's table. Now that the strenuous training of his youth was over, he wished to quietly enjoy the fruit of the land, unencumbered by discord and strife.

The other son asked that he be released from the custody of his home and father to seek the sea by Mrs. Frank Turner was greatly enjoyed.

Plowing 1700 acres by tractor without one cent expenditure for repairs, is the record made by Harry Duval, prominent wheat farmer in the area.

Teachers in the Hepner schools next year will receive a minimum of \$1200, was announced by Mrs. C. E. Woodson, chairman of the board.

opportunity of adventure in living as he chose. To that end he was willing to yield all rights in the parental estate to his brother.

True to his promise, but with sadness in his heart, the baron granted his sons' wishes.

The years passed. The son who left to seek opportunity soon distinguished himself in the service of his king, and was given a barony of his own, which he enlarged through courage and wisdom until he became the greatest in the land. He, too, became beloved and revered by the people he ruled.

The son remaining at home, basking in ease and security, grew fat and indolent. After his father's death he became increasingly demanding upon his people to supply the wants of his riotous living. Rumors of dissension grew.

The ancient foes of the barony took heart, and war came. He sought to rally his subjects to the defense, but rich and secure living had robbed him of the fire of leadership.

We need a strong nation and a strong people. But strength is seldom found in security, especially the kind paid for by others.

The only security worth having is that which is carved out by the individual with his own hands and ingenuity in creating opportunities for self and others.

Too much security saps the strength and vitality of individuals and of a people, economically and morally. Already the security burden upon our nation—and increasingly upon industry

—threatens to bog down our entire economic structure. It may bankrupt the nation, paralyze industry, and enslave the people. Moreover, the poisonous acid of too much security is most devastatingly eating into the moral fabric of the individual. Man needs the tempering forces of insecurity to a certain degree to bring out the best in him and make him strong. True, the weak may succumb in the battle, but no people and nation ever survive by weakening the strong in order to protect the weak.

The law of the survival of the fittest shall always remain one of the fundamentals of nature.

Too much security is making us a disgruntled people. Taxes are multiplying beyond endurance. Soon we shall be too economically weak to exploit our opportunities. Iscariots are spawning their kind in increasing quantities. Perhaps, unless we awaken to our dangers and act, we too, may suffer at the hands of the assassins within our borders.

Lexington Grange Host to Pomona

The Lexington high school presented two one act plays Saturday night at the school auditorium, with a good crowd in attendance. The plays were "Life of the Party" a comedy with the following characters—Connie Maxwell, Beverly Nolan, Wilbur Maxwell, Larry Groves, Mr. Maxwell, Asa Way, Mrs. Maxwell, Phyllis Nolan; their guests, Jack—Patty McMillan, Frank—Rich-

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of disposal would have been far more acceptable than the private method of disposal.

There is a possibility that one or two residential sections will be added in the course of another year or two. They will not be big developments but they will add to the troubles confronting the city in the matter of proper sewage disposal.

On the other hand, the school has been operating under a handicap for several years. The need for a grade school is admitted without argument. And when such a building is erected it will have to come up to specifications meeting the standards set up by the state board of education.

On the one hand, the state board of health is putting the pressure on the city to set a date for start of construction of a sewer system. On the other hand, overcrowded conditions in the present plant are handicapping the school.

Still in the Running—Maybe

A map received at the Gazette Times office this week from the Bureau of Reclamation at Boise, Idaho, shows the Willow creek basin as a proposed major supplement water project.

The fact that the flood control dam was cancelled has not removed the necessity for flood control here. It is up to the chamber of commerce and the city government to work out a program and prepare it for submission to either the army engineers or the bureau of reclamation.

"Big men never feel big, small men never feel small."—Arnold Glasow.

A day of sunshine and lack of chill winds can do much to bolster the morale of an individual or a whole community.

30 YEARS AGO

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gammell at their home in Black Horse Canyon on April 3, a daughter.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mahon at the Hamilton ranch April 2.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McEntire of "Kilbuckey" on the arrival of a fine boy Wednesday morning.

The Cecil community express their best wishes to Miss Etta Barnes of "Poplar Grove" and Claude Murray late of "Butterfly Flats" who were married in Ione April 2.

Ralph Jones was seriously injured in this city last Thursday afternoon when his team ran away. In order to escape the inevitable crash Mr. Jones leaped from the wagon but did not get clear. The wheels passed over both legs, badly cracking the bone in one leg.

A large number of former service men of Morrow county met at the city council room at the Roberts building last Sunday afternoon and started preliminary action for the establishment of a Post of the American Legion in Hepner.

Margie Reed has decided to do his bit toward relieving the housing shortage in Hepner and has started work on an apartment house on Church street, to the rear of his own residence.

Mrs. Jeff Jones was hostess to the Christian Women's Board of Missions Tuesday afternoon, entertaining 35 women. Special mu-