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U.S. 99 Route Better!

When Commissioner Arthur Schaupp's vigorous promotion of the Willamette-Dalles-California highways as the new inter-regional highway route came to light the other day, following a press report of a state highway commission meeting, Oregon and California communities on the Pacific Highway began to re-examine their position—look over their hole cards. They had felt that the selection of 99 as the important link in this great roadway through southern Oregon and northern California was a foregone conclusion. Their route had been previously chosen. There seemed no valid reason for a change at this time. News of the Klamath Falls commissioner's campaign had all the effects of a buzz-bomb, here.

TODAY, the Pacific Highway association and chambers of Commerce of communities from Yreka to Portland are meeting in this city. The purpose of this meeting will be to place before the state highway commission the viewpoint of Highway 99 advocates in this issue. Full freedom will be given to states by the public roads administration in selecting routes for tentative designation. Recommendations will be made by July 1st. Thus, the highway commission must decide soon.

The commissioners will undoubtedly be guided by the comprehensive report of Engineer Baldock completed this month. They should be, for this report is thorough, eminently fair and completely impartial.

FIRST of all, the combined Willamette and Dalles-California highway would be slightly shorter and the initial cost of building would be less. These facts are conceded.

On the other hand, obvious advantages impelled the initial five-man Presidential committee to choose Highway 99. Let us examine them:

On the basis of interstate standards of design, the route east of the Cascades would be only 4.8 miles shorter than the Pacific Highway from a common point south of Eugene to Weed, California. Thus, the distance is not an important factor.

THE cost of snow removal is estimated to be about five times greater on the Klamath route than the Pacific Highway route, with correspondingly increased winter driving hazards. This snow removal cost is a long range maintenance item and should be given serious consideration. Highway 99 is unquestionably a safer year-round route.

THE volume of traffic which now flows over the 99 route far exceeds that of the Klamath route. Likewise, many more communities and thousands of additional people are served by the Pacific Highway.

THE U. S. Forest Service estimates timber resources amounting to 92.4 billion feet are tributary to the Pacific Highway, contrasted with 40 billion feet estimated to be tributary to the Klamath route. Other basic resources in the area west of the Cascades make the economic phase of this question even more impressive in favor of 99.

AS to cost of construction, it should naturally be assumed that both highways will be improved—after the war—one to interstate standards and the other to present state standards. The total cost of both projects, regardless of the route selected for the inter-regional road, would be approximately the same. Because of the probability that the government will bear an additional share of the cost of such an inter-regional highway, the State of Oregon will actually benefit substantially through the selection of Highway 99.

PRESENT plans call for approximately 40,000 miles of inter-regional roads connecting major cities of the nation, making up a system of national highways somewhat on the plan of the Autobahnen in Germany. It is to be assumed that national security will be a sober consideration in the planning of this great road system.

If this is the case, the fact that the Pacific Highway has four road connections with the Pacific coast and the Klamath route none, should be taken into consideration.

THE Pacific Highway association and chambers of commerce need no further argument than the facts contained in Mr. Baldock's report. They may well rest their case upon this impartial comparative study.—H.G.

George E. Dunn Is Named President Cattle Association

Ashland, April 25—George E. Dunn was again elected president of the Keene Creek Cattle Association at its annual meeting at Neil Creek school Saturday. Other officers elected were Fred C. Homes, secretary-treasurer and H. F. Barron, Elton Kerby, Austie Barron and R. C. Dunham as members of the advisory board.

Representatives of the forest service and O. & C. Land Administration discussed with Complete Factory Approved SAFETY SERVICE Chrysler Factory Engineer and Inspector Parts for Chrysler Dodge Plymouth Dodge Trucks L. G. TAYLOR CO.

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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

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This is not Versailles with Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau meeting in a mirrored palatial building through a league of them. There was no nation at the last world peace conference which was not a parliamentary democracy or planning to be one. Russia was not invited. Those were the ways and days before the growth of dictatorships, synthetic economics and pressure politics.

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YOU must understand this essentially new character of the world if you are to understand its men here at this conference, because this is its dominating inspiration, the key to everything that has happened so far (Russia-Poland, etc.) and all international events to come. We are in this from now on. The old world is dead, gone forever. Now behind the conference, itself, at the outset is a simple and apparent inner condition. The 48 smaller nations have come here with amendments to the formula worked out by the Big Three or Big Five. Their amendments are also nearly all of the same basic character. They want more power for themselves, more seats on the council, more authority in the assembly.

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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The Polish question blossoms forth as something to debate among local citizens, none of whom have been any nearer Warsaw, than the South Pole. Long before the present site of this city, was inhabited even by jackrabbits, and, there was not even a manzanita bush, where the courthouse stands, Poland was a headache to the rest of Europe. History shows Poland was first on the peck approximately 2000 years ago, and still is. She does not know what she wants herself, and resents the rest of the world trying to find out.

Dandelions are now as numerous as the sands of the seashore, and getting more so. There are more ways to exterminate them, than there are cures for a cold. In the dry era, the more desperate thirsty concocted dandelion wine, a devastating potion. They should start making it again, and, pour it on the dandelions instead of their own tonsils.

The map of Berlin shows the place has, or had, a "Peace Memorial," at the end of Wilhelm Strasse, Frederick Strasse, and Linden Strasse. There is no evidence it was stolen from a conquered land.

YE CORRECT SIZE-UP (Denver (Colo.) Post) More Meat. Says One Bureau, Not So Much, Says Another SO CONSUMER BOTH E/T'S AND HEARS BALONEY

A number of the Older Girls report their better-halves are helping them with the spring housecleaning, performing Herculean feats, rendering yeoman service, and working like Trojans. This sudden burst of helpfulness has nothing to do with the opening of the trout season next Saturday, but they think they are going fishing then.

Things are mixed up. The June rains come the last week of April, and the June peas won't be ready to eat before the end of July.

The people are not doing right by John Bull. Washington scolds. To save food Americans have not tightened their belts, as much as the British. Let everybody tighten up a couple of notches, and strive to be wasp-waisted, when V-E day comes.

A four-year-old Oklahoma boy shot his Grandmaw in the leg with a pistol. After a child has finished teaching on a six-shooter, either the weapon should be taken away from him, or the bullets removed.

UGH! HEAP NO GOOD! Peo told the East Oregonian before leaving that he was tired of citizenship. He argued that it is bad medicine for the Indians. They get drunk, said Peo, and spend all their money for whiskey, and Peo also says that an Indian cannot keep from drinking. "White man get heap drunk, but you don't arrest him. India nget little drunk, heap trouble right away and land in Skookum house. Heap big fine all the time. Broke blankets all gone, Indians want no more citizenship." This is Peo's position and he goes to advocate new laws by congress. —(Pendleton East Oregonian, 50 Yrs. Ago Col.)

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