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OUR PROGRAM

1. Incorporate the town.
2. Create a water district.
3. Create a fire district.
4. Re-organize a chamber of commerce.
5. Install street lights.
6. Lay down side walks.

STAGE SERVICE

Singing in the rain is a fine human attribute, for it is proof that the songster has a well regulated liver. However, it is noticeable that even strong livers often fail owners who are left to make fine music out in the weather while waiting for a stage to Portland.

The state, years ago, set out to regulate public utilities with a view to fixing rates, schedules and service. Stage lines come under the thumb of the public utilities commissioner at Salem. In return they are permitted to enjoy monopolies—to control highways and hold territory against competitors as petty bandits and hard boiled barons of the feudal ages dominated small states and trade routes.

Railroads are compelled to provide shelter for people who wait for trains. On the Columbia River the stage line does not provide shelter houses, nor can it be forced to stop at Bonny Villa or Dodson—for the reason, its owners say, that the state has not widened the highway to provide parking space.

Just why the state insists on giving a stage line a monopoly has never been clear, except to the chap in control of one. Neither is it clear why the state cannot compel the stage line to widen a spot adjacent to the road and build small, attractive station houses, where people will not be forced to sing to keep up their spirits while waiting for stages in stormy weather.

GOVERNOR MARTIN

The legislature at Salem has adjourned and gone home, but reports are current that it will be called into session again after congress has disposed of President Roosevelt humanitarian program.

Although the legislature sat for eight weeks it accomplished little, or nothing. And worse, it developed no new leadership.

The people have looked to Governor Martin to take the lead. He

has been slow to act. This has been unfortunate. Out of kindness to the governor it may be said that he no doubt purposely delayed cracking of the whip because he wished the public to know just what a stupid group of men it elected to the house and what a greedy crew controls the state senate.

If the governor calls a special session—and there is reason to believe he has that thought in mind—The Chronicle hopes he will seize the lines and drive the team. It believes the people want leadership, that they want him to demand the enactment of his program into laws. It may not be in sympathy with his program, but he has been chosen to rule and it is his privilege and his duty to command the house and senate. The people will support him if he will step to the radio and take the public into his confidence. Legislatures are hopelessly inefficient bodies because of the short time in which a group of inexperienced men have to perform their job.

Governor Martin has been a disappointment to date. Reason for this goes back to an error fatal. He released Earl Goodwin as his private secretary and installed an over educated, inexperienced lawyer.

Goodwin had served the governor well in Washington and would have saved him from mistakes. We don't pretend to know why Goodwin was let out, but we suspect that the governor listened to the siren voices of men who were jealous of the secretary and wanted him out of the way.

Perhaps the governor will find himself before the legislature reaches Salem again. He may become the bold, hard hitting, rugged army man whom the people had been lead to look upon as a second "Old Hickory." The opportunity still remains to him. However, we doubt that he will find himself until he has selected a private secretary who possesses political sense and has the intestinal courage to tell the governor the truth.

TIME TO MAKE GARDENS

It is springtime in the Gorge. Soon the Scotch Bloom will be in flower and the violets will be peeping out at passing children. Already the daffodills are opening their flowers and the pussy willows are far advanced in season.

Every grocery store has a rack of garden seed, and the sportsmen are oiling up their fishing gear. Boys have turned to baseball and girls are jumping ropes.

Here and there experienced gardeners are testing the earth with their spades, and the more knowing ones are starting cold frames preparatory to putting tender plants in the ground.

The past winter was mild. Families dependent upon the dam for a livelihood escaped with minor inconveniences. Next winter the weather may not be so mild, and for that reason preparations should be made to meet it. Wood should be cut and corded and permitted to dry; an abundance of fruit should be canned and stored away; bins should be filled with dry vegetables.

Every family in the district might do well to put in a garden. Ground is not available to all families on the lots where they have pitched their homes, but enough can readily be procured to pro-

vide gardening space for those who desire to produce their own vegetables.

Work at the dam cannot last forever. Provisions must be made for the future. The return of spring offers an opportunity to those who want to lay up something for winter. The salmon are beginning to run in the river. Fish can be cured and smoked. Fruit, wasted last season, can be preserved and put away this season. It is not too early to begin casting about for the garden spot.

JUSTICE FOR VETERANS

The World War cost the United States more than \$34,000,000,000. Of this amount only approximately \$4,000,000 was given to the men in uniform. The balance of approximately \$32,000,000,000 was handed over to the makers of munitions, the ship builders, the war contractors and those who became rich selling supplies to the army, navy and marine corps.

Unfortunately, little or no publicity was ever given to the fact that seven thousand manufacturing firms that held war time contracts with the federal government received an adjustment amounting to more than two billion dollars in cash. These contractors demanded a settlement from Uncle Sam in payment of goods that were ordered but were never used because of the signing of the armistice.

There were approximately 500,000 federal civilian employees during the war. Although these employees received as high as \$2500 per year, their claim for an adjustment was also recognized by Congress. The average government employee received extra pay amounting to \$1000. These men were not asked to wait until 1945

ROAD TO CLOVERDALE

Noble F. Hyde

When morning found the cupboard bare—
A fact I'd known the night before—
Maw, puzzled, spoke, "Well, I declare!
I'll have to send you to the store.
And can I trust you with these eggs?
—They'll help-out with the grocery bill.
Now, promise me! You'll shake yer legs!"
Cross my heart!" Sex I, "I will!"
So, direly warned, and also, kissed;
Reminded too, to get the mail.
And not to lose the grocery list—
It's just two miles to Cloverdale.

Barefooted, pants with ragged knees—
Who'd think of clothes, at age thirteen?
With sunlight slanting through the trees,
And morning dust, one's toes between;
And companied by gangling pup,
A rabbit sped along the hedge.
Where then, was mother's Hurry-up?
And youthful, earnest given pledge?
Unmindful of my fragil load
I swiftly follow on the trail
Of dog and rabbit, down the road—
The road which leads to Cloverdale.

When time and rabbit having gone,
I note the sun, with thoughtful frown;
I call my pup and hurry on,
For I am not half-way to town—
A pictured cloud, in frame of blue,
Assumes the shape of pirate-craft,
And I, its Captain, lead my crew—
The battle rages fore and aft.
When victory, in time, is won
With shattered hulk and riddled sail,
I cast a glance toward the sun
And hurry on to Cloverdale.

In willowed hollow, where the stream,
Is bridged by shadowed rustic span
I rest across a rail and dream
While cooling depths below I scan,
Where dragonflies the surface skim,
And flash the sunbeams sifting down,
Then, much refreshed with pleasant swim,
Remember I've been sent to town,
The sun, now slightly westward slants;
Oh, envied pup with happy tail!
I feel the texture of my pants,
And hurry on to Cloverdale.

but they were paid immediately in cash.

During the war the federal government used many of its soldiers for the building of public roads. These men worked side by side with civilians who received \$8 a day. These particular soldiers received an adjustment of \$7, representing the difference between their soldier pay of \$1 per day and the \$8 per day drawn by the civilians. They were paid in cash immediately after the war.

During the World war the railroads in America were taken over by the federal government. The government was lavish in its expenditure of money and built up the railroads to their highest point of efficiency. Millions were spent to rebuild roadbeds and for the purchase of new equipment. But the railroads also presented a claim to the federal government. And Uncle Sam handed out more than one and one-half billion dollars in cash, which in turn boosted railroad earnings and dividends to unprecedented heights.

THIS AND THAT

It is claimed that autogiro planes will not stall or nose-dive. Now if they only could apply the auto-giro principle to wrestlers.

A local author seems headed for eternal fame. He's going to pen a dope-smuggling story without any heroin in it.

A Chicago newspaper artist in a speakeasy brawl was arrested for drawing a gun. If a newspaper artist drew it it's a wonder anybody knew what it was.

A friend of ours discovered that

a vacuum cleaner would remove fleas from his dog. That was a month ago. He still has the vacuum turned on while he's trying to figure out what to do with a bag full of fleas.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

N. C. Pearson, engineer in charge of railroad and highway changes for the government, was overseas with the United States Engineers during the World war. Robert LaFere, chief of the government cost section, spent several years in Hawaii on a sugar plantation development.

Jack Miles, assistant engineer on the powerhouse and sea lock, spent many years with an electric company in the Argentine.

Officer Morris Boscock, of the government guard service, overseas with "Smudgey" Butler in the 12th Marines, was principal of schools at Warrenton, in Clatsop county.

Ira Owen, of the Cascade Lumber company, saw much of the famous Alaska gold rush in 1901, when he tallied lumber in Nome for the St. Paul-Tacoma Lumber company.

Howard Mac C. Higler, engineer in charge of the sea lock and powerhouse construction, was the waterfront reporter for the Honolulu Star Bulletin in 1912.

A SMILE OR TWO

John Currie, a Camas attorney, tells this story:

It has to do with an abstract of title to a piece of property in Louisiana, which was turned over to the purchaser's lawyer for examination. After going over it the lawyer said the title was good as far back as it went, but requested a record further back. Here is the reply he got:

"There are no records available which concern the title any further back than the U. S. government. However, I believe from a historical standpoint I can enlighten you as to the title in a way that the objections you have pointed out will be waived.

This land was acquired by the U. S. government by purchase from France. France acquired possession as the result of a successful war with Spain. Spain acquired possession of the land by virtue of the fact that Christopher Columbus, a young man in her service, discovered it and claimed it for Spain.

"Columbus got his authority for making his voyage and discovery from Ferdinand and Isabella, the King and Queen of Spain. Ferdinand and Isabella got their authority for sponsoring the voyage from the Pope of Rome.

"The Pope got his authority by virtue of the fact that he is called the Icar of Christ on Earth. Christ got his authority by the fact that he was the Son of God—
"And God Created the Earth."

Hubby: The bank has returned that check.

Wife: Isn't that splendid. What can we buy with it this time?

He: "How far is your house from the station?"

Him: "Only a five minute walk if you run."

Boy: "Kisses speak the language of love."

She: "Let's talk things over."

"I see Rosenblatt had a terrible fire last night."

"Veil, he's a nice fellow. He deserves it."

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