



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam

Our Bid On A Future

Bold strokes have been made in recent years in North Santiam Canyon road-building. The building of Detroit and Big Cliff dams was made vastly easier by the broad new highway that sweeps beside them. Where once railroads were the artery to pioneer moves, now broad highways lead the way.

Fine roads link Mill City to the big Willamette valley. The homes of Mill City's citizens deserve spots beside streets of like nature. Wide, dry and smooth streets inspire home-building. Mill City welcomes new homes because in them more new citizens will live. New citizens mean a stronger and finer community.

It is not often that we have the chance for smoothing the way for so much. In the bond election Tuesday, June 2, good fortune indeed knocks at our door. By investing a few thousand dollars in better streets we bring to Mill City new homes, new businesses and, most important of all, more fine people.

New industries are considering and actually moving into our canyon. These attract people. It is both wise and good that Mill City should bid for the homes of these people. Streets that will meet the needs of a growing community are an important part of this bid.

Tuesday, June 2, is a red-letter day for us. Voters should circle that date. Mill City must act in this matter. If Mill City falters, sister cities certainly will not. We feel Mill City will meet the test. Our citizens have proved their grasp on the solid things of life in past efforts. Little cause is seen now for a change.

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"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture
"Human hands trapped the beaver and eliminated the little dams that helped hold back rivers at their sources. Human hands will now have to work like beavers, or drown in mud."

Editorial Comments

GRAZING LAND GRAB BILLS

Stripped of their verbiage, the livestock grazing bills pending in congress on which open hearings are now being held are simply attempts on the part of certain livestock interests to grab the 300 million acres of public domain and establish a tax-free monopoly of grazing rights and eliminate competition for their use. They want vested rights on public lands and elimination of restrictions which prevent their destruction by over-grazing.

The "Unified Land Tenancy" bills introduced in both houses, H. 4023 and S. 1491, are simply land grab acts, and their eventual effect will be to give to present grazing permits perpetual rights and close forest and mountainous areas to hunters and fishermen, and enable a few large ranch owners to gain control of these public lands for their own use within a few years.

Conversion of grazing permits into known legal rights which permit holders could sell or lease and to turn over to courts administrative authority that the forest department now holds will undo the conservation program of past years. The smaller ranchers will be put out of business if the power to control forests is shifted to big stockmen for personal profits. As the Salt Lake Tribune puts it:

"Creating tax-free property rights in pasture on land owned by all the people is contrary to basic American principles . . . More important

than all other uses (of the national forests), of course, is water production and any action that weakens safeguards of watersheds is of enormous concern to all in the west.

"These bills would completely reverse the tried and true policy of administering our national forests for the greatest good of the greatest number . . . Instead of strengthening the livestock industry it might turn the clock back to the cattle baron era. It would eliminate present restrictions on the number of cattle or sheep that a single permittee can graze on forest preserves encouraging concentration of permits in a relatively few operators and giving them an added financial advantage over their neighbors."

As the Denver Post says, there are in addition to the 2350 grazing permits in Colorado forests, 12,500 permittees in 10 other states. It continues:

"The disgruntled stockmen want the privileges they have enjoyed under forest service rules and regulations turned into definite legal rights. They want to be allowed to sell those legal rights whenever they sell their ranches, regardless of whether the new owner already has another grazing permit for maximum use of the same forest by a single permittee.

"They want to be able to sell their new rights, like any other property right, without any reduction in the number of livestock covered by the permit.

"As long as grazing on the national forests is a privilege, not a

right, the forest service has the final authority to grant permits, cancel permits, increase permits, reduce permits or transfer permits. But if grazing privileges suddenly became grazing rights stockmen could go into court and sue the forest service whenever they felt their rights were being infringed."

These grazing bills are vicious special interest measures, so bad as to be indefensible and should be defeated promptly for national well-being.—G. P. in the Capital Journal.

A NEW GIVEAWAY: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND!

Watch out for moves that now are underway to destroy your Federal Social Security system. There's a well-planned, well organized campaign in the making.

The chamber of commerce is leading the attack. Sen. Robert A. Taft is in favor of the idea, too.

Briefly the plan is this: The Social Security fund would be used to give a \$25 a month pension to people over 65, who now received old age assistance grants and who have not paid into the Social Security fund. Contributions into the fund would not be increased to cover this additional 5 million people. This drain would soon exhaust the \$18 billion reserve.

The enemies of Social Security—and these are the enemies of your own security—know that they simply cannot persuade or force the American people to give up the advantages of the present Social Security program. So they are adopting the tactic of destroying the fund by a gigantic giveaway.

And why don't they want workers to have security?

"So that employers will have at their plant gates a large pool of unemployed workers, old as well as young," warns Nelson Cruikshank, of the AFL.

Do the American workers intend to stand still for this bald-faced steal? If not, it's your move—and now!

How? With letters to your senators and congressmen now and with votes in 1954 against the politicians who support this grab of your dough. —From Oregon Teamster.

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