

The Evening Herald

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FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT OPERATION.

The failure of government operation for railroads, telephone and telegraph lines, or any other public utilities, might easily have been foreseen by anyone who would take the trouble to consider the elemental influences inevitably determining the outcome. It is certainly axiomatic that centralized power in an individual or commission can only produce results commensurate with the integrity, ability, experience and unselfishness of the individual or the members of the commission. It is impossible that government operation would place in control men of greater ability and experience than were the men who built up the enterprises under private management. Neither is there any reason to believe that government operators will be more honest or less selfish than private operators. Private operation had the advantage of the incentive constantly offered by the hope of the rewards of success. In government operation this incentive was practically lost.

Government operation necessitates all the acts incidental to government regulation, and more. If, then, government regulation be a failure, nothing better can be expected from government operation. If government regulation be a success, there is no need for government operation. Private operation under government regulation retains the advantage of individual initiative and the stimulus of competition in efficiency, while these are wanting in government operation. By no line of reasoning can one justify the substitution of government operation which will attain the degree of success achieved by private operation under proper government regulation.

Government operation has not only been more costly and less efficient but it has brought complaints of discrimination and injustice—establishment of inequitable rates and injury to business. It has brought strikes and threats of strikes, discontent among employees, antagonism toward the government, wastefulness, depreciation, retrogression and disorganization. All of which was foreseen by men who know that an appointment to government office does not carry with it extraordinary ability, intelligence, experience or integrity.

RENT THAT ROOM.

Residents of the city are appealed to on behalf of the new people who are daily coming to Klamath Falls to offer for rent any spare rooms they may have. There are scores of rooms throughout the city that the owners of which could make profitable if they would set aside the false pride they have about "renting rooms." It is reaching a point in this city where it will become a duty for everyone who can spare a room to offer it for rent. The people cannot be accommodated and scores are leaving the city every day because they have been unable to find a place to live in while they looked over the city and county. Therefore, you are urged to prepare for occupancy any vacant rooms you may have in your home and offer them for rent, either thru advertising them or thru the real estate men of the city.

We would also call the attention of property owners in the western part of the city to the absolute necessity that they make over into housekeeping apartments many of the buildings that were formerly stores and rooming houses. At very small expense these could be converted into comfortable little apartments and would be the means of greatly relieving the pressing need

now existing for homes for new citizens. The capitalists of the city should also take this need for homes and apartments under consideration at once and either construct apartments or build houses to sell on easy payments. Klamath Falls has reached the point where it must furnish homes for these people.

FARMERS KILL OFF SQUIRREL

BANNER RECORD BEING MADE BY COUNTY, ACCORDING TO VISITING OFFICIAL. COMPULSORY MEASURES UNNECESSARY

Klamath County is proving a banner County in its fight against the squirrel pest, declares Ira N. Gabrielson of the U. S. Biological Survey, who has been here for a short visit, checking up the results here with County Agricultural Agent E. H. Thomas. The farmers are co-operating with the rulings of the new law for compulsory squirrel killing that there will probably be very few cases where it will be necessary to hire the work done and charge it against the land, in the opinion of this official.

There are some cases of non residents where arrangements will be made to have this work done, but farmers for a very large part have shown a desire to get in themselves and push this matter to the utmost.

WEATHER REPORT

Tonight and Saturday. Probable showers with gentle southerly winds.

NOTICE.

Members of the Relief Corps, old soldiers and returned soldiers are asked to meet at the Hotel Hall at 10:30 on Sunday morning, May 18th to go in a body to the Presbyterian Church where a special sermon will be preached on Peace and Arbitration.

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TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS
Merrill, Oregon

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factories and a little way up in the mountains we have several logging camps. We also have the best flour mills in Oregon. But we have to send all our products to California."—Dorothy Gates.

"Every year we raise the best celery on the Pacific coast. It can't be beaten anywhere, but it costs too much to ship it out. It is the same way with cattle and lumber."—Pansy Robertson.

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