

IRONSIDE

Ironsides people attended the free dance in Brogan Friday night given by John George. All report a fine time.

Mrs. Alice Williams of Weiser is at the home of her mother Mrs. S. D. Duncan. Her mother is very low with pneumonia. Dr. Kellogg and his nurse of Nampa are waiting on her.

Mrs. Herbert Van Cleave left for her home near Whitney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lofton, Mrs. Bert Lawrence, Raymond and Maxine Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Presley, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tureman and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beam, Arthur Beam and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Cleave were dinner guests at the Walter Lawrence ranch Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd White and daughter went to Baker Saturday to see Mrs. C. D. Houser who is ill with pneumonia in the hospital.

Arthur Beam and sister Mrs. Van Cleave and daughter attended the dance at Hereford Saturday.

Len Tureman made a business trip to Unity Friday.

Don Lund, Weiser, son of Frank Lund, has been visiting. He also visited at the Ed. Beam home.

Clarence Boor went to Baker Saturday.

Mrs. Bert Lawrence took Maxine to Hereford Monday morning for school. Ed. Beam went to Vale Tuesday to have dental work done.

COUNTY ROAD PLANS

One of the first jobs that County Surveyor J. Edwin Johnson is tackling in earnest is the selection of a district road chairman for each road district of Malheur county. He will appoint one responsible resident of each community to aid him in mapping out needed improvements and to determine how small amount of tax money per district can best be spent. This week Mr. Johnson has been making acquaintance of residents of Juntura and of the western part of the county, preparatory to appointing his road aides.

In other years several men in each community were named a road committee.

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TOO MUCH OF A GIFT

(From the Malheur Enterprise)

It would appear to be almost a waste of space to consider the scheme now being agitated by a few to "give" about 3000 square miles, or about one-half of our area, to Idaho in exchange for promised construction of the Caldwell-McDermitt stretch of the I. O. N. short cut to California, if it were not for the fact that the daring scheme has gained unfavorable statewide notoriety and if continued will do irreparable damage to Malheur county.

Already, the report is being spread in the press of two states that the large area of land in question, "outside of Jordan Valley, is practically worthless and is a liability." The many farming communities, large grazing area, irrigation districts, valuable quicksilver mine and other resources too numerous to mention, prove this statement false. This is undesirable advertising that will not be appreciated by the public spirited men, members of commercial clubs and others, who are spending time and money to attract settlers to a county that is rapidly developing into one of the best agricultural sections of the United States.

The Saturday Oregonian stated that "according to the proposal discussed with members of the Idaho legislature, the territory offered * * * would extend from the present boundary line between the two states to the Owyhee river down as far as Crooked creek and down Crooked creek to the Nevada line." A map which accompanies the article shows that the northern boundary of the "gift" starts about four miles south of Nyssa, and would include much of the Owyhee district, Kingman Colony, Big Bend, the Jordan Valley country to McDermitt and the Nevada line and by far the greater mileage of the Union Pacific branch to Homedale.

Malheur county was slated to give all of this area for promised construction of a road, which, if ever completed by Idaho, would not touch any part of Oregon and would draw the majority of the California-Yellowstone Park travel, from the Yellowstone Cut-Off route, upon which Malheur county and the state are now spending and have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to complete for the benefit of Oregon citizens. The start has already been made on the Central Oregon highway.

Even if Idaho would build the suggested I. O. N. stretch, would it be fair for Malheur county to give half her area for a road that would benefit a few worthy citizens of our county (who would then be Idahoans) and Idaho cities to the detriment of progress and advancement of Malheur county, of the towns and farming communities of Nyssa, Ontario, Vale, Harper, Juntura, and to all of southeastern Oregon. At the same time it is probable that Oregon will build a better road for Jordan Valley before Idaho would, if she accepted the gift. Malheur county and Oregon have already spent a quarter of a million on the road to Jordan Valley and last year

the county spent another sum of several thousand dollars to put the road in good shape for year around travel.

In this matter, the people of Jordan Valley have not been consulted and in all probability only a few of them would approve the scheme. But if they were for it, the proposal is not a matter within control of Malheur county citizens or officials as we are a part of Oregon and even if the state could present a part, or all of us, to Idaho, it is almost certain that congress would not permit this novel dickerings.

The statement of the Ontario paper, that "if the northern end of Malheur county has no objection" to the scheme, depends upon whom the editor considered northern Malheur county. Citizens are overwhelmingly against it.

TINKERING WITH BOUNDARIES

The proposal to readjust the boundary between Oregon and Idaho is one of a number, more or less fantastic, which have been bruited in recent years, none of which emerged from the chrysalis. The was talk at one time of joining part of eastern Washington with northern Idaho; another plan was to erect a commonwealth out of certain counties in northern California, northern Nevada and southern Oregon.

But tinkering with state lines, or for that matter with those of lesser divisions, has always been a parlous and intricate business. The case of West Virginia is an exception, and grew out of a situation which it is improbable will occur. The Dakotas arose simultaneously out of territorial status. * * * The rule has been that commonwealths yield territory with profound reluctance when at all, that local pride is always a factor in defeating the plans of theorists and dreamers, and that the argument of geographical expediency usually yields to personal consideration. * * *

The scheme which contemplates that Oregon shall cede the southeastern portion of Malheur county, including the Jordan Valley and the historic and romantic routes from the gold fields of California to the mines of Montana, Idaho and northeastern Washington, is handicapped in advance by these facts. It will carry the added burden imposed by necessity for obtaining the consent of no fewer than three parties to the transaction. Oregon and Idaho equally must be convinced that it is in their interest on the one hand to part with, and on the other to acquire together with concurrent obligations, a region whose inhabitants also may wish to have something to say. Treaties between states (and the current proposal is likely to fall in this category) require permissive legislation by congress. The mechanism is complicated. Assuming unanimous agreement of the parties most concerned. WHICH DOES NOT EXIST IN THIS INSTANCE, consummation would be a matter of years.

Idaho, whose area already is large, might not on that account be expected to object to the acquisition of more territory, provided acquisition carried with it no further obligation than formal acceptance. Yet we find opposition to the movement on the part of Idahoans outside of districts which count on immediate and direct benefits. IF IDAHOANS CANNOT AGREE ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A GIFT, what then shall be said of Oregonians, who are expected to part with something which, whatever its present value, is neither without cherishable associations nor lacking in future material possibilities? The thought obtrudes itself that THE PROPOSED MEASURE, IF PERMITTED TO DO SO, IS LIKELY TO PROVE WASTEFUL OF A LOT OF LEGISLATIVE TIME.—Oregonian.

Once civilization got men out of caves; now it drives them into subways.

Sometimes a man needs all his will power to match against his wife's won't power.

Some fellows drive as though they fear they won't get there in time for their smash-up.

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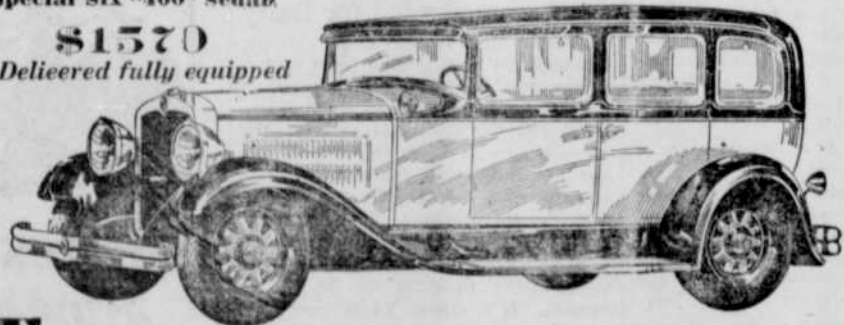
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