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OWYHEE POWER INCENTIVE FOR OREGON SLOPE

The recommendation of the bureau of reclamation to congress affecting a number of irrigation districts in Oregon probably will prove very satisfactory to the irrigation interests of this state, according to a statement by Rhea Luper, state engineer.

The state engineer said he was interested particularly in those parts of the recommendation relating to districts under the Owyhee project, which include the Payette slope and slide.

"The development of the Owyhee project should be continued and no delay need occur on account of the two irrigation districts in Oregon which will be furnished water by the government and which include only a small part of the total area. The slide irrigation district has issued bonds in the amount of \$100,000 and has not operated for six years, due to the fact that it was unable to pay the power company for electricity furnished at its pumping plant.

"The Payette slope project has so far continued in operation, but it has been a struggle to meet its actual operating expenses. The bonds have, therefore, remained in default for several years. It is impossible to work out a reorganization of these two projects until the government has established a definite policy. Immediate steps should be taken to furnish them with cheap power if it is advisable and then work out an adjustment which must be made with creditors."

Vale Firemen welcome the public to the second annual winter carnival, El Campo Rugiente February 14-15. Festivities follow the western mining camp style with a dash of Spanish thrown in.

Marriage licenses of the future may have an alimony insurance policy attached.

When one takes a flyer in the stock market it is the part of wisdom to carry a parachute along.

A Manhattan taxi-driver is writing a story of his life. Well, stories about Jesse James used to be popular.

We read that to be fashionable girls must be plump. But maybe it's only candy makers' propaganda.

The severest critics of business men are "intellectuals" who got that way at colleges endowed by business men.

It is said that Mrs. Gann is tired of the squabble over her social status. Which makes that feeling unanimous.

It is proposed to abolish the duty on hexamethylene-tetramine. The present tariff is based, we assume, on so much per syllable.

GOOD ROADS ECONOMY

It has been frequently asserted that good roads really cost nothing in the long run, but really yield a profit on the investment necessary to provide them. Recent statistics seem to bear out this idea.

According to Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile Association, good roads have reduced the cost of automobile operation from an average of 10 cents a mile to 6.43 cents a mile in the last five years. This means that for a trip of 100 miles the expense is now \$3.57 less than it would have been under average conditions in 1925, taking into account the cost of gasoline, the less wear on cars and tires, and some allowance for time saved.

If these savings are only sufficient to offset the additional gasoline and other taxes necessary to build the highways the motorists is still ahead of the game because of the greater satisfaction and comfort enjoyed while on the road.

"Lions" will be right at home at Roaring Camp, EL CAMPO RUGIENTE, Vale, February 14-15.

SURPLUS IS SHOWN IN OUTLOOK REPORT (From Oregon State College)

Reflecting the national outlook report that production of staple farm commodities for 1930 will equal or exceed demand with no further increase, but pointing out particular conditions in this state, the annual Oregon agricultural outlook report has just been released by the extension service.

The report was prepared by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, in consultation with other college specialists, immediately following Breithaupt's return from Washington where he assisted in preparing the national outlook. Incidentally, a check-up shows that past national reports have been right in nine cases out of 10 in their predictions.

"Total spendable income from Oregon farm products in 1930 is not likely to be greater and may be less than for 1929. On the other hand, farm expenses may be slightly less so that the average sum available for farm family living may not be much different," says the opening.

The labor situation is likely to be easier early in 1930 for farmers, with wages likely to rise in the last half of the year. Farm machinery prices are expected to remain about the same and farm taxes in Oregon may show slight reductions as indirect taxes take effect.

Turning first to the dairy situation, the report points out that milk cows in the United States increased 700,000 head or 3 per cent in 1929, a rate three times too fast under normal demand conditions.

Figures on dairy heifers on hand now indicate an excess of half a million yearlings, and that the number of heifer calves under a year old is proportionately large. Selling off of old and poor producing cows to relieve this situation, is expected to be slow until milk cow prices decline more nearly in line with their value for beef. Dairymen are unlikely to have a more favorable time than now to sell cull cows, says the report.

"Although there are relatively more dairy heifers in western states than east of the Rockies, the number here is not much in excess of requirements for producing dairy products sufficient for demand in these states. The important factors in dairy market outlook are domestic supply and domestic markets."

The present situation in poultry is comparable to that of four years ago at the beginning of the period of declining prices. There is evidence that Oregon egg producers will have more eggs to sell during 1930-31-32 than in 1929 when carlot shipments from Oregon dropped 12 per cent.

"While Oregon poultrymen may find it relatively more profitable to continue to operate on a stabilized basis or even to expand production during periods of declining egg prices rather than turn to other commodities, it seems certain that an advantage would be gained by considering the market outlook when considering changes in production," the report concludes.

"If Oregon poultrymen should have the most eggs to sell when prices are high rather than the least quantity at that time, they would make more money in the long run. Large flocks of high producing hens and production of high quality eggs are also important factors in successful poultry keeping."

STATE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IS A GOOD MOVE

Governor Norblad of Oregon is keeping pace with President Hoover and other leaders of the nation by planning expansion of the 1930 program of public construction work. "There is every reason to believe we have in prospect much new Oregon construction for 1930 and 1931," said Governor Norblad in a letter to the Gate City Journal. "Such work will put many needed public and private investments into useful purpose, in so doing will promote employment with consequent circulation of payroll money into trade channels, and will also induce the sale of commodities and materials and thus promote a prosperous condition."

"It seems advisable that there be an earnest analysis of the status and I am calling a STATE-WIDE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE of leaders and parties interested for the purpose of determining on measures which may be developed."

Questionnaires have been sent to every community in Oregon. Each town was asked to suggest constructive policies. The conference is to be in Portland February 11, and is sure to result in much good.

THE SEASONS

When spring with her beauty awakens,
And all nature seems in tune
And flowers and trees and wandering breeze,
All speak of the beauties to come,
It is then I love to wander—
To find the first bright flowers,
That tell of the days of pleasure
That soon will all be ours—
When spring comes.

But soon the days grow longer
And we know that summer's near,
And what seemed only promise—
We feel is really here,
The birds and flowers and meadows deep,
Assure us of a future treat
And life indeed seems very sweet—
When summer comes.

Then autumn with bountiful harvest
With orchard trees bending low,
And the sound of reapers in yellow grain fields—
Where the sickles are hurrying through,
And we stow from the summer's abundance
All we need for our winter's supplies,
And we thank our heavenly Father
For his infinite care—
When fall comes.

Almost before we know it,
Old winter is here with a roar
But we do not fear his coming—
For we have abundance in store,
And we love the pleasant fireside,
With our books and music sweet,
And always there is the dear old Grange,
When with friends we wish to meet,
When winter comes.

Spring, summer, autumn and winter
All seasons so grand in their way,
And the Lord has blessed and kept us—
As we journeyed from day to day,
And when our labors ended
And we are called above,
I know our Father will welcome us
With his infinite care and love—
When the years have flown.

—Alice Fifer.

WOOL GROWERS' WISHES

A uniform tax cut to conform to the lower market valuation of the sheep and wool; the appointment of a committee to represent wool growers at all sessions of the state legislature and attempt to secure an appropriation to assist in fighting sheep diseases, and a maximum rate of 12½ cents for shearing loans through the federal farm board at interest rates cheaper than those now available from the credit banks, represent the desires of the Oregon Wool Growers as expressed at their convention in The Dalles last week. These officers were re-elected for the current year: W. P. Mahoney of Heppner, president; F. A. Phillips of Baker, first; J. C. Barratt of Heppner, second and S. E. Miller of Union, third vice president.

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MALHEUR HUNTER, C. B. BROWN, MADE THE 1929 HONOR ROLL

Charles B. Brown, government hunter for Malheur county in predatory animal control, was among the twenty hunters of Oregon who made the "honor roll" in 1929. Standard bearers took over 100 predatory animals in the year.

Mr. Brown did one better. He came close to the 200 mark with his total of 187 animals accounted for; 47 of them bobcats and 140 coyotes.

A. J. Knoblock of Morrow was first, John Laurence of Grant a runner-up.

Brown makes Riverside his headquarters most of the time.

STATE CHAMBER PLEDGES HELP IN FIGHT AGAINST OLD ALFALFA WEEVIL BAN

While in Portland last week, Percy Purvis, on behalf of the progressive Farmers club, enlisted the aid of W. G. Ide, manager of the state chamber of commerce, in an effort to have the alfalfa weevil ban on Malheur county removed, as it is affecting the local colonization program. Mr. Purvis reported at the Monday night meeting. In view of the fact that state inspectors could find no weevil—after eradication by a parasitic fly—a concerted drive for lifting of the quarantine is under way.

Kat Bought Vale Farm

For the reason that he is well satisfied with the Vale farming country, Chris Kat made the purchase of an 80-acre farm from Louie Zaninette. The consideration was \$6000. It is the farm near town now leased by Harry Smit. It is under the Warm-springs irrigation project and is considered one of the most productive in the valley.

Mr. Kat, after farming the Tom Venable place the past four years, is known as a capable and ambitious farmer of the type that is an asset to any community. After 14 years in this country, he found the Vale valley most to his liking. Coming from a "real" farmer, that is a compliment.

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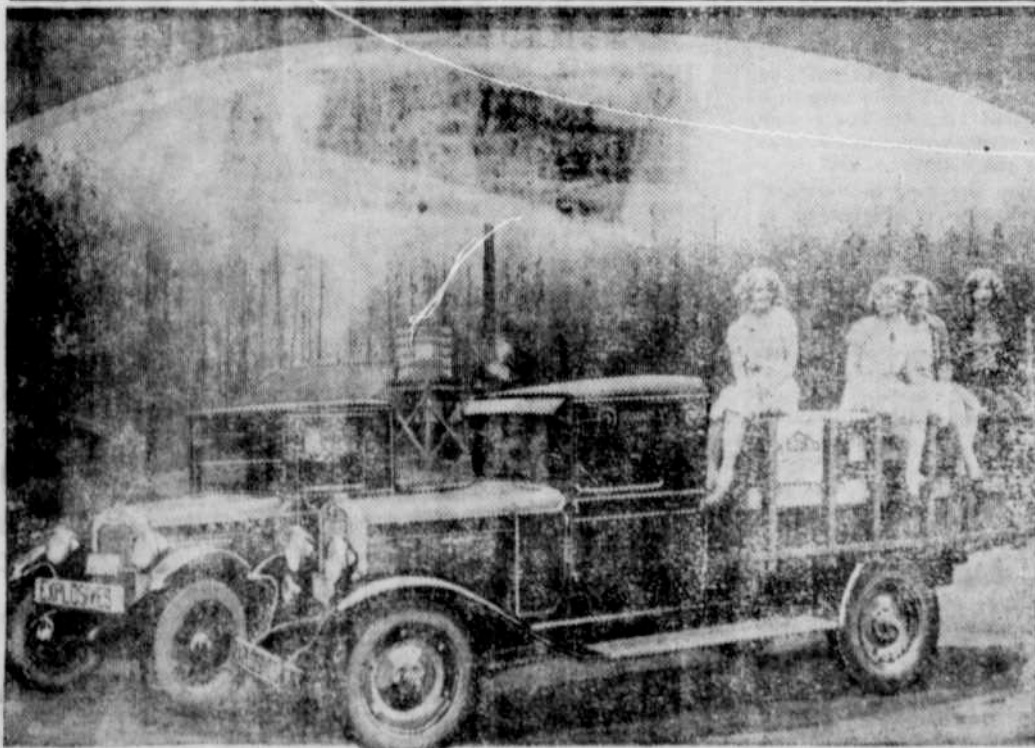
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These young ladies do not seem to be worried, although they are seated on a truck-load of dynamite and blasting powder. They are employees of the West Coast Powder Company, a Northwest concern, located near Everett, Washington. The cars are Chevrolets, used by the firm in transporting powder and other explosives to points in Washington, Oregon and California.

Harper Works Now Ready For Project Water

A half day ahead of their time limit, Deilon Construction company completed the construction of three Vale project tunnels, aggregating over 8000 feet in length. They finished work Tuesday noon. They worked under difficult handicaps during the extremely cold weather. It has been necessary to heat water and concrete materials and even the ground on which the concrete was placed in the canal lining to the tunnels.

With completion of the tunnels and of Chicken Creek siphon by the Western Steel Pipe company, the main canal is ready for use on the Harper and Little valley units of the project.