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IT'S THE FARMERS' TOWN, TOO

Pride in the home town should not be confined to those who live within its corporate limits. The farmer should be interested in the town in which he trades, because it is his town, too. He helps to make it what it is.

In this connection some thoughts by an unknown editor are worthy of consideration. He said:

"Prosperity in the community is closely linked to its retail business. When the people buy and the merchants sell, when money and merchandise move, then the community is prosperous.

"Spending money at home, to maintain and develop a more prosperous home market—means better and more prosperous communities. The farmer fares better the closer he cooperates with the local merchant, and both must progress together.

"When we separate farmer and merchant, we tear down the fabric of community life. When we bring them together we build for a stronger agriculture and better community life."

HANLEY AND THE I. O. N.

Why is it presumed that the appointment of William Hanley of Burns to the state highway commission is a blow to the I. O. N. Cut-off? Simply because he is a friend to the Yellowstone park route through Burns and Lakeview? This seems to be the ultimatum.

However, we see no reason for crossing a bridge before we arrive. Hanley has stated that his ambition is to see the completion of the Yellowstone route and the only remaining link, not under contract, is nine miles between Speery and Juntura in Malheur county. It has been reported that the highway commission plans letting of this sector in November. At longest, it won't be long until the road is complete. Then, we will have a road to San Francisco.

Will Hanley retire from the commission and all interests in eastern Oregon when his great ambition is realized? Will he overlook the fact that construction of about 140 miles of federal-aid highway in Malheur county will give this county, the Snake river valley, yes, Idaho towns as well as cities in his own state, a connection with a direct route and market to Los Angeles? Will he overlook the fact that the people of Jordan Valley have labored unceasingly for this bread and butter market route? That they desire an outlet as keenly as did the people of Burns many years? That neither highway nor train serves the Jordan Valley country? That the I. O. N. is a direct route to Los Angeles and not to San Francisco, the end of the Yellowstone Cut-off?

Not "Big Bill Hanley!" We believe this old timer can see on both sides of the fence.

SHEA'S BIG JOB

When Nyssa folks read of Charles A. Shea, it's like reading of John Brown or Ben Jones, so familiar has the likeable name of Shea become in this locality since work began on the Owyhee irrigation project. Just as the community takes pride in the success of one of its inhabitants, it rejoices with Charles A. Shea in his step forward in the engineering world.

Shea, a member of the firm that set a world record in a tunnel drive on its Owyhee contract, will build the huge Boulder dam. The Shea company and Pacific Bridge company of Portland and four other western contractors combined to form the Six Companies, Inc., low bidders for Boulder dam.

To each member of the Big Six was allotted a definite part in the work. The big job went to Shea. He has the responsibility of construction and engineering. He will build the dam.

We can scarcely encompass the immensity of the Boulder project. Its estimated cost is \$80,000,000. Work has started and completion is scheduled for 1938. A complete city will be built eight miles from the site.

More than 50,000,000 pounds of reinforced, steel 4,200,000 yards of gravel will go into the dam. About 2,500,000 feet of lumber will be used. There will be 1,900,000 yards of tunnel excavation.

Shea's brother Gilbert Shea is director of work on the Owyhee tunnel contracts. His capable assistant, Martin Boss, was in charge when Shea recently made the world's best tunnel run for day, week and month.

It has about reached the point in this country where you can get everything needed in the kitchen in cans except elbow grease.

To get right down to brass tacks no girl can live on the interest her boy friend shows in her.

Time now moves so swiftly that it seems only a step from the highchair to the rumble seat.

You may be able to make your friends think you are important, but if you want something hard try making your wife think the same thing.

Any married man can tell you that the honeymoon is over when he eats whether she does or not.

It has been our observation that a bald spot is often the only thing that will make some men reflect.

A good wife is one who always asks her husband's advice when she has decided what to do.

A rich man is one who isn't ashamed to ask the clerk to show him something cheaper.

WHEN THE CITY LOSES

In our review of Mrs. Fowler's defalcation as city treasurer of La Grande, it was set forth that the surety bond recovery was only \$25,000 on thefts aggregating \$108,000 over a long period of years. The question has been raised as to why recovery could not have been made on each year's defalcation under the surety bond in force for that year, inasmuch as the city paid premium each year. The trouble seems to have been the city renewed the same bond and paid its annual premium just the same as if a brand new bond were purchased. Hence the face of the one bond, \$25,000, was the limit of liability. If the city had taken out a new bond each year, paying the same premium for a new bond as for a renewal, the defalcations of each year would have been recovered up to \$25,000 for each year. As in no one year were the defalcations in excess of \$25,000, the recovery of the entire \$108,000 stolen over a period of eight or nine years would have been complete. Instead of losing \$108,000 minus only \$25,000 recovery, La Grande taxpayers would have made complete recovery and lost nothing except the cost of the criminal prosecution.

It may be well for city councils and other governing bodies to check this situation up as to their bonded officers. Even if a higher premium has to be paid, it would be wise to have a new bond each year.

A somewhat analogous situation exists as to the \$1,000 surety bond required to be posted by each licensed realtor. Is that \$1,000 to cover an aggregate of separate losses, or only one loss, is the entire recovery limited to \$1,000 to whoever gets it, and let other victims content themselves with radio music?

In the long run, we get what we pay for. It is wise to pay enough to buy what we really need, rather than pay too little and assume unknown risks. Better pay higher premiums and get in-

urance coverage that is what we think it is than to wake up afterwards and find ourselves wiped out, if only a small private business, or heavy losers, as with La Grande taxpayers.—Oregon Voter.

PENDLETON SET FOR ROUND-UP

\$15,000 PRIZE MONEY EXPECTED TO DRAW RIDERS; THOUSANDS OF INDIANS WILL AGAIN TAKE PART IN ANNUAL SHOW.

Pendleton.—(Special)—This is the Pendleton outfit's busy season. It is busy overhauling its chuck wagon, checking over its corrals and wrangling up its remuda in preparation for the 22nd annual Round-Up and its companion piece, Happy Canyon.

With some \$15,000 total prize money as the magnet, eyes of top hands all over the West are turning toward the event which is set for August 27, 28, and 29.

One of the annual chores connected with the show is finding room for the thousands of visitors to lodge. Last week the accommodation bureau was opened to list all available lodging places and see that no prices are boosted.

Two pre-Round-Up events are now being eagerly awaited—the arrival of the rangy Texas longhorns, scheduled for August 5, and the dress-up night parade, August 15, when the whole city and country round goes cowboy. After that night it will be a heinous offense for anyone to appear in Pendleton in anything but cow country going-to-town garb.

Pendleton is like that about its Round-Up. The show is a community affair and everybody seems to realize his part ownership in it. Even the Indians look forward to the affair, with its pageantry on streets, in arena and in the night show.

The big parade is Westward Ho and

is programmed this year for the closing Saturday morning. Thousands of whites and Indians appear in frontier costume.

The Southwest is expected this year to send a large delegation of skilled cowboys. Among them undoubtedly will be Bob Crosby, Monument, N. Mex., who took permanent possession of the Roosevelt trophy in 1928, and Jake McClure who got a leg up on the new Sam Jackson trophy last year.

McCarty and Elliott, Chugwater, Wyo., and George Drumheller, Walla Walla, Wash., will bring their famous relay and flat race strings.

Mabel Strickland, one of the most famous all-around cowgirls, will ride the Drumheller horses in the women's relay.

New subscribers of The Journal of the past week are Mrs. E. L. Sutherland, Ralph Griffiths and M. M. Greening of Kingman Colony; R. L. Patton, A. Burns, Wm. Beaton and Julian Johnson of Nyssa; Joe Corto of Jordan Valley.

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Jan. 1931	.22	.02	.02	.26
Feb. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
Mch. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
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