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ONTARIO IS GOOD HOST

An event of much pleasure was the banquet and dance given Thursday night in Ontario by the commercial club and women's club of the neighboring city. Guests were members of the staff of the bureau of reclamation on the Owyhee project and Nyssa business people. It was a return engagement for the banquet given by Nyssa several months ago and seemed even more delightful as two meetings make good friends of folk.

We enjoyed the hospitality of the Ontario people. Such an event reflects the friendship and cooperation of good neighbors. It is such effort that gave us the first federal money for Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects and it is such spirit that will make them an empire when the last great task of colonization is completed.

Delightful repast, music, new and familiar faces—it was a gala gathering. It would be pleasant to have more of them.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

For some weeks, The Journal has been publishing excerpts from the "Editorial Tabloids," column of the Weston, Or. Leader, published by Clark Wood, principally because The Journal finds them the best tabloids written.

Imagine our surprise this week when we looked for our tabloids and found them missing. In their place was a column which makes us believe, Mr. Wood had an attack of—let's call it spring fever. He threatens to renounce forever the "insidious habit of wheezing and devote his attention to the barnyard golf championship." He says the ring of steel on steel when he "shoots a double" is worth all the wise-cracks ever cracked.

The Digest is all that saved the day. Regardless of what he "threatens," when he finds a few of his tabloids in The Digest, he again goes back to patient and persistent mulling.

Next week we'll look for the famous tabloids.

REPUBLICANS FAVOR STATE RIGHTS

Taking a definite stand on the prohibition issue, the Re-

publican national convention went on record as favoring a plank of state rights. Boiled down, it provides that each state shall determine the preference of its people as to whether it shall be wet or dry. The federal government will retain authority to define the manner in which wet states shall dispense liquor within their boundaries.

The declaration is contained in this final paragraph of the new platform:

We do not favor submission limited to the issue of retention or repeal. For the American nation never in its history has gone backward, and in this case the progress which has been thus far made must be preserved, while the evils must be eliminated.

We therefore believe that the people should have an opportunity to pass upon a proposed amendment the provisions of which, while retaining in the federal government power to preserve the gains already made in dealing with the evils inherent in the liquor traffic, shall allow states to deal with the problem as their citizens may determine, but subject always to the power of the federal government to protect those states where prohibition may exist and safeguard our citizens everywhere from the return of the saloon and attendant abuses.

Such an amendment should be promptly submitted to the states by congress, to be acted upon by state conventions called for that sole purpose in accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the constitution, and adequately safeguarded so as to be truly representative.

Mark Sullivan predicts that the Democrats will adopt a similar platform at their convention two weeks from now and that prohibition is launched in a modified direction.

CONGRESS IS COOPERATING

That Congress is cooperating in the nation-wide drive to balance the budget and effect decreases in the salaries in the larger brackets is evidenced by passage of President Hoover's payless furlough plan for federal employes in the house Monday.

Estimated to save Uncle Sam about 100 million dollars in the fiscal year 1933—it applies for only one year—the furlough plan was made a part of the omnibus economy bill slashing expenditures between 150 million and 175 million dollars.

As passed by the house on motion of Representative McDuffie of Alabama, chairman of the economy committee, the furlough plan provides that employes earning \$1000 or less a year shall be exempted from the enforced furloughs. Employes would be laid off one calendar month or 24 working days, during the year and not more than five days in any single month.

Government employes whose services are indispensable the year round, would, upon approval of the President, be required to take a reduction of 8.3 per cent in pay with no furlough.

No furloughs would be given those receiving over \$12,000 per year. Instead, salaries between \$12,000 and \$15,000 would be cut 12 per cent; between \$15,000 and \$20,000, 15 per cent, and over \$20,000, 20 per cent.

Employes in the legislative establishment, such as clerks to senators and representatives, would be cut 8.3 per cent, while senators and representatives would be reduced from \$10,000 to \$9000.

President Hoover having indicated he would voluntarily return to the government part of his salary, as the constitution forbids reduction of the President's pay while he is in office, the bill authorizes the secretary of the treasurer to accept whatever the executive turns back.

As the bill provides 20 per cent less for those receiving over \$20,000 a year, the President was expected to turn back \$15,000 from his \$75,000 salary.

Enlisted men in the army and navy were exempted, but officers would be hit by the cut.

COLLEGE MOVE MIGHT SAVE—MIGHT NOT

Should we move our University? University of Oregon students say no and are girding themselves for an intensive fight.

In this district, under the direction of Maryellen Bradford of Klamath Falls, are seven county chairmen. Paul Biggs of Ontario will lead the students' fight against the claims of the Marion County Tax League in Malheur county.

Briefly the arguments against the proposed measure are:

1. The proposed bill would cost the state from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in new buildings alone were the 2,500 students of the University to be transferred to Corvallis.

2. That figures of the U. S. Office of Education reveal that the cost per student in states where the university and the state college are on one campus is \$61 more annually than in states where the institutions are operated separately as in Oregon, and that the state of Oregon, at present spending \$351 per student, would, if it were to rank up to the average of consolidated institutions, have to spend approximately \$60 more per student a year, or an increased cost of \$282,000 annually.

Committee members say all forms of higher education in the state were responsible for using only 6 cents of the tax dollar. He stressed the fact that a consolidated school would completely submerge both the identity of the University and the College, and that the loss to the state in educational efficiency and reputation would be great.

Of special interest is the argument that should the two schools be merged, approximately 4,200 students who are at present either wholly or partially self-supporting while attending school would be forced to look for jobs in a city of 7,500 while at present these students have the combined population of Eugene and Corvallis to draw on for jobs. The population of the two cities is 27,000.

Inclosing the outline of arguments against the initiated measure, they stress the fact that losses to fraternities and sororities in Eugene would be great; that \$712,000 worth of state-owned property at Monmouth would be completely abandoned; that the resultant deflation of private and city property in Eugene would reverberate throughout the state; and that the bill does not provide for any reduction in the set millage tax for higher education of 2.04.

Voice of the Press

JUSTICE WRITES THE LAST CHAPTER

Penitentiary sentence of Frank Keller, Jr., master-mind behind the rise and wreckage of the Empire Holding Co., and dismissal of indictments against three officers, Coshov, Adams and Petty, following a jury's refusal to convict a fifth officer, writes the last chapter in a vain-glorious financial mess.

Only the names and reputations of supposedly capable men kept the scheme, hatched principally by Keller, from being blown down by its own weight of unprobability long before it finally collapsed. It was a fantastic house of cards. Keller played upon the gullibility of good men. They decided themselves with the idea that the financial substance of insurance companies grows like Jack's beanstalk. Big money for them was to sprout without first planting the seed of experience, without cultivating the fertile foundation of public confidence with patient plowing.

The sordidness of the Empire escapade lay largely in cruel use of the name and personality of Judge Oliver Perry Coshov. A man whose inward honesty is not open to dispute, with confidence in his own rectitude and purposes, might easily be tempted to associate himself with the honorable field of insurance after a long period of cloistered restraint on the bench. Insurance beckoned as an outlet for achievement. That Keller was the one to beckon was the tragedy of it.

But for all those involved there is no condoning their lack of perception, no condoning of their toleration of the man whose methods were so repugnant and reeked with an instability that Coshov and his associates were so tardy in sensing.

Keller is under penitentiary sentence which probably is sufficient to satisfy the public's demand for atonement. Publicity given the stock-selling scheme may serve to deter similar raids upon unwary investors—at least until the pain of suckers' departed money is dulled and the lesson of a short cut to easy money is forgotten.—Oregon Voter.

I. O. N. BUS

MAKES HIT AT AROCK

Arock—The I. O. N. bus made the first trip through here Monday the 13th and began regular daily trips on the 15th. The bus is very attractive in its beautiful shade of red with silver lettering and trimmings.

The Home Economics club ladies met at the home of Mrs. L. Y. Matthews June 16. A large crowd was in attendance. Guests were Mrs. Chas. Portney of Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. J. H. Danner of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Chas. Wright and daughter Flossie, Mrs. George Brewer, Mrs. G. E. Nelson and Mrs. Al Smith of Arock. At the close refreshments were served.

C. E. Lansing and W. S. Bruce were business visitors in Caldwell this week. Mrs. W. E. Breshears returned to Caldwell after visiting her parents for

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several days. She was accompanied by her mother Mrs. J. R. Layde. Mrs. Breakers entered a hospital at Nampa where she will undergo operation. A heavy rain visited this vicinity the first of the week doing damage to the ditches. T. T. Garlick and W. C. Clements made a trip to outside points last week. Last Sunday Wayne Miller became suddenly ill and was rushed to Jordan Valley to consult Dr. Jones. A. F. Hill delivered dressed hogs in

McDermitt this week. Theodore Baltzor is now riding the Northside ditch.

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