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OUR GUESTS FIND MIDSUMMER BEAUTY HERE

We are now at the time of year when our Oregon and Idaho country looks the best. Green landscapes everywhere, bathed in golden sunlight, adorned with blue skies and clouds of feathery white. Western Oregon may have its timber, but no where in the west may more productive fields be seen. Flowers are in bloom. It is the season of midsummer beauty in the Snake river valley.

All of this delighted our guests who were here for the dedication of Owyhee dam Sunday. It was their good fortune to again see the irrigated lands of this area in the full blush of midsummer growth. They maveled at the corn that outdoes the yield of the middlewest corn producing states. They marveled at the great stacks of hay which represent only a first cutting. They enjoyed the beauty of orchards and golden grain.

In other summers these crops were a factor in convincing the bureau of reclamation that the Vale and Owyhee projects were worth developing, that they were needed to provide homes for the many families who are without food and shelter in our crowded cities.

WHAT CONGRESS DID

The long and trying session of the 72nd congress, which opened last December came to a close Saturday night. Those who watched the session carefully point to the following ten accomplishments as the major activities of the congress which no doubt faced the greatest problems in history:

1. Passed the \$1,118,500,000 tax bill imposing drastic "nuisance" taxes and higher income taxes in an effort to balance the national budget.
2. Passed the \$2,122,000,000 unemployment relief bill, designed to create work for the jobless and aid states carrying the relief burden.
3. Ratified the Hoover moratorium on foreign war debts.
4. Established the Reconstruction Finance corporation to bolster railroads and banks.
5. Broadened discount privileges of the federal reserve banks, and of the intermediate credit banks.
6. Cut federal expenditures by approximately \$750,000,000 by reducing departmental appropriations and passed the \$15,000,000 omnibus economy bill.
7. Passed the home loan bank bill setting up a system of federal aid banks to help small home owners.
8. Approved the Glass plan for currency "reflation" under which national banks could issue \$995,000,000 currency backed by federal bonds.
9. Passed the Norris "lame duck" amendment to the constitution, which when ratified by 36 states will change dates on which congress convenes and the president is inaugurated.
10. Passed the Norris anti-injunction bill limiting the powers of federal judges and outlawing "yellow dog" agreements in industry.

The people of this region might add that among the accomplishments should be listed the passage of the appropriations bill which provided funds for this year's work on the Owyhee project.

BUTTERFAT COMES UP

Back of the announcement Tuesday of the one cent per pound increase in the price of butterfat, which appeared in the market quotations of the daily papers, is even better news.

Creamery operators explain that Tuesday's price gain, although small, hinges on a very good sign. They point out that a noticeable increase in the consumption of dairy products throughout the Pacific coast states is responsible for the advance.

Considering the fact that consumption of these products are at low ebb during the three summer months, it is logical to expect a further advance within a reasonable time.

Tuesday's one cent advance will not, of course, add a very great sum to the checks of the individual dairyman but, as a whole, the eastern Oregon and southern Idaho dairy interest will benefit to the extent of several thousand dollars each month.

The note of optimism reflected in the west coast market trend will have its encouraging effect among all our dairymen.

CHINESE LIKEE WHEAT, LESS RICE

How the sale of 15,000,000 bushels of Grain Stabilization corporation wheat has made possible the building of a vast system of dykes and levees in the Yangtze valley for protection against floods and at the same time opened a substantial new market for American wheat by converting more than 2,000,000 Chinese from rice eaters to wheat consumers, sounds good to the farmer.

The wheat and flour were apportioned out systematically. Laborers were put to work building and repairing levees and dykes in the Yangtze valley flood region and were paid with wheat or flour.

It is said that the Chinese have learned they can do more work over a longer period of time on less wheat than on larger quantities of rice. The summation of it all is that the grain corporation has established a market in China for wheat which has enormous potentialities for the outlet of American grain.

NO HIGHWAY SURPLUS

As an outlet for surplus labor, highways offer the best opportunity inasmuch as they are about the only thing that can be produced without glutting the market, according to the president of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

Some 5,000,000 American farmers are still situated on roads that become impassable in winter, preventing them from marketing their goods at the most advantageous time, from sending their children to school, from receiving quick medical attention when needed, from keeping social contacts and from enjoying good roads.

The expenditure of a road dollar serves a double purpose, in that it puts money in circulation while actually providing something we need, and so is not to be confused with "relief" appropriations that put money into circulation but do little permanent good. Placing a man to work on a road means that we provide another one with work somewhere else supplying materials.

It is said that the country could build a hundred thousand miles of good roads now and make use of every mile.

It's harder for money to change hands after getting into a tight fist.

Newspaper is more effective than radio advertising. If people were asked whether they were more impressed by what they read than by what they hear, the eyes would have it.

Voice of the Press

A MILLION BAAS DRIVE ON

On the highways of the high desert, in whatever direction the motorist turns in spring the road is blocked by bands of sheep.

The bobbing, woolly bodies spread like an animated coverlet from fence to fence of the right of way. The driver must go slowly, must sound his horn frequently and at times must pound upon the resounding metal of the doors in order to get through. Sheep at the edge of the road that might be entirely safe where they are, pause, seem to reflect in sheep fashion, and then, almost invariably, make a final dash to the other side, directly in front of the oncoming car. Like a lot of folks, their perversity exceeds desire for safety.

In every flock there is a black sheep, sometimes more. No one knows, except for force of heredity, why white sheep have a certain number of black lambs, and why all lambs, despite the generations of docking continue to have tails. But occasionally an old and sober black ewe, the faults of her youth forgotten, will be the staid and trusty leader of the flock.

The sheep when you see them on the highways of the high desert are moving toward the mountain range. Off in the distance will always be some elevated mass, vague and mystic in the shimmering lights and shadows. There the butterweed, the wild buckwheat, the mountain clover and the bunch grass grow. On the lower levels the death camas or the lupine may be used by hungry sheep for forage and the results are disastrous. The loco weed, also, is more than a darker trace drawn upon Western romances.

The sheep are moving toward the high summer range. Always there are dogs, of uncanny instinct and faithfulness. Always there are herders, who prefer loneliness. Sometimes there are horse-drawn chuck wagons. Wool isn't worth much now. Sheep bring little. But the bands of sheep are the food, the clothing, the investment of the men who have them. So they drive, on and on, sometimes 200 miles in a season. They drive, on and on over the public domain, white sheep, black sheep, and a million baas.—Oregon Journal.

EX-SHERIFF KILLS SELF AND SON IN MERCY TRAGEDY

A dual tragedy, described by authorities as a "mercy death," claimed E. M. Shutt, 61, former Morrow county, Or., sheriff and his blind son Lawrence, 30. Shutt shot and killed his son near his home in Glendale, Cal., Thursday and then turned the weapon on himself, inflicting fatal wounds. Shutt is said to have lost a considerable sum of money in recent financial ventures. He was a brother of Sloan P. Shutt, editor of the Fruitland Banner.

MARGARET HUNT IS HONOR STUDENT

122PT MARGARET HUNT IN HONOR Pacific Extension University, Berkeley, Cal.—(Special to The Journal)—Miss Margaret Hunt of Nyssa has been honored because of her exceptional work as a student of the Pacific Extension University, Berkeley, and has had her name placed on the national honor roll of that institution.

Margaret has been utilizing spare time by taking college work by correspondence. That she is making good is evidenced by the above news item from Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman White, friends of the Dewey Rays, were here from North Powder for the dam dedication Sunday.

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