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OUR SHORT CUT ROAD TO MARKETS

Portland wants another short cut road to the sea although several splendid arteries provide a drive of little more than one hundred miles to coast resorts. It seems there is federal money in the pot which is destined for one or more additional Oregon highways.

Salem looks with favor upon the development of Willamette valley feeders and through roads. In southern Oregon, the plea is straightening and reconstruction of the Pacific highway. Pendleton and John Day have joined hands in the promotion of the north and south link which would connect with the Yellowstone Cut-off highway.

We would suggest that the highway commission drive over the I. O. N., the road that would provide a short cut to markets, before appropriations are made. If there is money to spend, why not build a road that is needed by men and women who are tilling the soil to earn their daily bread. Why not help those who are denied railroad and highway.

Such an investment would reap benefits twofold. The work would give employment to men and would provide a needed outlet for a deserving portion of Malheur county. Nor is the Jordan Valley country a small portion—in area or in population. Hundreds of people would benefit by construction of the I. O. N. This end of the county would reap far more benefits than is sometimes conceded.

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THE COMING CONVENTION

One of the great big events in Oregon this year is the national convention of the American Legion. From across the continent, from the south and north the buddies will come. Many of them will see the Oregon country for the first time and many of them will pass through Nyssa, an eastern gateway into the convention state.

We wish to make a good impression on the Legionnaires from all parts of the United States. Could we find a better plan than that devised by the Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement association which has suggested a tasty cantaloupe, a mealy potato or an appetizing ham? Delicious foods will advertise Malheur county and perhaps a few of the boys will tarry to see the fields of the greatest crop producing county in Oregon.

We can show them the results of sunshine, soil and water. We can show them the world's newest and highest irrigation dam at Owyhee.

Legionnaires will find us carrying on and full of cheer. Why not? When you stop to think of it, conditions today are abundance and plenty. Blessed Mother Nature is flooding forth her bounties of the harvest season, her fruits, her grain, her glorious and inexhaustible crops.

Cheering tidings these—so, Cheerio!

WHEN THE PARTIES AGREE

When two major political parties can agree on an issue, there can be little doubt concerning its importance. That is true in the matter of silver. Both the Republican and Democratic platforms carry planks advocating an international conference on monetary problems, with a view to stabilizing silver.

The word "international" in that sentence should be stressed. No nation can prevent the degradation of silver until other great powers join with it and agree on a cooperative plan. The fact that ruinous silver prices have deprived half the world of a large part of its buying power and brought international trade to the lowest level in decades, points the need for decisive and immediate action.

Every government is interested in silver. So is every business and every citizen. It is a problem of world-wide scope—and at the same time it is a problem which narrows down until it affects the prosperity of every home in the land. Silver also plays an important part in the development of our lead and copper mining industries.

THE OLYMPIC OATH

Each of the 2,000 contestants representing 45 nations at the Olympic games in Los Angeles was required to take the traditional oath:

We swear that we will take part in these games as loyal competitors, respectful of the rules that govern them, and that our desire is to play our part in a spirit of chivalry for the honor of our countries and the glory of sport.

If sport subscribes to this oath, why wouldn't it be advisable for citizens everywhere to take a still older oath—the civic oath administered to the young men of Athens:

We will never bring disgrace to this, our city by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor even desert our suffering comrades in the ranks. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many, and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

It might prove beneficial to American cities in particular.

SHOULD EVERYONE GO TO COLLEGE

President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale has made a valuable contribution to the current discussion concerning the advisability of trying to make "college men" out of unsuitable materials.

It would naturally be supposed that the head of a great university would stress the importance of a college education regardless, but it is an encouraging sign that leading educators are coming to realize that for the vast majority of young people the four years required by a college course is largely a waste of time, money and effort. We quote Dr. Hadley in part:

"People engaged in public instruction are inclined to go too far in thinking that everyone should be encouraged to pursue his schooling to the farthest degree. They lament what seems to them the highly inadequate proportion of elementary school children who go to the high schools and of high school pupils who proceed to college; and they glory in the increase of these proportions. They seem to forget that the classroom is not the only means of an education; that a youth may get more intellectual and moral training from practical work that he likes, than from formal lessons that he loathes."

Now, this does not mean to depreciate in the least the value of higher education to those who by intellect, temperament and inclination are capable of acquiring it and putting it to practical use. It simply means that unless a young person has the native ability to work with his brains, he had better be taught to work with his hands.

A woman may be able to do her own housework but she always has to get some other woman to help her keep a secret.

Lydia Southard says she is glad to be back in the Idaho prison. Old familiar scenes do have their appeal.

The politician trying to decide whether to be wet or dry is having more worry than a dachshund with the backache.

Dense traffic is bad enough but a dense driver is worse.

If some one would throw a circus on election day we doubt is anyone would have interest enough to go to the polls.

Voice of the Press

18 PAGE SPECIAL ISSUED

The Nyssa Gate City Journal on July 14, issued an 18-page special edition celebrating the dedication of the Owyhee dam in that section. The issue was attractively put up, with many pictures of celebrities taking part in the ceremonies and scenes of the dam. Special articles, clipped from other state papers and others written by executives of the corporation building the dam, were included. The issue was given large distribution and was a triumph for the publishers.—Oregon Publisher.

SEVENTEEN DAYS AFTER

Was it fate? Was it retribution? Shinault, the Washington policeman who shot to death Hushka, the bonus veteran, was killed Sunday by a Negro whom he attempted to arrest. In a police radio car Shinault responded to a disorder call and was shot by a colored man, who escaped.

The killing was not in revenge. It was in the routine discharge of his duty that Shinault met his death. It could scarcely be retribution. Yet, how strange that 17 days after he killed the young naturalized American who fought in France for his adopted country, Shinault himself was sent into eternity by the bullet from a revolver!

It seems merely a strange happening that the young war veteran went down under the shot of the man who now himself falls under the trick of a gun. It was fate that found young Hushka in Washington, jobless, foodless, moneyless, he went to the national capital, with comrades, in the hope of receiving adjusted compensation now instead of 1945. He could hardly be blamed—many of his comrades followed in the same urge. They knew that in the past other folks had gone to Washington to induce congress to do things. They knew how the gigantic corporations lobbied at the national capital and got the federal government in the fiscal years 1922-30 to refund them \$2,861,852,286 of taxes they had been required to pay during the World war—taxes on excess profits and enormous incomes growing out of the war.

It was probably these gigantic sums, rebated to the Steel trust and other huge corporations, more than anything else, that took young Hushka to Washington.

There was scarcely a predestined plot in this tragedy from real life. The cruel stories of Hushka and Shinault are strange happenings that often protect themselves into human lives.

—Oregon Journal.

Around the County

Stating that they are of the opinion that the unemployed would prefer to work for their living rather than receive charity, the Canyon county, Idaho, board of commissioners have advised that they will make application for \$100,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

According to T. M. DeCoursey, chairman of Caldwell, the plan is to conduct road work thereby affording work to men who need employment. City governments of Nampa and Caldwell have indicated that they will also make applications for loans, but in lesser amounts.

The Harper school district failed to sell bonds for the construction of a new building. As a result, Harper high school students will again attend school in Vale, their district having arranged for bus transportation.

Chas. Emison, banker of Ontario, has returned home after a month's visit in Portland. He is feeling improved from illness.

Idaho's rate expert is requesting a cent-a-gallon reduction in the freight charge on shipment of gasoline into Idaho, in another effort to lower the price of gasoline to the consumer.

Dr. Anna Pritchett, county health officer, recently underwent a major operation. She was able to return to her home in Vale last week and is improving rapidly.

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