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NEW SEED MARKETING PLAN HAS ADVANTAGES

Seed growers of Malheur county are showing a marked interest in the cooperative marketing plan of the Idaho-Oregon organization known as the Mountain States Seed Growers, Inc. It seems to point the way to a better selling plan and resulting higher returns to the producer.

The association will assemble seed in this county at one central point, the warehouse of the Nyssa Grain company, one point having been selected to save handling and cleaning costs to growers. The cooperative will blend the seeds and ship them to the markets of the central states where they will be sold to the farms in that territory in their own line elevators. In other words, this is short cutting the method of distribution.

A contract with the National Grain Growers association permits the Seed Growers to handle common alfalfa, Grimm alfalfa and red clover seed at the warehouses of the cooperative. The contract provides that all seed may be pooled in different grades and lots; that the association will make an advance on the basis of No. 1 cleaned seed. The advance is close to the market price of the old line seed buyers, so the member can hardly lose.

The first pool which is open now will close November 1, and will be marketed first so that returns will get back to the grower before the returns from the later pool. It is important that growers who wish to cooperate sign up early so the association will know the size of the pool and make plans accordingly.

Reed Moody, manager at Nampa, recently stated: "We

don't attempt to predict the future but we believe this co-operative plan will bring good results. We believe our cost of marketing will be less and if the price advances after delivery the growers will reap the profits while under the old line plan, such profits went to the dealer and not to the farmers. It is apparent that our association will at least get a fair break. If economic conditions change it will react to every seed grower member's advantage."

THE BONUS AFFAIR

More important than how and why the veterans' bonus army was removed from Washington is the undeniable fact that economic conditions resulted in thousands of hungry men marching upon the national capital to seek funds which they sorely need. Many of them had been told money was due them and they had heard of lobbying before.

Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley appealed to the patriotism of ex-service men at the national convention in Portland last week. He defended President Hoover in his order forcibly ousting the veterans from Washington. He urged that the convention refrain from asking for the bonus on the ground that the country is not in a position to pay such huge sum.

Perhaps the veterans and others would seriously consider such an appeal as that made by Secretary Hurley if it were sincere. However, ex-service men, as well as many voters, know that enormous profits were made out of the war by men who did no fighting, except for personal gain. They know that many of these same men have made much profit since the war. They have been told that big corporations received about two billion dollars out of the national treasury in the name of tax refunds. They also know that some of the boys gave more for their country than the government can repay and that some of those who sacrificed their own interests to serve this country are now in need.

We may not approve the idea of making the federal treasury a grab bag but most of us would prefer that gifts went to men in need who would spend it, rather than to the "Mellons" who received the tax refunds during the present Hoover administration.

There are a number of things to think about.

SCHOOL—DRIVE SLOW

School days are with us again. This means that the yellow signs, "School—Drive Slow," near every school means serious instruction to every motorist. Drivers are all too ready to believe that highway signs do not really mean what they say and a great many do not exercise proper care in motoring in front of a school. This is especially true along the main highways.

It is also up to parents and teachers to teach school children the methods of safety, but they are headlong in their play and that is where the greatest danger comes in. It is impossible for them to always remember "Safety First," but it is not impossible for the adult motorist. One moment a street may be clear and the next a half dozen children may be racing across the highway—after a ball, in a game of tag. In such cases, the motorist, the speed demon in particular, would be responsible if a serious accident resulted.

It might be a good idea for traffic officials to do a little special school duty during the opening month of school. Careless drivers should be reminded that the "School—Drive Slow" signs mean exactly what they say. Such a lesson will do the careless motorist no harm. The careful driver would take no chance of hurting a child and probably makes it a habit to watch for all highway signs.

LOANS MUST BE PAID

Governor Meier has told the state-wide relief committee and, incidentally, Oregon, that there are two ways by which federal emergency relief money can be made available in this state.

The governor may apply for the total sum required and then distribute to local subdivisions on the basis of relative need.

Or the respective subdivisions of the state may deal directly with the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the need in each instance having been certified by the governor.

Under the first plan, loans obtained by the state may be deducted from future federal appropriations for highways.

Under the second plan, repayments will not involve deductions from the federal highway allocations.

The governor favors the second method. It will be noted, however, that "repayment" is prominent in either procedure.

What goes up must come down. What is borrowed must be repaid. Loans that represent only the most extreme need will, especially in Oregon, reveal the independence and essential stability of a great state.

And there will be less to burden the future if the minimum made necessary by actual emergency is borrowed now.

The proposed state school consolidation would not even save the taxpayers from their discontent.

It's too bad that many ex-soldiers who never left our shores are among the keenest to get the cash bonus program across.

The school bus is a good idea; but if kids can't walk seven miles to school through the snow, what will they brag about in their old age?

Those Iowa farmers seem to get away with pursuing the wrong tactics by including deputy sheriffs.

President Hoover hasn't labored wholly in vain. At least one citizen Calvin Coolidge commends his administration.

The Democrats can now rely on Maine strength to help oust the elephant.

Voice of the Press

Apathy of the citizens to government affairs has often been discussed. Usually the discussion has been academic, with a satisfied smugness. Like the Pharisees, the citizens took a "holier than thou" attitude.

It has been shown that only 42.3 per cent of the eligible voters cast a ballot in the November, 1930, election. That means 22 per cent of the voters can govern the state.

It has been shown that only 33.8 per cent of the voters marked the ballot on the Grange power measure and but 33.4 per cent voted on the income tax.

It has been shown that 19.6 per cent of the eligible voters voted for and passed the Grange bill. It has been shown that 17 per cent voted for and passed the income tax.

In the 1930 census Oregon is credited with 599,163 eligible voters. In November, 1930, the registration total was 420,127, or 71.8 per cent. The highest number of votes cast on any measure on the ballot for any man, was 292,554, or 47.3 per cent.

This means Oregon citizens are neglecting their duty.

This may explain why the tax bill in Multnomah county has increased 56.7 per cent in the past decade while the assessed value increased but 15.6 per cent and the population increased but 18.7 per cent.

This may explain why Multnomah county has not had a more efficient and economical form of government. This may explain why proposals for consolidation of the five major units has met with defeat.

It is a condition to amaze Oregon citizens. It is a condition that strikes at the very roots of Democracy. It is a condition that enables the minority to direct public affairs.

It is a condition that should arouse every loyal citizen. The least duty he can perform is to go to the polls and vote, and inform himself before he votes.—Oregon Journal.

Home Corner

NOW DRIED TOMATOES

A new one in the preservation of food has been developed by W. L. Phillips of Freewater, who says dry tomatoes "can be done."

Cook ripe tomatoes for ten minutes. Strain through ricer. Cook pulp as dry as possible without burning. Spread on plates in half inch thickness and set in drier. When paste is dry on top, turn over. Continue to dry until paste is brownish red. Use in gravies, soups and other ways for flavoring.

PEACH ICE CREAM

For refrigerator
1 cup mashed peaches
1-3 to 1-2 cup sugar
1-4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon granulated gelatin.
1 teaspoon cold water.
Few drops almond extract
1 cup whipping cream.
Scald the gelatin in the cold water and dissolve over hot water. Mix with the peaches, salt, lemon juice and flavoring. Freeze until mushy. Beat well

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Our father who art in Washington,
Hoover be thy name.
As of old, they will be the same.

Take thou all of our liberties
And send they charity breads
Provide, oh, our father
Some shacks to cover our heads.

All of our earnings and savings
In thy tills thou keep
But let us have some straw or shavings
This winter on which to sleep.

Thou, in all thy greatness
Art great among all men
For our clothes have all grown ragged
Our cheeks are pale and thin.

Ford, he freed the donkey,
Lincoln, the Sons of Ham
But thou art even greater
You freed the working man.

But we are growing restless,
Hunger pains won't let us sleep
For thou has kept thy promise
You put us on our feet.

And we have all been wandering
Till our shoes won't hide our toes
And where we are going to stop at
Our father in Washington knows.
—Bingo.

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