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OUR PRODUCERS WANT THE I-O-N

Why isn't a road which would materially shorten the distance between here and Los Angeles of benefit to Malheur county with its great producing farms which are in need of shorter and less costly haul to available markets? Our need for markets will be doubled when our irrigable area is doubled by completion of the Vale and Owyhee irrigation projects.

Where do we sell our dairy products, hogs, cattle and a big share of our turkeys, vegetables and fruits? They go the present round-about way to Los Angeles and southern California, a great consuming area. A good market for our produce also exists in Nevada, right at our back door if we had the highway facilities we need.

Nevada has built a good road between McDermitt and Winnemucca, the junction with the Lincoln highway. Twice that short span of seventy miles, or thereabouts, would give us the desired connection between this end of Malheur county and McDermitt.

Strange to say all of Malheur county has not endorsed the construction of the I. O. N. highway. There has been one tardy excuse after another. Why? Only one obvious reason exists. The road probably would not be routed to pass through each Malheur county metropolis. However, it would come within a few miles of each town and would be of great benefit to the producers of each community. It perhaps would not bring all the tourist trade that is desired. Proponents of the road find, however, that it is feasible to route the road into Nyssa.

The Yellowstone Cut-off, Central Oregon highway, John Day and Oregon Trail and Yellowstone Cut-off pass directly through Vale. These are splendid highway connections and we are grateful, along with most of the county, for the good roads we have. Is it not wise to forsake the tourist angle of the I. O. N. and look to the more important need of a "shorter than any" short cut road to California markets for all of the producers of our county.

The federal bureau of public roads has at last become interested in the I. O. N. highway, largely through the efforts of Senator Oddie of Nevada, Senator John Thomas

and Senator Wm. E. Borah of Idaho. We are sorry that the lukewarm attitude of the few in Malheur county who have not yet made friends with the I. O. N. have retarded efforts of the large portion of Malheur county which earnestly solicits the improvement of the road.

It seems they might as well hop on the band wagon as Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and California are now combining efforts and the road will be built.

COOPERATIVE SALARIES

Some people excuse the big salaries paid such officers of government-aided cooperatives as the president of the National Grain Growers corporation on the theory that national cooperatives are in the big business class. They say big business demands big men. This is true in the sense of service but does the big salary always buy a big man?

Again, comes the champion of big business with the argument that a big salary must be paid the officers of the cooperative or some rival will offer the capable executive a bigger salary. Isn't this true regardless of what is paid? It is also a well established fact that nature provided more than one man with brains—and at least a few of them find joy in accomplishment in the way of service.

Few are the farmers or citizens of an agricultural country who do not appreciate the start that has been made in cooperative marketing. They believe it the farmer's greatest salvation but many of the thinking ones do not approve of injecting all of the methods of big business. They are confident that a "big man" could be secured to direct the operations of the national cooperative at a salary in lower brackets and that such a move would not jeopardize the activities. They believe that in many instances the same men would seek the position available at practical salaries.

The lower salaries now paid the executives of smaller cooperatives, such as our creameries, tend to keep the cooperatives in smaller and competitive units. They must produce results for their farmer members if they survive. This situation is always to be desired.

The Journal believes that the bill which has been introduced in congress, which prohibits cooperatives from paying a salary of more than \$15,000 a year, is deserving. We do not believe it will endanger the cooperative from securing a "big" man. It has even been suggested that such a law—if it is found sound—might logically be so broadened as to include the salaries paid officers of corporations.

We don't believe the sky should be the limit in the payment of salaries to the executives of any branch of big business in our country of the people and for the people. We believe that coming down to earth would improve conditions all around.

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR OREGON!

Ladies and gentlemen, the dairy industry of Oregon is calling you. It needs you. It wants you to go to the polls on November 8, take all your voting friends and neighbors with you and vote to protect the most basic feature of the most fundamental of industries.

Here is how it is: The legislature two years ago passed a bill placing a tax of 10 cents a pound on oleomargarine. The importers of vegetable oil and the manufacturers and distributors of oleo brought about a referendum on it in the hope that the voters of the state would vote in favor of the tropical islands and against Oregon. The dairymen are asking you to be true to Oregon. The Oregon Farmer joins them heartily in that plea.

Most of the oil that goes into the manufacture of oleomargarine is coconut oil, and nearly all the coconut oil comes in from the Philippine islands, tariff free. It is produced over there by labor that receives almost no wages. It comes over to America and is manufactured into an imitation butter. Most of the manufacturing is done east of the Rocky mountains. Comparatively little of it is done in the west. It pays no tariff to come into the country; it pays an insignificant amount in taxes after it gets here. It supports an insignificant payroll either in Oregon or elsewhere in the United States.

But what about the dairymen of Oregon? Here's what about them. They have an investment in Oregon of millions of dollars in farm lands, farm equipment, farm homes and dairy cattle. They pay taxes on all their property—state taxes, local taxes and taxes on their incomes, if any. They employ thousands of laborers both on their farms and indirectly in the creameries, cheese plants, ice cream plants and distributing plants. They spend the money they receive for their products in the purchase of goods from Oregon merchants and support Oregon institutions. Their hired men and creamery employees and truck drivers and the many others who share in the industry spend their money in the home community.

In other words, the dairy industry of Oregon supports Oregon! The oleomargarine industry supports largely eastern capitalists who spend their incomes outside this state.

The oleomargarine industry wants you and your neighbor to vote against the taxation measure when you go to the polls November 8. The dairy industry of Oregon wants you to vote for it. Which will you do?—Oregon Farmer.

COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

The Digest's poll indicates a general feeling that a change in November means more change in 1933.

A chicken in the coupe is worth two in the street. Unless she is bent on scratching.

Looks now as though whatever coming back is done by Jimmie Walker will be to and not in New York.

Voters are noting in this campaign the marked difference between prophecy and apology.

Sam Insull slipped before getting into Greece.

An English legal authority declares that a cow has lawful right to use of the road; but that doesn't protect the cow. So has a pedestrian.

Voice of the Press

A BUST 'EM BILL

The hydro-electric constitutional amendment on the ballot for the coming election presents only one new major policy, although it pretends to present nine.

The one new major policy proposed is that the state legislature, without submitting the issue to the people, may incur a state indebtedness up to \$60,000,000 for engaging in hydro-electric development and transmission.

As to all other powers pretended to be conveyed to the legislature, as to all declarations of policy regarding water power, they are already written into existing law or are powers inherent in the state, and in the legislature.

The legislature does not now possess the power to bond the state or incur any indebtedness for hydro-electric development in excess of \$50,000. It does have the power and has had that power for thirty years to submit to the people, for their approval or rejection, a bond issue for hydro-electric development. This proposed amendment proposes to change that. It permits the legislature to issue bonds on its own motion—without reference to the people.

The public is likely to be attracted by the high-sounding phraseology of the first seven sections of the amendment, and overlook the true astounding purpose of this measure. It is likely to be deceived into the belief that new safeguards of the people's interest in water-power are erected and that new authority to engage in public ownership is conveyed by the measure.

The new element, the only new element of consequence, proposed for the constitution is the sweeping grant of authority to the legislature to plunge this state into a vast indebtedness without asking the people's consent.

A minor provision makes the hydro-electric commission elective instead of appointive. Otherwise it is a grant of power to the legislature to bankrupt the state. Nothing more.—Oregonian.

NYSSA RANCHER VISITS IRONSIDE

Ironsides—Mr. and Mrs. Ness Hatt of the Owyhee were visiting at the Gordon Dickson home several days last week.

Mrs. Edith Morrison of Vancouver, Washington is visiting at the home of her brother Bruce Lofton.

Mrs. Joe Hardisty and daughter Irene Ripley of Long Creek were in Ironside Friday. They visited at the Omar Presley and E. J. Beam homes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lofton, Mrs. Loyd Judy and Maxine Presley motored to Galena Wednesday to visit relatives.

John Molham, Wayne and Richard Lofton were home from Weiser Institute for the week end.

Mrs. Susie Silvers and daughter Kathleen visited in Brogan over Sunday.

Fred Laurance and wife motored to Payette Thursday.

Hardin Lockett was in this vicinity last week buying beef cattle which he will ship to Portland. He purchased some fat cows from W. R. Lofton.

Mrs. Ernest Lacey and daughter Mrs. Floyd Howard and A. R. Van Buren and wife were in Ontario Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms returned Saturday from a two weeks visit at Grandview, Idaho.

The ladies club met with Mrs. Floyd White last week. A large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Cleave are at the Stanfield ranch near Huntington where they are employed for the winter.

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