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Follyfarm, and Crane to Burns were brought out as the probable major projects of the state highway department in this section by Leslie Scott, chairman of the highway commission, here today.—Oregonian.

An outrage, Mr. Scott, to seriously propose and consider the expenditure of state road funds on such an artery when the same amount of money would probably build the original I-O-N highway from McDermitt to Jordan Valley and the irrigated areas of northern Malheur county. Why do you overlook the fact that the Burns territory is not a producing section while the farms of northern Malheur county are crying for a necessary southern outlet? Why do you adopt the attitude that such an outlet might not be to Portland interests? We could not possibly find the market there that we must have.

It appears that the investment of the federal government in the Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects, which approximates \$22,000,000, is also being ignored. We have the land, sunshine and water with which to produce the finest crops ever grown—but we must sell them. Where does our butter find its market today? In California. The coast area largely takes care of its own needs but in the thickly populated and desert country of California we can find markets for crops from our irrigated lands.

The I-O-N as a bread and butter route, a route for trucks, overshadows whatever importance it might have as a tourist artery. It overshadows whatever small need might exist for any McDermitt-Crane-Burns connection, originally proposed by Wm. Hanley of Burns.

Is the time not opportune for all of Malheur county to intervene in behalf of the I-O-N?

CONTROL OF RANGE IS CERTAIN

Gone are the days when cattle and sheep were allowed to roam at will, when great battles were fought for the control of public domain and possession went to the strongest. Now we are seeing the dawn of a New Deal for even the wide open spaces. But will we have local or federal control?

The Taylor grazing bill to give the interior department control over 173 million acres of public domain in 11 western states has been passed by the house and a favorable senate vote is expected. The measure gives the secretary of the interior power to collect fees for grazing, a part of which will be returned to the states.

Other funds collected are to be extended to protect the vast area from destruction through erosion, floods and over grazing. This move had to come. It may look objectionable in the eyes of the stockman of the old school but in the end it should prove of vast benefit to all who depend upon the public domain. This is the first time in a decade that such a control bill has found approval in congress.

While the grazing bill is meeting with success in congress, proposals are being made to include more and more land of Malheur county within the boundaries of restricted grazing districts. Why not wait for the final outcome of the federal grazing bill which will probably remove grazing control from local to federal authorities?

MAKING THE MOST OF MAY DAY

May Day Child Health Day is not an isolated event in itself for child health problems cannot be recognized and solved by means of an annual celebration. It is of value, however, in that it is a day set apart by Congress for the focusing of attention upon Child Health. Thus it becomes a strategic point in the year-round health program for arousing interest in a needed project, or for calling public attention to what has already been accomplished.

The first of May was at one time characterized by health parades, the presentation of awards for keeping health charts, and pageants which strained the nerve of the whole community to the breaking point. Gradually, however, a different interpretation arose as to the meaning of May Day-Child Health Day, and it has now become an occasion to emphasize organized programs and year-round activities in health.

The festival and practical aspects of May Day are easily combined in a play day. This may be held by one school, or by an assemblage of several schools in a community. Sometimes two or more rural schools meet together to recognize the occasion.

Many schools are now making a particular effort to improve the nutritional status of school children. The problem of an adequate lunch is being solved by the hot lunch plan. Information is frequently sent into the home concerning the desirability of a warm breakfast and a daily balance of food requirements. In a school which has made a special project of nutrition, the subject might reach a climax in the May Day program.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

The man properly brought up is hard to keep down.

What we need next is birth control for road hogs.

"Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil," and you're probably deaf, blind and dumb.

Said to be one of America's best-groomed women, Peggy Joyce no doubt realizes that she has reached the point where the eye-fel is not gal but the gown.

If he makes \$1428 a day, no wonder Eddie Cantor is popeyed.

As to "cheaper power," it can probably be no cheaper than vote-catching slogans.

The one drawback to Roosevelt's fishing trip, even as yours and mine, is to be drawn back to the grind.

"My idea of a moron," write one of our fans, "is one who expects his Uncle Sam to feed him, clothe him and put him to bed."

Voice of the Press

WIRT CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT

From the Oregon Grange Bulletin
When a school executive is beholden to the Steel trust for his job, as Dr. William A. Wirt of Gary, Ind., is, any assertion that the "brain trust" of President Roosevelt expects to deliver this country into the hands of Communists, make the average citizen emit a horse laugh.

Gary is a town built on the shores of Lake Michigan by the United States Steel corporation and in which Dr. Wirt is credited with having created a model school system. Probably the teachers are compelled to instruct their scholars that this huge corporation is a beneficent institution, never mentioning the fact that up to a few years ago its thousands of workmen were compelled to labor 12 hours a day, seven days a week. Neither do the teachers, probably, dare mention the fact that the Steel trust fought to retain the "Pittsburgh plan," whereby consumers of steel products shipped from Western points were compelled to pay freight from Pittsburgh, Pa. This practice cost the Pacific Northwest millions every year in excess freight charges until the "plan" was nullified by the federal government. We would also wager that teachers in the Gary schools are not permitted to mention the fact that when J. P. Morgan organized the United States Steel corporation \$750,000,000 worth of water was injected into the stock.

G. O. P. BETS ON

RUFUS HOLMAN

PREDICTIONS OF WISE ONES

In a long discussion of primary and general election possibilities, a staff writer for the Oregonian has this to say:

"To begin with, we 'experts' in the main figure Rufus as the apparent winner in the republican gubernatorial primary. This is not propaganda of any sort, but the premise upon which is based the figuring of the wise ones, most of whom dislike Rufus from the bottom of both ventricles. They cold-bloodedly figure from certain known positions and try to arrive at an answer that is honest no matter how distasteful. They admit that conditions may change, and they do some hedging when they consider General McAleander, for as yet he is an unknown quantity, but they figure it a prospective Holman-victory now."

HOLMAN STRONG MAN

Burns Free Press: With Rufus Holman in the race for governor it is a hard guess as to who will be our next governor. He is a strong man, a fair man, and a man who will make it hard for the other good men—Brown and Mahoney—to be governor.

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