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family farms and farming communities had become by the 1930's a massive public works and regional development program, with an emphasis on the urban as much as on the rural West.
