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With this issue a new departure begins in Sherman county journalism. For thirty five years this county has had three or more newspapers to carry the news to county readers and those former residents who have moved to other parts. During twenty of those years population has decreased, transportation has become easier, acquaintances have widened until at the present time the county has become too much of a unit to need the services of three papers.

The consolidation of newspapers in this county has therefore become an economic and journalistic necessity. Economic necessity because of smaller population; journalistic necessity because the county is, or should be, one body and should be so treated in its news.

It is with this in mind that the Sherman County Observer and the Grass Valley Journal have been combined under the present management. We believe that the county will be stronger in every way if it considers itself a unit instead of three or four small towns with divergent interests. Any subject that affects one part of the county concerns every other part. We are welded together by common interest, for we are all dependent on wheat raising. We are adjacent to the same highway that runs lengthwise through the county. Practically all the business of the county is transacted with county residents. There are few counties anywhere that are so naturally set apart geographically as Sherman county; there are few counties, in the west at least, whose inhabitants are all interested in one crop. For these reasons we believe that this paper published in the center of the county will be able to serve the county better than the smaller papers from which it has grown.

It will be the aim of this paper under the present management to be a journal of Sherman county, to record the major events in the lives of its citizens, to chronicle the acts of its organizations, social and political, and to comment upon that part of the news that seems of particular moment. We ask for the goodwill and co-operation of our readers in this endeavor.

LEGISLATIVE INDEPENDENCE

There is something extremely amusing about the political situation in Oregon at the present time especially when viewed in the light of the historical background of the American people. The fathers of our country spent weeks of patient effort and many of the best minds of the times were puzzled to devise a form of government that would give sufficient governing power to all branches of government without allowing the head of any one department to assume dictatorial powers.

Most of them were rather proud of our system of checks and balances as it has been known for the last one hundred and forty years. The executive is in theory held in check by the legislative branch while the judicial part of the government holds both to the written law which is made by legislators as the representatives of the people themselves. School children are taught to marvel at the wisdom which formed this system.

In Oregon last fall we elected a governor who had some definite ideas about several phases of state government. He received a large majority of the votes cast and since that time the legislative branch of state government has followed dutifully in his foot steps listening with bated breath to hear his wishes. It may be all for the best and the state may prosper greatly under his rule—only time will tell that—but the point we are interested in at the present writing is how far such actions are from the original design of the founders of this nation.

Those old fathers of the United States who fought so successfully against one oppressor were very fearful of dictators and tried to fashion a form of government that would make them impossible. If they could have viewed the day in the Oregon legislature when the representatives stood up and apologized for their votes on the ground of desire to agree with the governor our nation's fathers' faith in the government they founded would have suffered a severe shock.

LET A FARMER REPRESENT FARMERS

The committee on reapportionment at Salem have finally begun to consider what shall be done toward equalizing the representation from the different districts and counties in the state. It is rumored, and on good authority, that the senatorial district comprised of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties is to be broken up to pad out the districts on all sides of us.

We have mentioned before that the wheat growing counties should not be separated because of their need of united strength during the trying times through which they are passing. Further, these small counties with a distinctly rural population, with no towns of over a thousand persons should not be attached, like ballast to a balloon, to the larger counties which contain a city with population enough to completely submerge the entire voting strength of a small county.

Agriculture needs representation by men who know from personal experience or observation the problems of the farmers. It cannot be adequately represented by any other type of citizen. Let us hope that the present legislature will find some way to keep the wheat growing counties together in a legislative district so that they may have representation that represents.

The weather man must have gone to sleep and the fire go out since Sunday.

REBEKAH DIST. CONVENTION AT ANTELOPE MARCH 14

The Annual Rebekah District Convention of District No. 21, comprising the lodges of Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, Kent and Antelope, will be held in Antelope on the afternoon and evening of March 14.

Leona Thiel of Astoria, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, will be present, and it is expected that all the members that can possibly attend will do so.

Lupine Lodge will put on the degree work for the convention.

Taylor Players Please Audience In Moro

The Taylor Players, a troupe of eight actors and entertainers will play in Grass Valley March 9-10-11. These players present dramatic plays with vaudeville between acts. A Male Quartette and a Jass Orchestra are featured.

There is only one show a night starting at 8:15.

The company is at present playing at Moro where they are scoring a big success. The entertainment is clean and is much better quality than has been shown by traveling companies for several years.

Kent News

One hundred and five people were present to enjoy the pot luck dinner given Sunday in the Grange hall in honor of Mrs. Rachel Howell, who was celebrating her fiftieth birthday.

Mrs. McGregor of Portland, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Wily W. Knighten.

Mrs. Mabel Horner and children and Mrs. Lottie Hampton and children were visitors in

Kent Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and daughter were visitors at the Shelton Fritts home Sunday. Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, Feb. 26, an eight pound baby boy.

A number of people from Kent attended the basket ball tournament at Rufus last Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and son visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson Sunday.

Lloyd Young and Johnnie Woods of Hood River spent the week-end with the formers mother.

The final Grange card party will be given in the Grange hall on Saturday March 7th. At that time the grand prize will be awarded to the one who has won the highest score for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gregg spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Miss Della Helyer spent the week-end at Ashwood visiting with her friend, Miss Dorothy Hollingsworth.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Assessor's Association will be held in the Court House, The Dalles, Oregon, March 9th and 10th, 1931. Sessions will begin at 10:00 A. M.

The first day, March 9th, will be an open meeting for general discussion of the tax situation. At this meeting assessment values will be talked over, and it is earnestly requested that the Wool Growers, Stockmen, Tax-leagues, Grange, Farmers Union, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations send representatives. The general public is also invited. Members of the State Tax Commission will be present. The second day, March 10th,

will be taken up by members of the State Tax Commission and Assessors. A similar meeting will be held in the Court House at La Grande, Oregon, March 11th and 12th.

Margaret Peetz
County Assessor

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