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## ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT

The Railroads have applied for another extension of time, until June 1st, before the lower rates on wheat become effective and this stay has been granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which evidently fears that the railroads may take the matter into court and cause a longer delay.

The carrying companies have postponed lowering their rates meet the reduced value of goods they carry as long as they are able. By delay and by devious excuses they have made it possible to have practically all the 1930 wheat crop hauled to market at the high rates. Wheat has been forced to pay a high rate so that the goods of better organized shippers could be hauled at prices that do not pay the actual cost of moving them to market.

All of which seems to be unfair tactics when the present condition of the wheat industry is taken into consideration, for if it is a good and just practice to make wheat pay more than its share of railroad earnings when it is a profitable industry it is fair and equitable to lower the rates so that it is paying less than its share when it is not prospering.

The railroads are feeling the competition of truck carriers and will, in this county, soon have the added competition of water transportation if they are unable or unwilling to reduce their rates to a reasonable basis when their best group of shippers need their cooperation.

Whether the present rates are continued until June 1st or not does not greatly concern most of the farmers for the last year's crop has been shipped or is out of the farmers' hands, but another delay brings the time for applying the new rates close to the harvest of another crop. If the Interstate Commerce Commission has not been able to enforce their edict in the past nine months, will they be able to enforce lower rates before the 1931 crop moves to market? If the railroad and the commission realize how much this means to the wheat farmer, there would be no question about the answer.

## NOW THAT IT'S OVER

The Oregon Legislature has at last adjourned and the proponents and the opponents of their legislative program are busy expressing their opinions. These remarks pointedly call to mind the old saying about one's opinion depending on whose ox is being gored.

The Oregonian, sensing defeat, temporarily at least, of their power ideas, states that the mandate of the people was overworked while the Oregon Journal, pleased over the advent of a state administration that they helped put in office, proclaimed the death of machine politics in Oregon.

It seems to us that the legislators have forgotten some of the most important parts of the constitution for they certainly made themselves unnecessary when they voted so unanimously for the power program of the governor. Mr. Meier himself was elected by a great majority, but it must also be remembered that each one of the representatives and senators were elected by a majority of their constituents and in many cases from districts that did not favor the power bill.

Governor Meier is not going to provide power without cost to the tax payer, no one is going to give us power for nothing, in fact we might state without fear of successful contradiction that no one will give us anything for nothing. The legislators know this or should know it and there is no reason why they should have voted against their better judgement in an attempt to further such a project.

The principal thing that the present administration can do for the state is to equalize and decrease taxes and governmental expenditures which the governor is apparently determined to do. His experience in handling large corporations gives him a knowledge of management that is seldom found among politically elected executives and he seems disposed to use this knowledge to the reduction of taxes. There undoubtedly are in any business as large as the state of Oregon many places where economies can be made without loss of efficiency. If the governor will apply his talents to adjusting these leaks he may be remembered as one of our best officers.

## OUR SYSTEM PLEASES

Market road construction, as such, will soon be over in this state for the law has been repealed that made it possible, but it will be pleasing to residents of the county to know that comparative success Sherman county has had in developing feeder roads during the past ten years under the administration of the county court.

The following excerpt from the ninth biennial report of the Oregon State Highway Commission places this county among the leaders in the state:

"Sherman has continued as one of the leading counties in organization and management and efficient construction and maintenance. While Sherman county is small and funds are limited and construction and surfacing are difficult, wonderful results have been obtained in the amount of road built and maintained with the funds available. Owing to limited funds a policy has been adopted to concentrate all funds and equipment to one section of the county in one year or period and then to move to another section. This has resulted in great economy."

One thing the legislature forgot: To advance the fishing season a month or more so the opening would precede some of these nice springlike days. If this isn't fishing weather, what is?

## Kent School Notes

The pupils of Mrs. Wilson's room are giving a party Friday evening March 13.

The Epicurean Club met at the home of Marguerite last Friday afternoon, where the demonstration of making angel food cake was given by Clarice Wilson and Marguerite Mitchell.

The Kent high school team gave a good account of itself as a county representative at the Tournament at Hood River last Friday night. The Kent boys lacked size to compete with the large Odell team but they they made up in speed and dash.

The lead changed from one to the other many times during the game, but the husky Odell team won out by a score of 31-29.

The team work and passing ability of the Kent team was the talk of the town. Even during the Hood River-Dalles game, Saturday night, where the lead changed from one team to the other several times, with lots of hard playing, one constantly heard reference to the Kent-Odell game as being the outstanding game of the tournament. It was a heart breaker to loose but a thriller to the spectators. The Kent team will be long remembered in the reminiscences of the tournament of 1931.

The Boys of the Kent Basketball team enjoyed a most delightful dinner given in their honor last Wednesday evening by Mrs. Paul Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, and Mrs. Willy Knighten. Jack Sather returned to school Monday after an absence of four days.

Newly elected officers for the seventh and eighth grade student body are as follows: President, Clarence Gregg; Vice President, Marion Morrow; Secretary, Evelyn Davis; Librarian, Robert Mitchell; Property Inspector,

Robert Mitchell; Manner Inspector, Joseph Morrow; Personal Inspector, Harley McKay; Decorator, Myrtle Helyer; and Sheriff, Millard Howell.

The Wawbansee Camp Fire Girls entertained the Junior Camp Fire Girls at a picnic, Wednesday evening, March 11. At that time, Margaret Dunlap, Phoebe Lyons, Anna Sather, Phyllis Haynes, Helen Wilson, and Maxine Pleumke took the Woodgathers rank.

## SCHOOL NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE

The Gorman School followed a rather long list of schools Friday by qualifying as a standard school. The school has six pupils and Mrs. Edna Purcell is the teacher.

A group of people in Gilliam county near the mouth of the John Day want to join School District 3 at Rufus and obtain bus service from the new school at Rufus. They have petitioned the District Boundary Boards to form a joint school district by uniting part of School District 1, in Gilliam, with high school District 3 (Rufus), in Sherman county.

Achievement tests are being prepared and others assembled for the purpose of testing each child in school above the 3d grade, including high school pupils. The tests will be given towards the latter part of April.

## Grass Valley High School

BARBARA WALPOLE, Editor

In spite of losing out in the Hood River Tournament the Grass Valley Tigers were not left out after all.

In acknowledgement of the splendid record made during the Basketball season the Student Body at the instigation of Mr. Tetz, sponsored a trip to Portland for our boys where they defeated the Park Rose Quintet in a very exciting game Saturday night, March 7. The first half of the game looked very gloomy for the Tigers as the Park Rose team was in the lead by a score of 22-9. However, after a severe reprimand from the

coach, the boys came back the second half with a grim determination to show the city spectators a few things about the fundamentals of Basketball. In a few minutes things began to look brighter as the Tigers began to forge ahead. They held their opponents down to nothing until the last quarter. When the final whistle sounded the standing score was 19-32 in favor of Grass Valley.

Besides Victory, street car rides, flat tires, milk shakes, and shows helped to make the weekend excursion one to be long remembered.

The highest averages for this six weeks are: Pearl Bell, 1.5; Vernon Eakin, 1.75; Florence Young, Cinthy Bell, Pauline Newcomb, Barbara Walpole, and Marietta Perry, 2; Norma Garrett, Earl Shipley, Dale Baker, Willard Barnett, Bernard Martin, Bob Poley, and Margaret Schilling, 2.25; Erasmus Baker 2.5.

## SPORTS

(Continued from page 1.)

A group of men and boys who are interested in baseball met at the Hotel Moro Wednesday evening to discuss the prospects of a team to represent Moro this year. It was suggested that a league might be formed consisting of the towns of Sherman county or as many of them as would get up a team and one or more towns from Wasco county to make a circuit of six teams.

Some of the more rabid victims of the baseball bug were on the grounds last Sunday warming up muscles unused to violent exercise and getting familiar with the feel of the ball again. Another session will be held next Sunday at ten o'clock and all who enjoy the national game are requested to be there.

It was said at the meeting that it was doubtful if Wasco is a member of the Wheatland league this season and would be available as a member of a Sherman and Wasco county league. Grass Valley has nearly always been able to get up a good baseball team and Kent has some fine young players who like the game. Rufus would like to play and the Wasco county towns of Maupin, Tygh Valley and Dufur are baseball conscious, to borrow a term from aviation.

Baseball was the sport of Sherman county a few years ago and many of its men now grown were developed

on that sport alone. A revival of those halcyon days would furnish plenty of amusement for spring Sundays.

## Want Ads

FOR SALE Yellow Newtown apples Grown at Hood River .50 per box at S. L. Stark ranch Grass Valley. Also the famous Parkdale netted gem potatoes .75 per sack.

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### EDITORIAL

Disillusionment comes to the bride when she discovers that her husband makes the same kind of a noise as Dad did, when he is parting with money. —E. R. Gervais, editor and Yard Manager.

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# BACK TO PRE-WAR PRICES

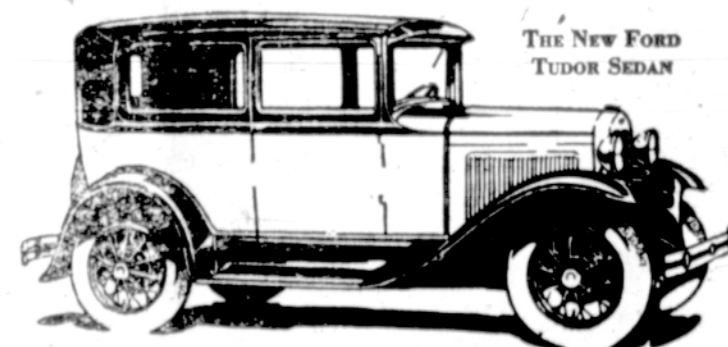
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