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BRING ON THE TOURISTS

A movement that should interest all Sherman county residents was launched at The Dalles last week when representatives from Canada to California met to organize to advertise the merits of the inland route from the north to the south. It is proposed to have a caravan travel the road next spring as a means of advertising this route in California.

Publicity about our good roads in this county is one of the things that the state chamber of commerce can give us through their Los Angeles branch. It is for this purpose that a small appropriation was put in this years county budget. When it comes to roads worthy of advertising this county stands in a better position than almost any county in Eastern Oregon for we have a federal highway running the entire length of the county. It is a highway chosen by government engineers as the most practical route from the Columbia river to California points east of the mountains.

One of the most beneficial acts the new organization could do would be to aid in popularizing Federal Highway No. 97. They could tell of the great stretches of sage brush and bunch grass through which it travels in the central part of the state, of the high mountains that are always on the west to create magnificent sunsets for the traveller; they could touch upon the beauty of a spring or summer drive through the length of Sherman county with its thousands of acres of rolling wheat fields bounded on the west by those same snowcapped peaks that can be seen from every mile of the highway.

We of this county are sometimes wont to disparage our scenery, but think what it might mean to one who had lived in small cooped in valleys or in large cities. Imagine one who had only seen fields of a few acres in extent travelling throughout the length of Sherman county and seeing for the first time green fields, not in acres, but in sections, waving in the brilliant sunshine of our high plateau. Can't you see such visitors draw in deep breaths of fresh upland air and find new pride in the grandeur of their native land?

Yes, we have something to advertise. Bring on the tourists. We can show them an eye-full.

TAX COLLECTIONS

If misery loves company, and we have been told for years it does, Sherman county can be reasonably happy in the knowledge that other counties are having an equally hard time with tax payments.

In Bend the two big lumber mills, a little discouraged, perhaps with the price of lumber and peeved because their valuations were raised from \$200,000. to \$525,000. have not paid their taxes and the school directors don't know how they are to continue educating the flock of young loggers and camp cooks of the city.

Other counties report less than one half of the taxes paid and officers are at a loss to know how to continue necessary county activities.

A large number of the counties have larger proportionate taxes than we have in Sherman county and also have a larger bonded indebtedness that demands interest and principle payments out of meagre tax money.

Practically all of the districts that depend on one crop have large tax delinquencies, for nearly all the producers of one cash crop have had their incomes reduced below the cost of production. There is wheat, cotton, stock, lumber, prunes, apples and other fruits and even the fishing industry for examples. The most prosperous places are those having a variety of products allowing the people to make their living and still sell some of the most profitable goods.

A RED CROSS SERVICE

A reading of the report of the Red Cross activities in the drought zone in 1930-31 leads to the conclusion that that organization did its best work in the distribution of garden seeds to the cotton croppers of the afflicted/southern states.

In some districts farmers grew over an acre of garden apiece either in the fall of 1930 or in the spring of 1931 and later reports told of trainload after trainload of canning equipment shipped to these districts for the preservation of this crop for this winter's needs. Department of Agriculture workers have been trying to induce these small farmers to do this for years but they would not until necessity drove them to it.

This is an example of a kind of help that will probably be permanent. Not only have the poor farmers of the south been fed and clothed during a time of stress. They have also been given information, instruction and a demonstration on how to prevent another complete failure of food crops. Now they can have a reserve of food and by raising it can gradually build up a credit at the banks and stores making a repetition of 1930-31 impossible.

J. P. Yates, Sherman county lumber merchant and bank director, is to join the toga. He is lined up to succeed R. J. Carsner in the state senate. Carsner has a federal land office. Yates has served as state representative. Able, conservative, an excellent choice. Oregon Voter.

A little snow certainly adds to the thankfulness of an eastern Oregon Thanksgiving. Lets have more of it.

Grass Valley

Duck hunters have had fairly good luck in bringing in the feathered game during the last week. Some of the boys go clear to Gilliam county for them but they taste good anyhow they say.

The Womans club held a benefit card party in the new Legion hall last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Vern McGowan won the first prize.

Mrs. R. J. Baker returned home last Sunday after an operation for appendicitis from which she is recovering very well.

J. B. Morrison and wife were here last Sunday to help the George Wilcox family celebrate their daughter Janet's birthday.

An enjoyable time was had last Saturday evening by those attending the Eastern Star card party at the lodge rooms.

R. J. Baker was a visitor in Wasco last week when he sold his 1930 crop of wheat.

Robert Poley is home for Thanksgiving from the U. of O.

The annual homecoming of the I. O. O. F. lodge here was held last Wednesday night. About 36 were present during the evening and sat down to the banquet table for the feed that is a part of the program.

Seeding was stopped suddenly the last of the week when the ground froze up. Most of the farmers will wait until spring now.

A little scare about smallpox was started here the first of the week but it turned out to be an innocuous rash and nothing serious.

Roy Feely began moving his possessions from the ranch he has occupied east of town to another place near Lone this week. Gus Smith is helping him and they expect to be completely moved by the first of the month.

The Feely garage on the place in town was moved to the Gus Smith lots this week and now Gus will have a place to keep his cars.

Bob Burr's was in Portland last week and brought home one of George's little girls to stay here for a while.

Kent News

Mrs. Dick Reckmann, Jr., was dismissed from The Dalles hospital Thursday and is now convalescing at the home of her parents.

Don't forget that everyone is invited to the Rebekah card party Thursday evening Dec. 3, which is to be held in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Tygh Valley visited relatives in Kent Monday.

Durward Helyer who is teaching near Wapinitia, spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer.

Local sportsmen are having excellent success in shooting wild geese.

John Wilson who has been working at Hood River, returned home last Thursday.

Last Saturday the ladies of the Home Economics Club of the Grange gave a most interesting program which consisted of a recitation by Mrs. Morrow; piano solo by Evelyn Davis; solo by Rua Helyer; and a two act play, "Not a Man in the House." After the program the evening was spent in dancing. The Sunbonnet Baby quilt was won by Luther Davis. Refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mrs. C. J. Schultz of Wishram, Wash., visited the home of her sister, Mrs. J. N. McInnes, over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Inskip of Portland visited at the homes of A. A. Dunlap and J. L. Davis last Sunday.

Miss Loraine Darby spent Thanksgiving at her home in Wasco, while Mrs. Rita Harpe spent Thanksgiving at Corvallis.

Mrs. Carl B. Gregg who has been in the Mid-Columbia hospital for the past two weeks, was brought home Sunday.

Kendrick Dunlap, Fred Haynes and son Roger, arrived in Kent Tuesday night to spend Thanksgiving vacation at the Dunlap home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and daughter, Joyce Irene, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Casper and family of Battle Ground, Wash., are visiting at the George McKay home.

Roy Justesen of Portland visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Justesen and family visited at the home of Mr. Justesen's parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Lillian Schassen who is going to school in The Dalles, visited with relatives over Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justesen of Milton visited at the home of his parents during Thanksgiving holidays.

Grass Valley School Notes

MARIETTA PERRY, EDITOR

An Executive Council meeting was held at the office last Wednesday noon to pick out a Championship banner for the Volley Ball girls.

A Student Body meeting was held Wednesday afternoon and decided to sell magazines, to give a banquet in honor of the Volley Ball girls and Foot Ball boys on Saturday, December 5, and to give a party Friday night.

A party was held Friday in the gym. Everyone enjoyed themselves by playing games. Lunch consisted of punch and wafers.

Some of the students are taking part in a one-act play, "A Bunch of Roses," to be given at the Carnival some time in December.

The Volley Ball game to have been played on Rufus Nov. 25, was called off on account of the smallpox in that town.

The Volley Ball girls had their pictures taken Monday afternoon.

The Civics class handed in some very good poems on "Trees" and maps and graphs showing the 12 "Federal Reserve Districts."

The Biology class is starting to dissect some little "kitties."

Two of the students, Cynthia Bell and Marietta Perry, in the Typing II class won bronze pins for making from 40 to 50 words per minutes and not more than 5 mistakes.

The fire drill, on Friday was the first fire drill this year.

Some very interesting book reports were given in the four English classes Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

There was only three days of school this week, Thursday and Friday were given over to Thanksgiving.

There has been a slight change in the schedule for school which now takes up at 12:30 at noon in-

stead of 1:00, giving the students a half hour for lunch. This enables the country children to get home earlier in the evening as they get out at 3:30 now instead of 4:00 o'clock.

NATION'S FINANCE STANDS TEST WELL

Economic Policy Commission of Bankers Association Points Out How 22,000 Banks Protect Public Interest

OVER 22,000 banks all over the United States are "quietly and efficiently serving their communities, helping tide many business enterprises over their difficulties, helping many concerns to earn money, helping create the economic activities that mean payrolls and spending power in their zones of influence, and faithfully keeping guard over the working capital and savings funds of their depositors," the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association says in a recent survey, adding:

"It surely stands strikingly to the credit of the banking profession that, during a period of unparalleled international economic depression, this vast majority of bankers have so competently, so courageously and so successfully met their difficulties and obligations. The effects of the drought, the demoralization of agriculture, the stagnation of industry, the breakdown of trade, the inability of so many heretofore desirable customers to meet their obligations to the banks, the impairment of public confidence by mob-scares and false rumors resulting in unreasoning runs, the abnormal depreciation of quoted security values even in the most wisely conceived investment accounts, the utter collapse of real estate values—all these things have occurred on a nationwide and worldwide scale, with unprecedented severity."

"The effects of every one of them have assailed the banks with destructive forces because they are of the very essence of a bank's economic substance. Yet, as we have shown, the great bulk of our banking deposits has been protected without harm, and our banks in a vast majority have continued to serve, support and strengthen their customers and their communities with unflinching and unconquered devotion."

National Association Declares Community Interests Demand Protection Against Idle Rumors

BOTH in their advertising and in their direct contacts with customers and others, bankers should "consciously and persistently devote more time and thought to keeping people mindful of the fact that while the bank has many obligations toward its customers, equally it is true that the depositor also has certain obligations to the bank to enable it to properly maintain its position in the community," a recent statement of the American Bankers Association declares.

"A bank admittedly is a semi-public institution and there is a mutuality of obligation resting upon both the banker and his customers to maintain the effective functioning of that institution that is superior to the personal interests of either," it says.

Bankers might well consciously devote greater effort to building up the public viewpoint in their communities that due to their public obligations and burden of public interest, the banks are entitled to protection against uninformed or malicious gossip and rumors, the statement says. "As to banks in some states, bank slander laws afford this protection," it points out. "We recommend that this protection be availed of by definite action wherever practical both as a matter of immediate expediency and also to awaken public opinion as to the dangers of idle gossip about a community's banking institutions."

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EDITORIAL.

The two most popular subjects for discussion are Prohibition and Hard Times. The politicians will handle the first but everybody can tackle the second. E. E. Gervais, Editor.

Hours will still contain 60 minutes; spring will be just as welcome; lawyers' briefs will be just as long; some homes still need repainting and repairing; now that the Haro Times are over. —T-A-L—

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