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WHY SHERMAN COUNTY.

Consolidation of big business has added its share to the economic turmoil in which the world finds itself and now here comes The Dalles Chronicle advocating that the same movement be started in county management. In a lengthy editorial that paper states an opinion that Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties should be consolidated into one. The editor states that he has made no examination of the records to find the indebtedness of the counties but presumes that whatever debt there is could be separately budgeted and paid.

Here are a few figures on the condition of Sherman and Wasco counties taken from the last biennial-report to the state treasurer:

Wasco county owes a net sum of \$614,476.00 on a property valuation of \$22,067,423 which gives them a debt ratio of 2.78. They are in debt for that percent of their valuation. Sherman county owes a net debt of \$240,766.87 on a valuation of \$14,257,130 for a ratio of 1.69. We are in debt for that percentage of our valuation. Of course these valuations have been lowered since the report was made and some debts have been paid as well, but presumably the ratios have not changed very much.

For strictly county purposes Sherman county budgeted \$26,562.55 on their valuation of \$14,257,130 and Wasco county appropriated \$90,039.32 for county purposes on their valuation of \$22,067,423. Hood River county budgeted \$44,563.87 for county purposes on a valuation of \$7,386,620 according to the treasurer's report. These figures show that the total valuation of the combined counties would be 343,711,173 of which Sherman county would be approximately one third.

If county government of the three counties put into one was carried on for the identical sum that is expended for Wasco county alone it would cost Sherman county taxpayers \$30,000 for county government instead of the \$26,562 they did expend in the year for which the figures are given. That is four thousand dollars worth of reason for not being in favor of such a consolidation. Furthermore, it is most improbable to assume that the three counties thrown into one could be governed for the same sum as Wasco county is now governed. Any increase in costs would make that much greater reason for opposing the consolidation.

Sherman county separated from Wasco county forty five years ago because its citizens felt that they could be better governed as a county by themselves. Their judgment has been justified. We are a wheat growing county very rich in per capita wealth. A large percent of our land is tillable and tilled. We have a county that is strictly a wheat county. When it becomes necessary, though we think it never will, for us to join another county in government it will be wiser for us to consolidate with some of the counties on the east where we will be more likely to find the same economic conditions and where people are engaged in more similar occupations than in Wasco county.

LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT.

We fear that the reader who is not informed about farmers will derive the wrong impression from the article that appeared in the Oregonian last Sunday. Nowadays, times being what they are, there are few wheat growers who have time for unrestricted gayety even in the winter time when they are proverbially permitted to slacken their labors.

Certainly, wheat farmers do not work as hard in the winter time as at other times of the year. It is physically impossible. A man who rises at five and toils till nine for eight or nine months must have some period in which he is allowed to catch up on his sleeping. They have a saying in this part of the wheat country that expresses it, 'A good farmer does his sleeping in the winter time.'

We think it might easily be proven that the average wheat farmer puts in as many hours per year as men engaged in any other work. If they find that their type of work makes it imperative for them to work sixteen hours per day during the summer and only four or five hours when nature is resting in the winter it seems to be a sensible way of arranging the schedule. And then regardless of the hours they work, they are doing their job; they make each acre yield its very best crop of wheat each year according to the season, and that's something.

So far it appears that there will be only one fatality over the consolidation bill. The editor of the Corvallis Gazette Times seems on the verge of rupturing a blood vessel.

Ripley says that kissing was one of the athletic events of the old Olympic games. What an athletic generation this present one tries to be.

Grass Valley

Vern McGowan and wife are here after spending the time since the closing of school at Independence. They have moved into the Baker apartments for the winter.

Mrs. S. L. Boic, entertained the B. Y. P. U. young people with a party on her lawn Wednesday evening.

Alice Wilcox returned to Grass Valley last Saturday evening.

R. J. Baker was a business visitor in Portland the first of the week returning Tuesday night.

P. N. Lemon, of Albany, was in Sherman county looking after his farming interests last week. He returned by the way of the McKenzie highway.

Loren Beardsley was working for the state highway crew during oiling operations between Wasco and Moro last week.

Quite a number of Grass Valley residents drove to the wheat fire near Brskline last Saturday evening.

John Block is visiting here from Tigh Valley where he has been working for the most of the year.

Hazel Boyce has gone to Prineville and her sister Jaunita, has returned from that city during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Balzer were in Portland the last of the week returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Leona Rooney spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike.

Genevieve and Charlotte Beardsley are visiting in The Dalles with friends this week.

Hays Doyce is home again after a summer spent in the hayfields of central Oregon.

Guy Hoskinson returned to Sherman county Sunday to do a little work in the harvest-fields.

STATION WHEAT

'Two sated uroxy pnuquuo' variety but did not do so this year.

Among the barleys Peruvian, a bearded barley, made the most grain this year which is not surprising as it normally ranks among the first in yield. Meloy barley, the common beardless Sherman county strain did not do as well as normal this year but is favored by farmers because of its lack of beards.

Oro wheat that has been grown by farmers in the fields this year did not do so well at the station as some other wheats although the difference between it and the leaders was slight. Its average yield on several stations throughout the northwest compares favorably with any other wheat and it is very heavy wheat testing heavier than almost any other variety. It is also very resistant to smut.

Breast Fed Babies Have Best Chance

Breast fed babies have the best chance to survive. The first year of life is the most critical one and for every breast fed baby that dies in the first year, three or four bottle fed ones die. The best life insurance for a baby is for it to be under the care of a competent baby doctor. The money spent in a visit once a week to the doctor in the first few months and later once a month, is much less than is spent at one time if baby becomes ill. Moreover, too often the baby that is sick when the

VICE ADMIRAL CLARK



Vice Admiral Frank H. Clark, U. S. N., who has assumed command of the scouting force of the United States fleet. His flagship is the U. S. S. Augusta, Admiral Clark, who is a graduate of the United States Naval academy, was promoted through grades to the rank of rear admiral in February, 1927.

The Fearful Uncertainty
 "There is one thing that invariably crosses my mind as the train bears me out of the station towards the sea," says a writer. "Did I turn off the bathroom tap, or didn't I?"—London Humorist.

doctor is called is already so low in vitality that it succumbs to some slight ailment which a well-fed sturdy one does not contract at all.

The best guides to baby's well being are weight and its own actions. A baby should double its weight in six months and triple it in a year. If it gains steadily, looks happy and acts if there is no need to worry.

If it is necessary for a baby to be artificially fed it should undoubtedly be seen regularly by a pediatrician, that is, a specialist in diseases of children. Cow's milk has to be modified to conform to various formulae—all intended to change the constituents of a cow's milk approximately to the same strength as mother's milk. Only a doctor can do this accurately and judge when the baby's stomach is ready to be given heavier food.

One other fact regarding cow's milk: not only must it be clean when it comes into the house but it must be kept so until used. Even pasteurized milk needs care in this respect. Pasteurization only guarantees the purity of milk up to the time it leaves the pasteurization plant. It must be kept cool before delivery to the home and in the home must it should be kept in the coolest place receive the same care and attention in the house, preferably in an ice-box and covered.

The best way is to mix all the milk for the day in the morning according

BORDERED CHIFFON
 By CHERIE NICOLAS



If you are up and going in matters of fashion, you will be wanting a dress of some one or other of the new bordered chiffons which are the last word in sheer fabrics. You will appreciate the unusualness of these bordered sheer weaves which carry out their major theme in a penciled outline patterning done delicately in white on either a navy, brown, rust, or black ground, their borders being in startling contrast such as orange with the brown or bright green enlivening navy and so on. In the picture the border is used for the yoke with its cow neck and to top the sleeves. This model observes style points such as the slenderized gored skirt, also a snug-fitting waistline.

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to the formula in use. This may then be divided in separate bottles, stoppered and put on ice till needed. It may be heated just before use. No milk should be kept over till the next day. Dry whole milk may be used in emergencies, i. e., when traveling.

Names and Pies
 "What are you making, Mother?" asked little Walter.
 "Lemon meringue pie, dear," his mother answered.
 Half an hour later he reentered the kitchen and inquired: "What did you say the pie's middle name was, Mother?"—Boston Transcript.

Economy
 "We go away for our holidays every third year."
 "What do you do the other years?"
 "The first one we talk of last year's holiday, and the next year we discuss plans for the following year."
 —Karikaturen.

SCHOOL BILL
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 of this mysterious league; Sam Slocum, professional petition pusher; Hector Macpherson, alleged co-author of the bill, and E. L. Getz of Corvallis.

If the activities of these few individuals does not have the sanction of your Chamber of Commerce, we are inviting you to call a meeting of the chamber and ascertain whether it will join with us and other representative bodies to defeat this vicious measure, which the governor of our state has publicly stated will result in the large losses to the state and its people, 'greatly increased taxes and decreased efficiency' in the functions of the state college at Corvallis itself, no less than those of the university and the normal schools, if the bill passes and becomes law.
 In case this suggestion finds favor with your chamber, might it not be a good plan to inform the people at large that the bill in effect would start four new weak and costly institutions of higher learning in place of the established ones we now have? There is no doubt but that a great many of our citizens have been deliberately misled into believing that the actual effect of the measure would be consolidation of our institutions and economy instead of the creation of new institutions and de-

struction of our present institutions and educational system.

The almost unbelievable statement made under oath by proponents of the bill at the Brownell hearing have not as yet been fully published in the press; briefly summarized they indicate:

1. That a group of prominent business men, real estate owners, and professional men in Corvallis secretly gathered funds and made the first draft of the so-called Zorn-Macpherson educational bill, independent of either Zorn or Macpherson.

2. That Henry Zorn, president of the Marion County Taxpayers Equalization league, was invited by this group to sponsor the bill under promises that funds to "put it over" would be provided from sources that have not, officially been revealed to date.

3. That the members of the Marion County Taxpayers Equalization league, did not hold any public meetings to consider the bill; nor to sponsor it; nor to provide funds for it; nor did they originate it.

4. That the league's executive committee consists of ten friends, or acquaintances of Henry Zorn, John Ramage and Willard Stevens and this committee at some unrevealed star chamber session gave them power to accept the proffer from the so-called Corvallis committee, whose personnel Zorn himself under oath testified he does not know.

5. That this secret committee retained a prominent law firm in Portland, Ore., and through it introduced Sam Slocum, a professional petition pusher, to Henry Zorn and agreed to

pay Slocum \$500 a month for his services and provided thousands of dollars, which were admittedly paid to obtain the signatures necessary to put this destructive measure on the ballot.

6. That Zorn has been paid out of the secret funds handled by the representative of this committee approximately \$300 personally for so-called "expenses" and that John Ramage has been paid approximately \$800 for his personal service and "expenses" from similar sources, \$500 of which he testified was handed to him by a mysterious chauffeur, who refused to give his name when he delivered the currency to Ramage in advance of the time that such substantial "expenses" had been incurred.

7. That the Marion County Taxpayers league at no time paid Slocum or his Portland firm of attorneys but that the attorneys and Slocum were the sources of the funds that were paid to Zorn and Ramage, the petition circulators, and for other expenses, including misleading and extravagant claims made over Zorn's signature in the press and in campaign literature.

In view of such evidence it is manifest that the welfare of the state requires prompt measures to expose the motive back of the bill and your co-operation, if given, should prove of great value in this regard. We trust that we shall be favored by an early response.

Truly yours,
SCHOOL TAX-SAVING ASSOCIATION.
 Amedee Smith, Chairman

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