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AID TRANSPORTATION

The Bonneville dam being assured those in the upper country who are interested in cheaper transportation are desirous of having locks of sufficient size installed to insure the passage of larger boats than was possible in the old Cascade canal. It is a very important matter to a large part of Oregon.

It is certain that the major benefit the country will derive from the Bonneville dam will be the power generated there. There is no provision made for irrigation for apparent reasons and there has so far been little provision for increased transportation facilities.

We, in eastern Oregon, will receive little benefit from the power developed except indirectly. Unless the new dam makes it possible for us to ship our wheat, wool and other products to market cheaper than formerly it will be merely an interesting scenic wonder on the way to Portland.

OH, FIDDLE

Selling wheat in this country for the past week or so has been a matter of first come first served. The government, alarmed at the quantities of wheat offered the new export association when it first entered the market, established a quota system that holds the buying of wheat down to a minimum.

Firms with country branches for buying wheat are often restricted to 20,000 bushels per day when almost any one of the local agents could buy that much if allowed to do so. There appears to be almost no speculation in wheat; the government is providing the only market and with the quotas set so low few farmers can sell regardless of whether the price is satisfactory or not.

The situation might not be so bad in a community that raised wheat on a small scale and where sales of 400 and 500 bushels was the rule, but in a county like Sherman where many farmers raise 10,000 bushels and wish to sell it all at once a buyers 2000 bushels for the town stops things altogether for it is often impossible to divide a wheat crop into small units.

If the government is desirous of getting the export money into the farmer's hands quickly it should change the system so that this can be done. Under the present set-up it will be months farmers can sell their wheat even by constant trying.

TAX COLLECTION

One question that is going to cause some worry to legislators at the special session is that of tax delinquency. Since the advent of the depression there has been a tendency to soften the iron hand of the tax collector or, to use another simile, to temper the wind to the shorn lamb. Taxes have not been paid with accustomed regularity, either because penalties have been reduced or because the money has not been available.

The experience of this county leads us to believe that the major reason for non payment of taxes is the lack of money. This year Sherman countians have paid up a little better than last which has been due primarily to a slightly better income, we think. Our land owners, generally, are a responsible lot and will pay their taxes when it is possible.

The last legislature removed penalties from taxes prior to 1930 and arranged for a partial payment plan which will make tax payment mandatory within five years. The partial payment feature of the scheme is alright but the cancellation of the penalties will likely tend to cause delinquents to wait for another such law before paying their taxes. It is not fair to those who pay on time to allow cancellation of penalties.

Because there is a considerable body of taxpayers who pay their assessments when they can we do not advocate a large penalty on delinquent taxes. Two percent a year with 8 percent interest should be sufficient to insure payment without penalizing too great an extent the honorable, but hard run, taxpayer. Rebates for pre-payment might tend to increase tax rates as levying boards would be inclined to raise budgets to offset the rebate.

We doubt if this is the time for the state to make drastic laws for collection of taxes. A modest, but sure, penalty may not bring in money to the counties as fast as a harsh rule, but it will allow deserving, but delinquent, property owners a chance to retain their holdings.

A news reel showed a picture of the Bonneville dam and the listener heard that 17,000 men were now working on it. Is that propaganda or ignorance?

Let's all go gold mining.

Grass Valley

Mrs. Erma Olds entertained a group of friends at her home Sunday with dinner.

Georgia Blalock is working at the Pinkerton home near Moro this week as several of that family are ill.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby in Portland, a 9 pound boy on Monday October 23rd.

Mrs. L. D. May and her son Wallace are home from a visit to the Prineville country.

It is reported that Mrs. Erve Remington suffered a partial stroke of paralysis this week at her home near Prineville.

Mrs. Harold Hughes and Mrs. L. C. Davies spent the week end in Corvallis where they enjoyed the home coming program.

George Wilcox left early Tuesday morning for Portland for a day or two of business and medical treatment.

Bruce Alley was home for a short time over last week end. He is attending school at Willamette University in Salem.

Fred Cox and family entertained the young folks with a Halloween party at their home Tuesday evening and it is said that ghosts of all kinds attended.

A California fruit truck was partially burned on the highway south of town this week.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
 Kenneth Todd—Editor.

On Friday, October 20, the Grass Valley Tigers battled the Wasco Warriors on the local grid, for a 25 to 0 score in favor of Wasco. As it was the Grass Valley boys first game they did not show up very good against the heavier, more experienced team of Wasco. The weather was much too cold to make good football playing practical as most of the boys could not get warm enough to function properly.

Friday night October 27, the Grass Valley volley ball team journeyed to Kent for another victory on their schedule. The girls showed good playing as a whole but did not show near as fast and accurate team work as they have in previous games of the season. The floor was quite slick due to being used as a dance floor and the girls exclaimed that they had a "slipping good game." The final score was 38 to 18 in the Grass Valley girl's favor.

Six weeks exams were held last week and the customary long faces were being worn before and during the trying time. Monday morning the "little yellow cards" with the bad news printed on them, in the form of 1-2-3-4-5 etc, were passed out to the expectant, and (otherwise,) students. Those who achieved the required 2.5 average to get their name on the honor roll were: Freshmen, Francis Fairchild; Sophomores, Janet Wilcox and Isabelle Fortner; Juniors, Mildred Alley; Seniors, Lila Fay Boyce and Earle Shipley.

The Senior class decided to follow the example of the other schools in the county and publish a school paper. The name selected for the work was the Tiger Tattler, and the first edition was published and circulated on Tuesday October 17. The officers of said paper includes the entire Senior class and everyone was kept very busy getting his or her end of the items written up, proof-read, and corrected.

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The bookkeeping class is getting into real work now, during the period one can see frowning students slinging ledgers. Journals, ink narratives and so forth, around in a circle trying to bestow the proper figures in the right book in the right color of ink. Suppressed murmurs can be heard from even the best students when it is found that certain vague numbers do not balance and that red is not red and black is not where black should be.

Kent News

B. F. Ireland and son of Hood River were selling fruit and vegetables here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes motored to Portland Friday on business. They were accompanied by Mrs. L. Sather who took her daughter Leona there for medical treatment.

Clifford May and Guy Wilson of Moro attended the grange card party here Saturday night.

Misses Lillie Schassen, Ann Forman, Clarice Mitchell and Lillian Schassen were dinner guests Saturday evening at the J. E. Davis home. The occasion being Mr. Davis 37th birthday anniversary.

Clarice Wilson went to Mitchell Thursday where she will visit a few days with her aunt and Uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Mrs. E. P. Barnett and sons were in The Dalles Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. J. L. Matthes, Misses Mary Magee, Wynona Johnson and Lorena Young.

C. H. Belshee of Moro was in Kent Wednesday.

E. E. Gervais of Grass Valley was a business visitor here Wednesday morning.

Mrs. John MacLinnis spent Wednesday afternoon visiting in Grass Valley.

The Kent Legion and Auxiliary met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock at Grass Valley Thursday night October 26th. Thirty two people were present. Progressive 500 was played and refreshments were served.

Kent grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening and the H. E. C. ladies gave a card party and supper afterwards. Quite a number attended.

Miss Pauline Davis is working for the county allotment committee this week at Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Wilson had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith in honor of Mrs. Wilson's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson moved Friday to what is known as the Nelson ranch owned by R. P. Barnett.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES
 Margaret Dunlap, Editor.

The volley ball girls were quite decisively defeated Friday night by Grass Valley, score 39 to 19. Grass Valley showed a steady team work throughout the entire game while the Kent girls had a few brilliant streaks. Kent piled up more scores than their opponents in the last half but not sufficient to overcome the lead already won. The line-up was: E. Lyons, A. Sather, L. Young, C. Mitchell, E. Davis, and M. Dunlap. Subs: B. Helyer and M. Helyer. The next game will be played with Moro on the Kent floor, Friday November 3 at 7:30 p. m.

After the high school game the town teams played and Kent was again defeated. The score was uncertain.

Those students in high school having perfect attendance records for first six weeks are: Phyllis Haynes, Phoebe Lyons, Joe Morrow, Clarice Mitchell, Cecil Norton, Jack Sather, Evelyn Davis, Edna Lyons and Lorena Young.

Jack Sather is back in school after a visit to the stock show in Portland.

Mr. Knighten visited school a short time Friday afternoon and left some school supplies.

Those having highest averages in the Intermediate room are: Annie Laurie Haynes—6th grade, Nellie Wilson—5th grade, Jeane Haynes—4th grade.

Edna McKay was absent from school four days last week because of illness.

The Intermediate room gave a Halloween party on Tuesday afternoon. The room was appropriately decorated, and after the games were played refreshments were served.

Prepared to Save Lives

One of the most valuable services given to the American public by the Red Cross is through its Life Saving and First Aid courses. Virtually all of the life guards at beaches and pools in the nation are Red Cross life savers. Nearly every industry in America supports the First Aid work of the Red Cross because it annually saves lives of thousands of injured persons. These courses are taught by Red Cross experts in both lines. Last year 66,354 certificates were issued to persons completing the First Aid course and 75,795 certificates for completing Life Saving instruction.

STYLE NOTES

Raglan fur coats are newest. Crinkle-surfaced weaves are the most popular.

Fur trimmings are worked in diagonal lines.

Satin frocks with velvet wraps are good style.

Perforated footwear is fore-spoken for spring.

Neat light wool frocks are well fastened with buttons.

Two-piece waist-and-skirt dresses register in the evening mode.

Fur coats with gay wool frocks are correct for immediate wear.

Mrs. Newlywed (over phone to grocer)—My husband and I are starting a little kitchen garden. Won't you please send over a dozen green tomatoes to plant and a package of sweet pickle seed.

Doctor—How's your cold Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller—It's very stubborn, Doctor.

Doctor—How's your wife?

Mr. Miller—She's about the same.

"I don't think you should ever punish a child on a full stomach, do you, doctor?" the fond mother asked.

"No," replied the doctor, "I'd turn him over."

Gold Price Rise Aids Wheat

The dominant influence in the domestic wheat situation during the week was the advance in price of gold as quoted on the new United States gold market, established to control the gold value of the Dollar within

the United States, and to bring about a rise in commodity prices. For many years the world price of gold has been fixed at the London market, where supply and demand has determined price, apart from the National Treasury or Central Bank. Following the financial crisis of 1931, and the subsequent abandonment of the gold standard by the United Kingdom and other commercially important countries, the London price of gold has advanced steadily to \$31.19 per ounce, at current rates of exchange, as against the Statutory British mint price of \$20.67, prior to the suspension of the gold standard in the United States and Britain. The domestic price of gold was advanced on October 27, to \$31.76 per ounce, or 66 cents over the London quotation. As exchange currency values have reacted to the advances in the price of gold, the spread between currencies on the gold basis and those of other countries have widened. While commodity prices in countries not on a gold standard have risen in terms of local currencies as gold prices advanced, the unstable currency situation has been an important influence in restricting world trade, particularly in grain.

Foreign wheat markets also strengthened under the influence of the gain in gold prices. Prices of foreign wheats at Liverpool were up about 4 cents per bushel despite rather heavy offerings of Russian wheats. Russian shipments for the week were larger than those of either Argentina or Australia and totaled nearly 2,000,000 bushels. German wheat was still being offered at relatively low prices, according to trade reports. Prices of native wheat in Germany, Italy and France held about unchanged in local currencies, but advanced sharply in terms of U. S. money, due to the depreciation of the Dollar in foreign exchange.

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