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DEMOCRACY?

The address of Chester H. Rowell before Oregon republicans on Lincoln's birthday called to mind an important feature of world developments in the past year. Nearly all of the democracies of the world have given way to dictatorships because democracies are slow in times of stress and dictatorships move fast.

We may make our decision and either have a government of people by the people and for the people such as Lincoln praised or we may forego our liberty and have a swift moving dictatorship. It is still possible under democracy to give great powers to officers for a short time and change rapidly, but we should not permanently change our form of government so as to lose our heritage of liberty of speech and action.

Here is a question worthy of serious thought.

WHY NOT A FEW TREES?

The government wheat allotment plan that causes many acres of Sherman county farm land to lie inactive for two years is another reason for increased interest in the planting of trees in this section of the state.

Temporary abandonment of wheat land gives the farmer and land owner a chance to fight erosion that he has not had before. For several years the federal government has been conducting experiments showing that large quantities of good farm land are being washed away every year and that former fertile fields are rapidly approaching worthlessness through the effects of soil erosion.

Now, as the farmer must leave a part of his land out of wheat production according to his contract with the wheat control board, it is an excellent time for him to remove as much of the erosion hazard as he can.

Trees are available from the state college this year as formerly and proper methods of planting them to stop soil washing can be had from any extension service man in the state. The variety of trees most useful for erosion control in this section can be determined and work started on this project this year. It is possible that federal funds will be forthcoming to establish an experiment area in the Columbia basin country.

We have been fortunate this year in that there was little or no erosion, but everyone has, within the last two or three years seen hillsides shed their top soil and streams carry tons of muddy water into the creeks and away. When it is considered that the top six inches of soil contain the larger percentage of plant food this erosion is very important.

WHY NOT

The report of the state highway commission showing a reduction in expenditures below budget estimates of \$711,474 is pleasant news to those who advocate lower costs of government through better management. The commission has not eliminated any important function of road building and maintenance, in fact, through federal aid a great amount of work has been carried forward.

Expenses have been reduced by lower automobile licenses but the commission has met this with more efficient management with the resultant savings. What a pleasant day it would be for the state if such efficiency could be extended to all departments.

The estate, as opponents say may tax every dollar spent, but how about the property tax that demands the dollar whether the farmer has anything to spend or not.

And still the weather remains spring like. There are prophecies of evil—snow, freeze outs, a cold and windy spring, dry ground by April, but still the weather man goes blithely on dishing out the very best weather on the bill of fare.

Regardless of what the weather is this spring we predict a very windy time between now and primary election in May.

Women are credited with actually running government offices. Well, they have the habit.

Oregon is now 75 years old but the sons and daughters and grandchildren were making so much fuss the event was not widely celebrated.

The drinker may have his heyday soon if the new liquor commission and the old bootlegger start a cut throat price war.

Review of Week's Events

This week may go down in history as one of the very important ones in point of news. France called its former president to the head of the government in an effort to quell the disturbances, to no avail. While his cabinet was drawn from all branches of political thought in the nation it did not satisfy and a general strike was called. Nothing is being done. In fact little news has come out of France and a part of what has come has been relayed through London papers. Riots have occurred in many towns, many have been killed, everything is at a standstill in business life if it is presumed. It is likely that the French democracy may fall entirely and be superseded by a dictatorship similar to that of Italy or Germany.

In Austria somewhat the same sort of history is being written. Fascists and Socialists are fighting. There is rioting in the streets of Vienna. Dollfus, the little premier, may be out at any moment and the country may become a fascist state like Germany or fall into the hands of the radical socialists as the other extreme. An international army is suggested to keep Austrian fascists and German fascists from joining hands in case they are successful in winning the upper hand in the Vienna fighting. A general European war is a possibility again.

Evidence brought before the American congress regarding the air mail contracts wherein the government gave large subsidies to airplane companies to encourage them to develop the air industry shows that excess profits were made by them. The president ordered that all air mail contracts be cancelled and has given the carrying of the mail into the hands of the army fliers.

Colonel Lindberg and others high in the airplane industry protested that such action was unfair in that it punished an industry without adequate hearing. It has been taken up in the courts.

Convicts in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla held two prison officials captive and in company with them and several guards started a march to the gate holding the officers in front of them. The warden was suspicious because he had called the turnkeys' office and he had ordered guards maced at the gate with the result that six convicts were slain in the jail break attempt. Two others died later from their wounds. One guard was stabbed to death with knives the prisoners had and several others were seriously wounded.

Down in Klamath Falls two attorneys, former law partners, shot it out across the desk of one of them with the result that Ralph Horan, 30, representative in the Oregon legislature was killed by Horace Manning, 55, who called the police to come and get him. Causes of the quarrel are unknown as Manning refused to talk.

The supreme court of the state of Oregon held the Knox liquor bill constitutional Tuesday. This allows the liquor commission to go ahead with its plans for liquor stores and agencies in the towns of the state. Home rule is definitely a thing of the past and the handling of hard drinks is in the hands of state officials instead of local officials. All members of the court signed the opinion.

Things Political

Politics in this 75 year old state of Oregon has had its innings this week in a big way.

First noteworthy event of the week was the surprise appointment of P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles to be secretary of state to fill the place of Hal Hoss whose funeral was held last week. It was a surprise even to Mr. Stadelman. No doubt it was a pleasant one to him but the same cannot be said for others. Political prognosticators hoped to be able to determine from the governor's appointment regarding the race for another term and they are unable to do so from his action in naming Mr. Stadelman.

There is little interest in the new secretary's political future as few think he will make the race for a full term. He has an active business and is not widely considered as a strong candidate. The entrance of General Martin into the fray for gubernatorial honors threw the republicans into sort of a blue funk. Some of them are as flustered as a buck private passing the doughy general without saluting. Candidates, or potential candidates,

are numerous enough but few if any of them are able to line up strong enough support. Earl Snell is being urged to run for governor by some and for secretary of state by others. Frank Longren is another that may get into the fray.

The speech made by Chester H. Rowell, editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, before the republicans on Lincoln's birthday aroused the fighting spirit of the party members some what and caused the more disheartened to feel that perhaps there was a chance for success after all. Martin is undoubtedly strong in Multnomah county but what will happen to the stiff and formal general when he goes out to mix with the farmers and small business men of the country districts is something still open to debate.

The governor is saying nothing and until he does many of the other candidates cannot say much publicly. It is one of those situations in which anything can happen and before long something undoubtedly will.

County Clerk's Annual Report of Fees Collected for 1933

Table with 2 columns: Fee Category and Amount. Includes Fees Collected and Apportionment of Same, Total Fees Collected for year, Less fees not collected, Less Migratory Lien Fees, Less Divorce fees, Less Litigant fees, Fees turned over to County Treasurer, County Clerk's Annual Report for Disbursements for Period ending December 31, 1933.

Table with 2 columns: County Judge's Salary, County Clerk's Salary, Deputy Clerk's Salary, Record books and blanks, Incidental Expenses, County Sheriff's Salary, Deputy Sheriff's Salary, Traveling Expenses, Incidental Expenses, County Assessor's Salary, Field Assessor's Salary, Rolls, detail sheets, etc., District Attorney's Expenses, County Treasurer's Salary, Record books and supplies, County School Supt's Salary, Traveling Expenses, Incidental Expenses, Office Help, County Printing, County Agent, Coroner's fees and expenses, County Physician, County Health Officer, Expense, County Stock Inspector, County Commissioner's fees and mileage, Courthouse expenses—fuel, lights, etc., Telephones, State Industrial Accident Commission, School Library, School Children's Industrial Fair Fund, County Teacher's Institute, Jail: Board for prisoners, Election: July Special Election, Fairground Maintenance, Fairground buildings and Courthouse Insurance, Indemnity for slaughtered cattle, Justice Court, Circuit Court, Care of Poor, Burial Expenses, Care and Maintenance of Insane, Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Louise Home, Waverly Baby Home, Volunteers of American Home, DeMoss Park, Bureau of Biological Survey, Auto Park Examinations, Dog Fund Expenditures, Post office box rents, Special Relief, Sealer of Weights and measures, Auditing County Books, Emergency Fund, Premiums on officers' Bonds, County Road Truck, County Roads, Roadmaster and Laborers' Salaries, Bridges, supplies, etc., Grand Total, I. G. C. Vintin, County Clerk of

Sherman County, Oregon, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the expenditures, through the Clerk's office, for the annual term ending December 31, 1933, as appears upon the records of my office and in my custody as such County Clerk.

Witness my hand this 5th day of January, A. D., 1934. G. C. Vintin, County Clerk.

Semi Annual Report of County Treasurer For Six Months Ending December 31, 1933.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Cash on Hand and in Banks, Moro State (Sinking), Cash, Dalles Branch, First Nat., Bank of Commerce, Chase Nat. Bank of N. Y., Moro State Bank, Total, Due Various Funds, County General Fund, Road Fund, High School Tuition, Per Capita School Fund, State Erid. Sch. Fund, Elementary Sch. Fund, State General Fund, School District No. 1, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 33a, 33b, 35, Road Bond Interest Fund, City of Moro, City of Wasco, City of Grass Valley, Bond Sinking Fund, Prohibition Fund, County Fair Fund, County Dog Tax, Advance Taxes by Assessor, Hospital (nsane) Fund, Sheriff's Unapportioned, A.M. Young, County Treasurer.

County Court

Table with 2 columns: Case Name and Amount. Includes Charge Mrs. Peter Fleck, County Charge Jim Tomlin, County Charge Ella Van Landingham, Old Age Pension, May Albertine Whiting, Old Age Pension, Mrs. Flora Bell Eakin, Old Age Pension, William J. Brownlee, Old Age Pension, William S. Hall, Old Age Pension, Wasco County Indus. Farm Care of Chas. Patterson, Oregon State Board of Control, care of Fox; Hellocks and Cross \$20.00 for December, Oregon State Board of Control Care of Fox; Hellocks and Cross and Bernard at \$20. for January, L. C. Smith & Corona Inc., Typewriter for Clerk's Office, Geo. B. Bourhill, Stamps for Treasurer & Clerk, Dr. C. L. Poley, Vital Statistics, W. A. Tate, Vital Statistics, F. D. Antrim, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fidelity & Deposit Co., Supt's bond premium, Bates, Lively & Pearson, Assessor's bond premium, The Flax Company, Clerk's supplies, Sherman County Journal, Printing and Clerk's supplies, Sherman County Journal, Tax notices and Assessor's supplies, West Coast Print & Bind. Co., All office supplies, Geo. G. Updegraff, Dist. Attorney's Expenses, Pacific Power & Light Co., Courthouse light bill, Supt. C. A. Howard, Postage for County Supt's office, Geo. B. Bourhill, Supt's stamps, Pac. Stationery & Print Co., Supt's office supplies, Hugh Christmas, cash for meals \$3.00; 1/4 expenses

to Salem—Garret \$3.25 trips to The Dalles at \$2.00 Board for prisoner \$5.00 Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Total offices for courthouse Dec. 18.35 City of Moro, Courthouse water bill 1.80 Joseph A. Mee Preparing jury list for District No. 2, Justice Peace 3.00 W. Cost Print & Bind. Co., Sheriff's tax receipts 114.40 Pacific Telephone & Tel. Co., January phone bills for courthouse 15.63 Geo. A. Potter, Judge's expenses 10.25 A. M. Young, one-half of the 4-months telephone bills and all tolls for Treasurers office 5.15 Foss & Co. Courthouse supplies 3.00 A. W. Raymond, Work on courthouse 8.50 Secretary of State, First payment for Predatory animal control in Sherman Co. 100.00 Mrs. R. G. Garrett, County needy 20.00 Perry N. Johnston, County Agent, Revolving Fund 150.00 Lee Hines, Witness in Justice of Peace, State vs. Cooper 1.50 State Indus. Acc. Commission, Peace officer's contributions 13.04 Mary Jane Young, Old Age Pension 10.00 Julius Ruhburg, Old Age Pension 10.00 David Aaron Fields, Old Age Pension 15.00 C. W. A. Claims Drawn on General Fund for Road Work 39.30 C. E. Coats, Team hire 39.30 H. H. Brackett, Team hire 39.30 Bruce Millard, Team hire 39.30 Frank Medler, Team hire 39.30 E. W. McQuillin, Team hire 77.00 Bob McPherson, Team hire 37.50 M. Shepard, Team hire 37.50 Clyde Smith, Road work 40.00 Louis Schadewitz, Road work 15.08 A. A. Dunlap, CWA Supervisor 36.00 National Re-Employment Service, Sherman County's part of office rent at The Dalles 7.50 Feenaughty Machinery Co., supplies for road machinery 636.50 Ore. Wn. Powder Company, Supplies for road work 340.32 Tum-a-lum Lumber Co., Supplies for road work 26.54 Farmers Elevator & supply Co., Supplies for road work 470.28 McKean & Seary Gasoline and oil for road work 42.23 Claims Presented and Allowed Against Road Fund 78.25 W. C. Weld, road laborer salary 124.90 Lewis Hastings, road laborer 133.00 Hal White, road laborer 133.00

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Hal White, mileage and expenses 11.57 Homer S. Wall, Roadmaster for 5 days, January 28.00 Homer S. Wall, mileage and expenses 5 days 11.05 Homer S. Wall, rental of instruments for January 17.50 James Pierson, CWA road work 33.00 Robt. W. Belshee, team hire for road work (CWA) 12.50 C. J. Thompson, team hire for road work (CWA) 12.50 Grant Garland, road laborer 80.85 Andy Shearer, road laborer 62.01 E. L. Weld, road laborer 75.10 H. R. Herin, road worker 1.25 C. E. Coats, Team hire, 4 horses 39.30 Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Phone for road office 12.75 Standard Oil Co., Road supplies 13.75 H. H. Brackett, road worker 4.50 W. G. Armsworthy, road supplies 217.39 City of Wasco, water for road office 1.50 Wasco Dray Line, Drayage for road work 4.35 Roy Atwood, road supplies .30 Hansen's Blue Print Co., road supplies 15.49 The Modelway Company, road supplies 22.50 National Hospital Association, Contributions for road workers 15.24 O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., Road supplies 74.70 Pac. Power & Light Co., Lights for road office 1.25 Henry Tymer Co., road supplies 1.87 Sherman Garage & Mch. Co., Road supplies 56.70 Shell Oil Co., Road supplies 84.97 Standard Oil Co., road supplies 108.21 State Indus. Acc. Comm, Contributions for road workers 26.36 Romer, O'Connor & Co., Insurance on Road Truck 7.60 C. W. A. Administration, Refund of money paid Homer S. Wall for CWA supervision 72.00 The Austin Western Road Machinery Co., road supplies 26.16 Carl B. Gregg, Hauling road supplies 5.00 Zeigler's Store, road supplies .25 Kent Garage, road supplies 1.00 Roy J. Baker, road supplies 37.52 Geo. A. Potter Store, road supplies 5.95 Ginn, Coleman & Co. Road supplies 6.00 R. H. McKean, Rent of road office 12.00 Mrs. C. M. Snider, Rent for road machinery store room 42.00 Newcome Service Station, road supplies 30.75 George Wilde, Road supplies and work 10.40 G. M. Whipple, fence posts for road work 48.00 Mary Fortner, Work in road office 1.00

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