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SPRING IS HERE

Spring has come to the uplands. Perhaps it is as the realist says that spring did not leave us during the months usually given to snow and cold, but just the same there is a more balmy feel to the air and the wind blows from the southwest in a manner that is unmistakably spring like.

There is something about that Chinook wind that all old residents recognize. When it blows steadily they are assured that the growing season is on. A few weeks ago there was fear that an east wind might suddenly fall upon us, freezing the wheat made tender by untimely sunshine and turning record breaking mildness into regular winter as the east has been having. But no such thought lingers now. Even the most persistent believer in winter sometime has given up and declared this to be spring.

And since people have gotten over a large part of their fears about what happen to the weather they are also putting aside some of their fears about what might happen economically. Business is better as farmers go to work and begin buying. Money is some like the ground hog; it comes out with the sun after a winter's hibernation.

It is still too early to tell whether the winter months were favorable to wheat or not. We have what moisture fell. Fields are covered with weeds that might have been killed in a normal winter. But stock has wintered well. Wheat did not freeze out and good stands are the rule. It takes a July harvest to tell about the winter.

WANTED: ANOTHER GODIVA

Once upon a time, so history tells us, there was a ruler in old England who levied heavy and oppressive taxes upon his subjects. His wife the good lady Godiva, protested to her lord and husband until he agreed that if she would ride through the streets of the town clad only in her own hair he would reduce the taxes that were oppressing his people.

As every reader of tale and fable has learned, Godiva did so ride and thereby became famous. Without evidence to the contrary we presume that the ruler was as good as his word and that taxes were made easier on the hard pressed rate payers of the manor.

But now, in this enlightened twentieth century, we have a situation that is somewhat similar to that of Coventry. Taxes are high enough to be oppressive and burgo-master, peasant and serf are moaning of their fate, yet, to date, no Lady Godiva has come forward to relieve the condition. No doubt one could find ladies as self sacrificing as she could one but find a lady with hair such as Godiva possessed.

But let it go. What we need is some one to make some sacrifice to reduce taxes. Recently there has been posted on county house door and bulletin boards over this state the lists of those who have not paid their taxes in recent years. Although not so large a list as previously it has been it is still distressingly long. If governments are managed as efficiently as possible—which we doubt—the only means of lowering taxes is to do without some activity at present supported by government. There are various kinds of inspections that might be done away with, there are military preparations, there are offices, and a great multitude of things that are not in favor if the people could but decide upon which ones to delete. This is time for next fall's budgeting time.

The NRA codes presume that all business of similar nature makes the same profits and is therefore able to pay the same wages. The good managers will be able to profit and the poor ones go broke. No new deal in that.

The sales tax vote will determine whether Mr. Gill and Mr. Osborne can instill more fear of Wall St. into the voters than they have fear of taxes now.

The Carnera Loughran encounter should encourage fathers who have been in doubt about their ability to chastise their ten year old sons.

Reports of gold in shipment being lost reminds us that loss of gold is one of the things Americans don't have to worry about.

War is like falling from a balloon. It is the after effects that are worst.

Review of
Week's Events

Kicks against the NRA which was asked for and received this week are expected to result in some changes in the administration of this branch of the new deal. The president in a radio address before the assembled protesters favored shorter hours and higher pay for workers as a means of recovery. Those advocating that the smaller merchants and manufacturers be given a special consideration under the NRA were opposed by those who asked why any one should be allowed to pay less than living wages to laborers.

One of the most striking articles published this year was in the March issue of Fortune a magazine given to analysis. It claimed that munition makers the world over constantly carried on intrigue and propaganda for the purpose of stirring up war between nations.

International munition companies are reported to sell their products to every nation regardless of patriotic motives. Krupp guns killed many German soldiers in the last war. Beside Krupp, the English Vickers-Armstrongs, the French Schneider-Creusot and the Czechoslovakian Skoda are the most important. Methods of selling include scaring one nation with sales to another country.

It is said the cost of killing one soldier in the world war was \$25,000. Peace advocates were one time stock holders in an English munition company.

Leopold III was declared king of Belgium after the death of his father the late Albert in a simple ceremony at Brussels. The new king pledged himself and his family to follow his fathers' policies.

It is reported that while European nations are anxious to defeat certain movements in the central powers they will not take up arms to do so because of fear of public disapproval. Rather the condition will go on until it becomes more deeply rooted and then the blowup.

The army has been having a perfectly terrible time carrying the mail. First there was the storm over the eastern part of the country that hampered all flying if not making it impossible. The death of six army fliers was discussed bitterly in congress while the hearing about the contracts was being carried on.

It becomes apparent that the army is not equipped to carry the mail at present. Army planes are designed for entirely different work. Rumor has it: That within a short time a large part of the contracts will be approved again and that private companies will again carry mail. That Postmaster General Farley will take the brunt of the punishment for his order cancelling the contracts. That the army will develop machines capable of carrying the mail and that the air service will be built up in this manner. Despite rumor, no one knows just what will happen.

The infamous John Dillinger who was captured in Arizona a few weeks ago when he was a fugitive from Indiana, escaped from the woman sheriff who had him in charge and drove off to be seen no more by searching police officers. Mr. Dillinger used a wooden gun to intimidate his guards who apparently gave him the freedom of the jail. Dillinger now has the freedom of the world.

CWA workers in Portland struck for continuation of their jobs and their former pay this week. They demanded the right to form a union and to be retained on their jobs at a wage of at least \$15 per week.

Grass Valley

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs met Thursday night to talk about plans for rebuilding the hall recently destroyed by fire.

Gus Engstrom and wife returned to Grass Valley Thursday after a winter spent in sunny California. Gus undoubtedly missed the easiest and best winter this county has had for many years.

A. E. Eslinger and family are preparing to leave Sherman county. The boys have rented a 300 acre farm near Ellensburg, Washington to which they are moving. Instead of waving fields of wheat for them to look out over as the sun comes up they will have fields of alfalfa and clover and patches of spuds to view. Manuel has been a resident of this country for over 25 years and most of the children were born here.

Mrs. L. D. May is recovering from a case of Pneumonia. She is now able to be up a part of the time.

Mrs. Henry Tetz and two children have been visiting here this week with relatives. Mrs. Tetz has recently gotten out of quarantine after having the scarlet fever.

Better Service Less Cost

In thanking our friends for their loyalty and friendship extended to us over the past fourteen years, we pledge a more complete service, in the future than in the past.

Our equipment to begin with was a hearse, a church truck and grave straps. To this we have added from time to time, until the time has come when we will have to use a trailer or some way of getting the equipment that we want to use to the place of service when it be out of town. First we added flower racks, then lowering device, green grass dirt cover and lining, flower trays for covering the open grave, chairs, and during the flower season we contribute flowers in high stand baskets, and now we have conceived the Catafalque appearance, which will at once hide the open grave, relieve the awkward and distressing work of placing the casket over the grave by the pall-bearers. We are ever on the alert to find not only a way to enhance the beauty and appropriate setting but to make of each service, something distinctive that may have attached to the life of the departed or embrace the membership in church, lodge, grange, school and many other opportunities they may be to arrange for relatives and friends to pay their respects, for those gone on, in a way that expresses that individuality, of the service as well as in the life.

It has been our aim, in all that we have to do with, in our Funeral Home building, arrangement, preparation and in service to be progressive, to anticipate change and opportunity, without being conspicuous or startling, but conservative and yet just a little ahead in all improvements relative to our chosen profession. There is none more sacred except the ministry, which sometimes seems even to subordinate our contact with those who grieve.

We are doing everything possible to give to those who engage us, a service that can not be excelled in any way, by any one: this both as to service and cost.

The responsibilities that devolve upon the funeral director are varied, in that he assumes the care of the body, and represents the family in relation to their friends.

He is to carry out the wishes of the family; help to do the planning, fit together the arrangements and desires of friends, to pay their respects and give sympathy, in a word he stands between the family and friends as a servant of all.

He must not only answer as the medium of director, but must anticipate every little circumstance that might enter into the service, so that everything moves with smoothness and dispatch, without confusion and with courtesy; which makes for dignity and honor.

Realizing the full measure of responsibility, thus assumed in offering to the public our services; we have fitted ourselves by study and experience; born of a desire to serve for the sake of service, rather than gain.

A man's ideals and principles become a part of himself, in his relation to his vocation and stamps him accordingly. Words alone mean nothing, without the honest desire to live and feel the distress of our fellowman, but they will transmit that honesty of feeling, into confidence and a trust that is so desirable in times of stress and confusion occasioned by death.

W. A. SPENCER, Wasco. G. H. WILCOX, Grass Valley.
A. M. WRIGHT, Moro. JOHN SILVERTOOTH, Antelope.
JOHN MADISON Jr., Rufus.

Zell's Funeral Home
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Members of the county court were here Tuesday afternoon conferring with CWA Administrator Wilcox about county work.

Several persons from here attended parties at the Truman Strong home near Moro last week.

Mrs. Herman Zeigler was taken to The Dalles Saturday to receive medical attention by Dr. Poley.

Glen Fairchild was a visitor in Moro Wednesday.

I. D. Pike was in Horniston the fore part of the week looking after his farm there.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES

Six weeks exams are here again and everyone is looking forward to Bigger and Better grades.

The Operetta "Ask the Professor" presented by the High school students was very successful. A large crowd attended the performance and delighted both the students and the faculty members. The Cast and Chorus have been working hard during the last few weeks, consequently a lot of their school work has been unfinished. But this week will start a new burst of studying as the six weeks exams are uppermost in our minds. The garden scenery of the stage has been carefully taken down and given out to those students who were looking for tokens of the Operetta.

The girls basketball championship is as yet undecided. The Moro team must play Rufus two games before the title is given. If Moro wins the two Rufus games Grass Valley will play off the tie with them. However, if they lose one game, Grass Valley will be the winner of the Sherman County Championship.

The Grass Valley Tigers will journey to Hood River this Friday to bring home a scalp if good playing and team work will do it.

The thirty five minute noon hours have been lengthened into one hour. The forty five minute periods in the afternoon have been changed to one hour. This ends school at 4:00.

The high school debate squad will meet Redmond here at ten o'clock Friday morning. Lila Fay Boyce and Mildred Alley will debate here and Vivian Reynolds and Janet Wilcox will go to Redmond in the afternoon. Maupin debate team forfeited their debate to Grass Valley and the re-

sults of the debate with Redmond will determine the district champions.

The basketball game played here Friday night with Kent was a double victory for Grass Valley. The boys won with a score of 34 to 19. The girls game was Grass Valley 23, Kent 13.

The Board members have recently passed a resolution which allows the students to give dances and other social functions in the gymnasium. The high school is planning on giving an Operetta Formal in a short time. This will be the first dance held in the high school gym.

A Forestry project was proposed to the high school students this afternoon by Mr. Knighten the County School Superintendent. Several of the students have signed the project.

Lois Russell and Clifford Mason of Beaverton, visited school here Monday. Miss Russell was a former student here.

Kent News

The American Legion Auxiliary gave a card party Saturday evening March 3, with twelve tables in play, supper was served at midnight.

Those from Kent attending Pomena Grange at Harlandview Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Guyton and Mrs. Laura and Arnes Sather.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson went to Bend Friday morning to spend the week end visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson entertained Sunday March 4, with a 12 o'clock dinner for Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnston and daughter and Mrs. Otto Segrin of Portland, Mrs. Wm. Nan of Yamhill, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, the occasion being to celebrate the 14th days of the guests including Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

Kent grange will hold their next meeting Saturday March 10.

A number of the Kent farmers attended the horse sale at Moro Saturday.

Mrs. Max Pluemke entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner Thursday March 1, in honor of her son Karl's eighteenth birthday anniversary. This also

was a dinner for the class of high school seniors, including Virginia Helyer, Edna Lyons, Anna and Kenneth Sather, Lorena Young, Charles Wilson, and Charles Dunlap; other friends were Prof. Ayers, Miss Margee, R. Abel, Alta Norton, Arnold Dellinger and Margaret Dunlap.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES

Margaret Dunlap, Editor.

The scores for the games last week were as follows: Girls: Rufus 39, Kent 13; G. V. 23, Kent 11; Boys: Rufus 20, Kent 15; G. V. 34, Kent 19.

Now that the basket ball season is over the student body has voted to fix up the tennis court and to buy baseball equipment for the boys.

Those who have made perfect grades in spelling the last four weeks in the upper grade room are Maxine Pluemke, Anita Dunlap and Dorothy Southern.

The "Seven and One" sewing club has had three meetings and completed two groups.

Jeanne Haynes was the only one in the Intermediate room to get 100 percent in the last spelling contest.

The Intermediate pupils have made an investment in some new oil cloth for their window boxes, and are using the money they earned from candy sales. They still have nearly five dollars in their treasury.

"The Intermediate News" is being edited and printed by the pupils themselves now.

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ASSETS	
Real Estate Owned.....	\$ 175,000.00
Home Office Building.....	100,436.16
Other Property.....	7,249.19
Property held under contract.....	1,509,195.81
First Mortgage Loans.....	5,506,159.49
On Farm Property.....	1,509,195.81
On City Property.....	
Preferred and Common Stocks.....	2,568,427.52
Bonds (Amortized Basis).....	2,568,427.52
Loans to Policyholders.....	3,004,901.94
Interest Due and Accrued, Rents.....	1,267,787.1
Net Premiums in Course of Collection.....	299,781.65
Cash on Hand and on Deposit in Banks.....	983,457.54
All Other Admitted Assets (Net).....	26,788.22
NET ADMITTED ASSETS.....	\$12,052,784.72
LIABILITIES	
Funds Reserve.....	\$9,864,496.81
Policy Reserve.....	424,772.85
Amounts Due for Payment to Beneficiaries.....	29,567.70
Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance.....	1,26,585.94
Reserve for Taxes.....	38,950.00
Dividends Left with the Company and Interest Thereon.....	129,572.54
Dividends Payable During 1934.....	229,498.46
Special Reserve for Investments.....	50,000.00
All Other Liabilities.....	23,758.76
Reserve for Contingencies.....	200,000.00
Surplus Unallocated.....	470,961.96
Total Surplus to Policyholders.....	\$790,961.96
TOTAL.....	\$12,052,784.72

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