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OUR HISTORY

County School Superintendent Knighten has announced a contest that should attract the interest of every Sherman countain. We refer to the contest for historical writing about the county. Stories need not include the entire county's history; they may be concerned with some particular period of county history, some phase of its history, the history of some locality in the county. Almost any subject dealing historically with this county will be accepted, in fact.

The contest is for high school youngsters or for those in the upper four grades of the grammer schools in the county. Prices are to be awarded to the winners in each division

The interest that old timers show in the reprinting of old time news of the county makes us feel assured that the elders will cooperate to the fullest extent with children wishing information about the historical events of Sherman county history.

Might we suggest a few subjects that should be available. The story of the high water of 1894 that destroyed the town of Grants and the infant industry of distilling in this county, the old time musical association of Sherman county that helped in the development of bands and singing societies in the ninties, the story of Emigrant Springs and its importance to the pioneers who first came across the country in the forties and fifties — the Oregon Historical Society or Leslie Scott have information about this—the Rutledge community had a particular individuality as had the so called Michigan community which was flavored by the original homesteaders' home state, the first settlers of any of the towns, the Mackins and the horse industry, Joe Sherar and his toll roads. There are many more and no doubt children searching for information about the county from old timers will learn of them.

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HERE'S TO THE WEATHER

Something must be said about the weather. We have an often expressed superstition about praising weather in this county, especially in March, for fear that before it is printed something "unusual" will happen to make the words seem exceedingly bitter. But the sun has shone with June-like warmth for so many days this month that we feel it must be recognized else the weather gods will think us ungrateful.

"Did you ever see anything like it?" ask the oldtimers with as much astonishment as do the youngers and the answer is always in the negative. Never in the history of weather records in this county have we had such a winter with such a spring following. In fact we had spring during winter months and now seems to be having summer when spring should be our portion

Whereas we ofteh have sweeping southwest winds in March we now are enjoying balmy June. We picked our spring flowers in January. Some forehanded folk are eating garden truck already. All unbelieveable and not understandable at all.

It is so pleasant that no one can half believe it. All winter people were wont to say with a show of wisdom that we would catch it next month or next March Now March is nearly gone and still we havn't "caught it" and the prognosticators have almost ceased their dolefut remarks It is just too good to be true and we dou't believe it is although one has but to step outside to see it.

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Portland maidens will be interested in the invitation sent to the world's most eligible bachelor, Prince of Wales, to attend the Rose Festival.

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Workers in auto plants say they want wages enough so they can buy some of their product themselves

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If the NRA can set up monopolies that will be beneficient monopolies instead of predatory monopolies it will be acclaimed as a success, but let the common people think they are being gouged and the whole scheme will fall

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A year ago one could hardly find a Republican, now there is a squad of them running for governor. The breed seems practically indestructable.

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Mr. Insull is still at sea regarding his future home

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Admiral Byrd is having as much trouble away from civilization as those are who stayed at home. Maybe some day an explorer will find a part of the world where trouble has not yet been found.

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And next ii's baseball.

Review of Week's Events

After a two day lay off the army is again carrying the mail although routes have been cut short and many have been discontinued altogether. It is likely that new contracts will be made with the old air mail companies so that they can continue at the old job. Rates will of course, be lower than previously.

The story of Samuel Insull's adventures since leaving the United States to escape prosecution reads like some of the novels of the wildest sort. Greece has tired of him, or, more likely, was forced to order him out because of pressure from the United States. Now the one time Chicago electric magnate is on the high seas bound for a new home beyond the control of Greece and out of the clutches of revengeful Uncle Sam. Chances that he will be successful in escaping justice much longer are not better than fifty-fifty.

France is having a hard time to decide what course it will follow. Some groups favor a strong central government that would be akin to the fascist governments of other European countries while what is apparently a majority of the Frenchmen desire to continue the democracy the country has enjoyed for a hundred years with certain intermissions.

The automobile manufacturers are having a time these days with their laborers who have been listening to the union organizers and contend that they are permitted to organize under the NRA, and are about to do it. For years the car makers have held to the open shop and have had little labor trouble except in isolated instances. They have paid very good wages as a rule. Something of a serious nature may happen anytime as strikes are threatened in several factories.

A. F. Balzer and family have moved to the Murphy house from the Alley house where they have lived for the past year.

The Japanese and the United States are engaged in complimenting each other in an effort to insure peaceful relations between the two countries for the next few years. It is a pleasant interlude between semi-sassy remarks and propaganda intended to strain relations between the two countries which has been more common in the past. If everyone continues to talk about the Russian-Japanese war of the future they may bring it on, much to the delight of the munition manufacturers.

Longshoremen in Pacific coast harbors are striking or are threatening to strike today unless their demands are met by steamship and docking companies. The federal authorities are trying to bring the laborers and the employers together.

In Oregon different organizations are still fighting over the final fixings to be put on the Bonneville dam. A majority of the Portland groups, even those first in favor of the sea locks are now willing to go along with the powers that be in Washington and accept the dam and the power developed and let the deep locks wait until further need arises. The up river group, headed by men from The Dalles and Walla Walla are still sticking by their guns and say that they will have sea locks yet. They intend to keep on fighting until sea locks are built regardless of the time. A change in the alignment of the dam will save between one and two million dollars and it is possible that this may be used on the larger locks.

"Now tell the jury, lady," nstructed the young lawyer, "just where the prisoner was milking the cow."

The young lady, a trifle embarrassed, smiled sweetly and replied. "Why, I think it was just a little back of the center, sir."

Angry Parent: "Why were you kissing my daughter in that dark corner last night?"

Suiter: "Now that I've seen her in daylight, I sort of wonder myself."

Grass Valley

Miss Lucy Adams, former teacher in the Rutledge school is here from her home in Elgin.

Robert Poley is visiting his parents this week while enjoying spring vacation from the University of Oregon at Eugene.

August Wassenmiller is home again after a visit to Portland for a few weeks.

Tom Garrett is driving a new Dodge around these days.

Improvements are being made on the septic tank at the school house. The drainage is being made more certain by the installation of large rocks in a ditch reaching to the bottom of the hill.

Mrs. C. W. Fields, and children, Miss Jessie Pike and Vere drove to Hermiston last week to take a look at the new Pike farm in that project.

Women about the town have a lot of new wrinkles to talk about since the cooking school held here Thursday and Friday when Mrs. L. A. Humpherys showed the latest methods in preparing food. Delicious cakes and juicy pies were prepared with the greatest of ease according to those attending. Mrs. Humphreys visit was sponsored by the Crown Mills, Standard Oil with H. Zeigler cooperating.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. French left for Portland Wednesday morning for a business trip.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Amick celebrated their thirty fifth wedding anniversary Sunday March 18th at their home east of Kent. Those attending were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bauer and son, of Alsea. Mr. and Mrs. Wren Hogue an daughter and son of Grass Valley. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett of The Dalles , Mr. ad Mrs. W. D. Barnett and daughters of Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes all of Kent. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock.

Lost or Strayed. 2 yr old Holstein Bull. Dehorned. J. M. Wilson, Kent.

Luther Warren Davis who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is now on the road to recovery.

Clarice Wilson and Kendrick Dunlap are home from Monmouth for their spring vacation.

Miss Lillian Schassen and Dr. McVickers of The Dalles were over night guests at the J. L. Davis home Saturday.

Wm. Schilling and sons of The Dalles were visiting here Sunday at the home of the former's brother Gus Schilling.

Kent grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday evenng March 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith of Moro spent Sunday at the home of their daughter Mrs. John Wilson.

Johnnie Decker, Marguerite Mitchell. Clarice Wilson, Pauline Davis and Clifford May were visitors at Shaniko Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, Warren Morgan and Donald Cox of Grass Valley spent Sunday at the home of George McKay.

Kent Auxiliary News

The series of card parties given by The American Legion Auxiliary of Kent have been quite a success. The last of the series will be given some time in April.

Funds are being used to improve the basement of the Legion hall and furnish our meeting room. Plans were made to buy wicker furniture and a davenport has already been purchased.

A pot luck dinner was served in the basement by the Auxiliary March 14th. The afternoon was spent on sewing shirts for child welfare.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes attended the 15th anniversary and Tri-county Council of the Legion in The Dalles Thursday March 15.

A poppy poster contest is being sponsored in the school by the Auxiliary. Several attractive posters are being made.

The dance given by the Legion Saturday night was attended by a large crowd.

Vi Haynes, publicity officer.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES

Margaret Dunlap, Editor.

The boys are taking advantage of this grand weather to work up a base ball team. They tell us they have a very strong lineup. Just wait and see!

Only eleven more weeks of school! Rregular six weeks tests were given and report cards were passed out last week.

Maxine Pluemke is on the spelling honor roll in the eighth grade. She is the only one to make perfect grades for the past six weeks.

Luther Davis has been at home the last week with a case of pneumonia. His fellow students sent him a bouquet of daffodills.

There has been quite a bit of excitement over baseball between the intermediate and upper grade rooms. Who will be the champs?

The Senior class play "Listen to Leon" will be presented April 7 in the school auditorium. Miss Magee is the coach with the following cast of characters:

Archibald Darby	Karl Pluemke
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Carolyn Jamison	Lorena Young
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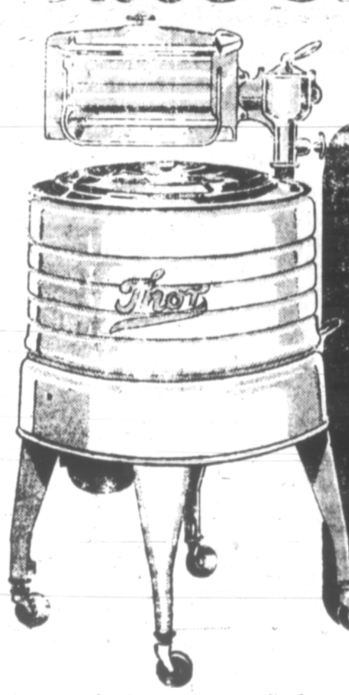

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