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OF PETER'S PLATFORM

Something leads us to believe that Peter Zimmerman may achieve distinction as a humorist as soon as he becomes a political power. Saturday before the grangers and other interested citizens he devoted the major part of his talk to power development and to a tirade against the people who have more than their share of the nation's wealth.

Saying that the country has twelve times the wealth per capita it had in Washington's time, he asked that it be better distributed. Each had \$250 then, \$3000 now, according to his figures. No one has quite enough, it is true, but it is demonstrable that the average person in Sherman county has more than his share already — if the above figures be true.

The average in this county is \$3520 on the assessment rolls which is about half the actual value. This, of course, does not include the automobiles and household furnishings or stocks and bonds. So from the point of mere property holdings the people of this county are setting on the right side of the fence and it seems odd of Pete to ask them to do anything drastic in the way of change.

Then their is the matter of the power business. Probably no county in the state uses less power than we do here. But then no modern campaign in this state could be properly conducted without its power issue so it was appropriate enough. He wants the people to vote bonds so that the state will own the transmission lines. The major advantage that will accrue thru this move would undoubtedly be to Portland and other thickly populated districts whereas the people of this county would be largely represented on the paying end.

If Mr. Zimmerman is able to come into this county and persuade the people that they should vote bonds for power lines we could get little from and to vote to take from them as has, for the benefit of them as hasn't — when among those who have — it will be a good joke worthy of some lusty jester of the hearty days when voters believed all they heard.

More seriously, however, the redistribution of wealth, or of the opportunity to obtain wealth, is a worthy endeavor. It will come through an increase of individual initiative not through government control; it will come when taxes are within reasonable bounds, not ten to fifteen percent; it will come when the producers of this country can get more than a third of the price the consumers pay; it will come when we have done for our distribution system what we have done for our production machinery. And the accumulation of wealth will never be equal, because men's abilities along no line are equal.

OF DROUTH RELIEF

There is persistent agitation in sections of this county for admission into the emergency drouth area and there is a corresponding opposition to this proposed action. Let's examine, briefly, the probable results of entering the drouth columns from information given out here by extension workers.

First, emergency drouth classification would permit owners of cattle to sell them to the government at a price ranging from \$6.00 to \$20.00 per head; second, sheep could be sold for \$2. per head either in whole bands or to cull out old ewes; third, relief measures could be instituted under the SERA for drouth stricken farmers; fourth, wells might be drilled or springs enlarged at government expense. These are the actions the government is taking to relief the drouth counties.

The other side: First, there is no evidence to indicate that there are any cattle in the county that would be sold for the government price. Many farmers in the north end want to buy cattle. Second, there are some sheep that should be culled out and they are being sold to farmers with feed. The price is equal to that the government is offering. Third, SERA projects are possible at any time to those on relief rolls. The regulations of the drouth branch of relief permit farmers to work longer hours than other workers if they are earning money to buy feed for domestic stock (not stock to be sold) but if there is no available feed. Fourth, wells are only drilled on land that is perpetually deeded to the government and the same rule applies to springs and the water must be made easily available to anyone. The water must be in a district where it can benefit several stockmen. Fifth, there is well founded fear that those counties in the drouth column will be denied federal land bank and commission's loan. Sixth, the production credit corporation is able and willing to make loans to farmers on stock and farming operations.

These are opposing contentions and facts regarding the drouth relief as it applies to this county. However, there is no one so far approached who would keep the county out of this relief if convinced that it would be of material benefit to any needy portion of the county. It is probable that a mass meeting and general public discussion will be necessary to settle the question.

Grass Valley

The Bruckert family reunion was held in The Dalles Sunday Sept. 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bruckert. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bruckert of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balsor of Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartman of Wasco. Mrs. Roy Hull of Vancouver and Oscar Bruckert and several children.

Announcement was received of the marriage August 20th of Miss Lucia Callison and Fred Alsop at Reno, Nevada. Miss Callison will be recalled as the fair and charming drug clerk of other days.

The Rebekahs have secured the services of the Nebraskans for the dance here next Saturday evening. It is a benefit to replace equipment lost in the hall fire of last winter.

Matt Simon and Luther Davis took their wives on a trip last week end going to Yakima, Seattle and Puget Sound points and returning via the Columbia river highway. Matt says that old Camp Lewis looks like something entirely different since the halcyon days of peace have made its barracks and parade ground unnecessary.

Teachers are here getting ready for the opening gong. Harold Hughes and Clifford Rowe came in Saturday and Gaylord Davies and family arrived last week to get settled.

Arch Fortner and wife left last week for parts unknown leaving father in law Lucas to look after the store. They will be back after a few days rest from the cares of selling bread and beans.

Mrs. Tom Alley and daughter, Mildred, were in Portland this week for a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Poley and Rachel drove to Portland Monday for a bit of recreation before the start of school with its confining influences.

Karl Eaton and family, including Bobby and Billy who are on the program as calf ropers, and Ted Ball and family are spectators at the state fair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Huhman and girls are taking their vacation this week, but are expected home Thursday.

School starts Monday and all high school students having text books they wish to sell may do so by bringing them to school where a book exchange will handle them for former students.

Mrs. Peter Peters was taken to the hospital Monday night with a badly infected foot. Blood poisoning was feared.

Allotment Checks Expected In September

Oregon wheat growers who are cooperating in national production control may expect to receive their second 1933 benefit payment checks sometime in September and the first payment on the '34 crop late in October, according to word brought to Oregon personally by H. E. Farrell, head of the wheat section of the AAA.

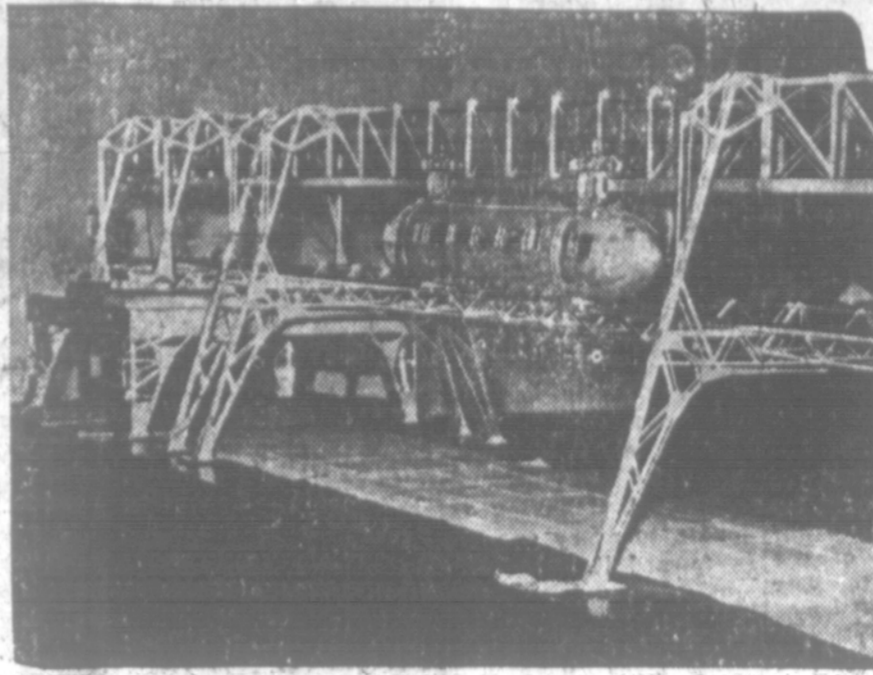
While these dates may vary somewhat according to the speed of the necessary clerical work, Mr. Farrell gave every assurance that the utmost speed is his desire and he backed up his words by definite action in approving some changes in forwarding the compliance forms from Oregon, which extension officials at OSC believe will tend to expedite the preliminary work.

Mr. Farrell, who is making a personal tour of the western states, confirmed the official announcement that the acreage reduction will be only 10 percent for the coming year instead of 15 percent required for the year just ended. This amount of reduction by the cooperators in the program will still permit the country to produce, under normal conditions a total of 775,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is more than 1,000,000 bushels above the domestic requirements he explained. With the carryover from this year, such a prospective production will leave plenty of margin for a carryover into the next crop year, as well as enough to meet prospective export demand.

The benefit payments on the '34 crop, part of which will be made in '35, will be the same as were paid on the 1933 crop. Hence, the payment which is expected to be started in October will be for 20 cents a bushel with nine cents additional to be paid after compliance has been made next year.

The conference with college officials brought out the fact that the wheat control plan in Oregon has been mutually satisfactory to producers and to the AAA. The program is moving along smoothly, it was indicated, and what problems accumulated were passed

New "Railplane" Makes Its Debut



A demonstration of a new system of transportation, known as the "railplane," was made in Washington. The photograph shows the model.

Another Problem for Mr. Wallace



Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, yesterday, started on a tour of a three-foot watermelon tendered him after he had addressed a farmers' chautauqua at Ruston, La.

upon personally by Mr. Farrell while he was in the state. His policy, he said, is to follow closely the recommendations of the local people in charge in order that the spirit of the act may be carried out with the least possible friction or inconvenience to growers. The wheat chief asked many questions regarding the Oregon situation to get first hand information on what future course will be most beneficial to this region.

The wheat program has paid its way from the start, he said, and has plenty of money on hand to meet payments that come due. While more than \$98,000,000 is being paid to growers for their first years benefit, only \$3,000,000 has been needed to cover administrative expenses, he reported.

No decision has been reached yet as to corporation at Portland export corporation at Portland. Mr. Farrell said he is familiar with the particular problems of the northwest in this regard and that they will be met in one way or another. He quoted figures to show that the export corporation has served to hold Port and prices much more nearly in line with Chicago quotations, while the AAA program in turn has helped keep Chicago prices well above the world market.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie, left Tuesday for Mohamouth to get their daughter Clarice who will spend her vacation here. They also attended the hop pickers festival in Independence, stopped at Forest Grove

and Hood River to visit friends, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wilson and daughters Billie and Naomi, left Saturday morning for their home at Waverly, Wash. Mrs. Betty Kelly remaining here for a few months visiting at the J. M. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett and sons, Lee and Leland and daughter LeVina, are spending a few days at the coast.

Jimmie Leonard, who has been spending the summer with his grandfather C. F. Guyton, left Saturday morning for his home in Hood River.

Hazel Decker left Saturday for Portland where she will attend school at the girls polytechnic this winter.

Miss Velma Matthes departed Friday for North Bend where she will teach school the coming term.

Word was received here last week of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, nee Bernice Hwells, at Looking Glass Oregon. The baby has been named Georgia Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith are the parents of a son born Monday morning, September 3.

Jack Rucker and Alex McLendon were hauling wheat Monday from Moro. They were among those receiving free seed wheat by aid of the allotment committee.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson at the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles, Tuesday morning. The infant has been given the name Walter Norman.

Those from here attending the Pomona Grange at Wasco Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthes, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Morrow and Mr. Mrs. Corliss Andrews. They report an interesting time.

SMUT MEETING

(Continued from page one) ing 50 percent copper was recom-

mended as best for general use, although nearly as good results were obtained from some brands of copper carbonate containing 18 percent copper. Dr. Haskell said that some brands of 18 percent copper carbonate were decidedly inferior and for the slight difference in cost farmers were more certain of smut control if they demanded the higher grade.

Several new promising wheats that are smut resistant are now available for farmers. Yield trials at Moro, Pendleton, Condon, Maripin, Lexington and Eightmile show that Oro and Rio, two smut resistant varieties produced by the Moro station, are equally good in yield and somewhat better in some other qualities than Kharkoff and other commercially grown turkey wheats. A new wheat, White Odessa x Hard Federation, which is a true winter wheat resembling Federation in other respects has been released this fall for farm trials. Because of the prevalence of different forms of smut and the possibility of new kinds being produced, treatment was recommended for all varieties.

Mr. Jackman outlined a program for county agents to carry on in eastern Oregon for better smut control in wheat and thereby reduce the present heavy losses to wheat growers because of smut dockage and reduced yields.

CORN-HOG

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County committees will continue to have the assistance of the extension officials in saving whatever is possible for Oregon growers out of the present unsatisfactory situation, but the college men have notified federal officials that they will take no responsibility for what they consider seriously unfair county quotas arrived at by methods of statistical computation sent from Washington and not applicable in this state.

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This is the time of year when, in olden days, people went about paying up their bills, settling as carefully and thoroughly as the Chinaman does on his New Year. Everyone liked the plan as long as it was possible, and many still do it.

Many Subscriptions to the Sherman County Journal expire at this time of year.

We are restricted by law, by business and by finances from continuing subscriptions beyond certain limits.

This is probably the best time of year for it.

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