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EROSION CAMP

This erosion business has the faculty of growing right in front of the eyes of one who watches it. At first there was the expectation that 25 men would be sent to Sherman county to instruct in erosion practices and make some experiments. Next word was that the camp would contain 200 CCC boys, several officers and technical advisers for the conservation service itself.

Now it is said that the government's expense in this county alone will be \$300,000 per year. This does not mean that that sum will be spent in this county by the camp, but that the government is spending \$300,000 to halt soil erosion in this county. It is estimated that at least a quarter of the top soil (all that is valuable) has been lost during the agricultural history of the county and that if the county is to be kept in the profit column as a wheat county some methods of erosion control must be adopted.

To enumerate the items that make up the above sum. There will be a monthly payroll of about \$10,000, according to present estimates, the camp expenses are budgeted at about \$2,500 per month and there's the \$300,000 without adding the \$17,000 the camp is to cost.

This shows the importance the government places on the wheat land of the northwest. It is almost \$1,000 per farm in the entire county; it is \$1,000 per year for each resident; it is equal to the allotment payments for the county and is once and a half the total tax bill for property taxes levied by local agencies. That there will be cooperation with this program goes without saying for farmers are interested in retaining their acres. It is a big undertaking.

TALKING WATER

Dame Rumor is a busy jade. A little extraordinary excitement, something a bit new, and the lively dame sets tongues wagging and heads to nodding wisely over the developments that have happened, that might happen, and that might have happened. We are all more or less susceptible, else there would be no runs on banks.

The story is told of a peasant in the good old days, very good, surely, because very old, who went to a monk to confess guilt in speaking ill of his neighbor. The monk advised that the peasant should take a bag of feathers and drop one in each barnyard in the village. The peasant did this and returned saying he had performed his penance. "No," said the monk, "for now you must go to each barnyard and pick up the feathers you have dropped." "Impossible," said the peasant, "for the wind has scattered them by now." "True," replied the monk, and words are scattered when they are spoken, and cannot be gathered.

The water situation in Moro has occasioned enough comment within the past week or so to shock a lot of hay if the energy had been used for that purpose. Meanwhile the water continues to flow blithely from the full cistern and the pump churns merrily on putting 47 gallons of very wet water into the pipes every minute. Let's call it 40 gallons because we are not good at figures anyway. That is 2400 gallons per hour. The CCC camp will use about a hundred times that per month which will mean 100 hours of pumping. If the days continue to contain 24 hours each it will require a little over four days to furnish the erosion workers their aqua pura.

It is very good water, too, and has a stimulating effect on the organs of speech.

Criticism of the constitution, nowadays, is based on the assumption that it is outdated. Perhaps in this age of machinery we are likely to compare our government documents to our automobiles and washing machines and wish for a new model. A constitution, such as ours, is a set of rules for handling human relationships within the state and as human nature is probably the most unchanging thing we have any constitution that is satisfactory 150 years is good for many more because it undoubtedly was written with an understanding of man and his aspirations and weaknesses. It may need a few amendments now and then but it is safer to tie to than the theories of ambitious politicians.

The highway commission approved projects for many thousands of dollars but overlooked the south end of the Sherman highway. Delay on that job is getting tiresome as other projects carrying small amounts of traffic are re-surfaced while this portion of the state and federal highways systems has never even been given its first adequate surfacing.

It has been decided to wait a while before voting more federal taxes. About eighteen months will be about right.

The Alaska settlement residents are merely proving all over again that the more you give 'em the more they want. There's no satisfiyinf a kid with a house full of toys.

There may be criticism of women singing over the radio but everyone agrees that they sound fine in a kitchen.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)
Income tax returns were sent out to 63,820 residents in Oregon, but only 40,000 of these make payments. The others were exempt under the law either because their incomes were small or other exemptions eliminated them from the picture. But these pay indirect taxes and undoubtedly gasoline and property tax.

This is a busy season at the secretary of state's office, as all automobile drivers by next Monday must have new licenses or are subject to the penalty, if caught. It is declared there are about 360,000 operators in the state. Monday night only 90,000 of these had applied for new licenses.

Under the new law no examinations are necessary unless you are over 90 years of age or have never had a license. The permit will be good for two years. Hundreds of people come to the state office building daily for permits while thousands have written in for them.

Leave it to a military governor to make a strategic move. The order for the Oregon National Guard, about 3,000 strong, to march in Portland just before they demobilized from the summer training camp could not have been better timed. And anyone watching this review will become convinced that these sock troops are a perfect ace in the hole.

It is doubtful, however, if the guard will have to be called out in Oregon, since state police squads have been doing excellent work. The state has a fine police organization, and judging from the commendations received by the Governor, its activities have met with popular favor by citizens.

The report of the state planning board relative to a new capitol building was due to be made the latter part of the week. Whatever the report it will have to be decided in the final analysis by the legislature. It was believed the planning board would make so many proposals that its report would have to be run through a separator to part the chaff from the grain.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 29, 1906.
George Miller of Moro and Wm. Sholtz of Condon are matched for a wrestling bout on the Fourth for a \$50 purse.

Miss Lulu Bolton proceeded to Heppner on her Inland Empire visit this week.

The jury in a civil suit between C. R. Belashee and G. A. Meloy, were discharged by Judge Rudolf Tuesday. The suit was over a machine deal and was sharply contested by Ragsdale and Meindl appearing for the complainant and Attorney Littlefield for the defendant.

L. L. Peetz has just received 23,000 feet of lumber by team from Wamio with which he will have constructed on his farm near Moro a new barn 60x90 feet. Mr. Peetz says he met a number of Sherman county teams from this section and Grass Valley going after lumber and wood.

From the Observer June 30, 1916.

Two autos from Moro: L. Barnum and wife accompanied by Supt D. E. Stephens and wife of the Experiment Station, and L. L. Peetz and wife in their new Studebaker accompanied by Fred. Otto, Grand ma Peetz; a car from Grass Valley containing G. C. Vinton, Judge Krusow and I. N. Lemon, and a car from Wasco containing Victor Anderson and party, attended the Colt Show at Dufur last Saturday. The report of the trip said that the Colt Show was a decided success, there being more than 200 entries and the interest taken by farmers of that section easily proved that the effort was appreciated.

Carl Happold and family and brother Louis in one car and Chub

Charivari Given For Newlyweds

Sunday School Attends De Moss Picnic Sunday

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay surprised them Wednesday evening at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Ernest Smith, with an old fashioned charivari. Mr. and Mrs. McKay had just returned from a two weeks trip to the coast on their honeymoon.

The Kent Sunday school motored to DeMoss Springs Sunday where they participated in the county Sunday school picnic. Around one hundred and fifty five made up the five classes. It was voted to have this picnic annually.

Charlie Bill Wilson visited Carl and Earl Lyons Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Frank J. Hurner and son Frank Jr. of Portland, Mrs. Essie Wilson and son Charlie Bill of Canyon City, and Mrs. R. J. Harbin, were dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson home Thursday evening.

Della Helyer returned home Thursday after having spent the past two weeks in Portland and other valley towns visiting relatives.

Mrs. Dae Goodrich of California spent the week end here with her sister Mrs. Frank von Borstel.

A number of Kent people went to DeMoss Springs Saturday to attend the grange picnic.

Alva Stone, trapper, and Bill Roth of Grass Valley were at Kent Wednesday evening looking for a suitable location to set traps for coyotes.

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman and wife of Moro were business visitors at Kent Tuesday morning.

Kent Grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening June 22. It was decided to have a dance at the grange hall Saturday evening June 29th.

Resolutions of Condolence

In memory of Brother James Dellinger who died June 13, 1935.

Whereas Kent Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 185 has suffered the loss of an honorable and upright Odd-Fellow; There fore be it resolved that the charter of the Kent lodge be suitably draped for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Wayne McCulloch, Basil Morrow, A. A. Dunlap, Committee

Rufus—Did you ever hear of that natural bridge in Virginia?
Goofus—Hear of it? Of course. Why, man, my granddaddy helped to build it.

Johnson and family in a second car passed through Moro Tuesday morning headed for the Metolius fishing grounds.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On the 29th day of July, 1935, at the hour of 10 a. m. at the front door of the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 South, Range 16 East, W. M.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, to me directed in the case of "Elizabeth S. Williams, plaintiff vs John Karlen and Frank Gabel, defendants." Said real property will be sold subject to confirmation and redemption as provided by law, and the purchaser will be put in immediate possession thereof.

HUGH CHRISMAN, Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.
GALLOWAY and KRIER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 28, 1935.

NOTICE is hereby given that Irma Laffoon, formerly Irma Snyder, of Kent, Oregon, who on May 21, 1928, made Homestead Entry under the Act Dec. 29, 1916, No. 026661, for E1SW1, SW1E1 Sec. 31, T. 3 S., R. 18 E., Lots 2, 7, SW1E1, SE1NW1, E1SW4, W1E1, SE1E1, Sec. 6, W1NE1, E1NW1, Sec. 7, Township 4, South, Range 18, East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register, United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 9th day of July, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses: Lawrence Amick, Mrs. Lawrence Amick, H. A. Sommer, C. I. Laffoon All of Kent, Oregon.
W. F. Jackson, Register.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ESTRAY

Notice is given that I will on Saturday, the 13th day of July, 1935, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day and at the V. B. Eakin ranch located about ten and one-half miles southeast of Grass Valley in Sherman County, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described estray, to-wit:

One yearling heifer with young calf, Holstein breed, black with white face and white under body, no brands and no ear marks.

Said sale to satisfy the sum of \$15.00 damages, and \$3.50 expenses incurred as Justice fees, advertising sale, assessment of damages, and cost of making sale.

HUGH CHRISMAN, Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon

Artist—I want you to pose for my great picture, to be hung in the City Hall. It is to be called the "Return of the Prodigal Son." I'll pay you well.

Tramp—I can't do it.
Artist—Why not?
Tramp—Veal don't agree with me.

Farm Debt Group Named By Martin

Important developments affecting farm debt adjustment and refinancing activities include the Farm Credit Act of 1935 recently enacted by Congress and the decision of the Supreme Court declaring unconstitutional the Frazier-Lemke amendment to the national bankruptcy act, members of Oregon state and county farm-debt adjustment committees point out.

Committeemen who are close observers of the trend of foreclosure proceedings feel that both of these developments may cause greater use to be made of voluntary debt-adjustment agreements between farm debtors and their creditors to avoid unjustified foreclosures against farmers who are doing their best under existing conditions.

In respect to the Farm Credit Act of 1935 it is pointed out that with lower interest rates on Land Bank loans, and an extension of time and more liberal regulations for making "Commissioner" loans more farmers will probably wish to refinance their farms.

Although the number of cases filed under the Frazier-Lemke amendment was not large, and the services of the county conciliation commissioners are still available for assisting farm debtors, it is the opinion of officials of the state debt-adjustment committee that the Frazier-Lemke decision will result in more activity for the various county debt adjustment committees.

The state committee appointed by the Governor is composed of 21 representatives of large agricultural organizations, with O. M. Plummer, Portland, as chairman, and L. R. Breithaupt, Corvallis, secretary. The Governor also appointed a committee in each county to assist all farm debtors and creditors who need help in adjusting indebtedness on a voluntary basis.

NOTICE

DES CHUTES RAILROAD COMPANY AND OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY hereby give notice that on June 15, 1935, they filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C. their joint application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity (a) permit the abandonment by the Des Chutes Railroad Company of that part of its railroad beginning at mile post O, which is a point on the main track of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company at Ainsworth, in Government lot five (5) of section eighteen (18), Township two (2) North, Range sixteen (16) East of the Willamette Meridian, and extending thence in a general southerly direction to mile post 71.26, which is a point on the Oregon Trunk Railway in Government lot one (1) of section eight (8) Township seven (7) South, Range fourteen (14) East of the Willamette Meridian, a distance of 71.26 miles, in Sherman and Wasco counties, and the abandonment of operation thereof by the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company; and (b) require the operation by the Des Chutes Railroad Company of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company under trackage rights over the railroad of the Oregon Trunk Railway between Oregon Trunk Junction and North Junction, a distance of 74.75 miles, in

Wasco County, all in the State of Oregon.
DES CHUTES RAILROAD COMPANY and OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that Elma Atwood, Administratrix of the Estate of Roy C. Atwood, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her final report and account as such Administratrix, and that Saturday, the 6th day of July, 1935, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and account and settlement thereof.

Elma Atwood, Administratrix.
Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Administratrix.
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