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SAVE THE SURFACE

The proposal of the administration that soil conserva-
tion be used as a medium on which to hang payments to
farmers for crop curtailment has increased to a marked
degree the national interest in erosion and the damage it
has been doing to the farm lands of the country.

It is undoubtedly a propitious time to consider our
natural resources and their conservation. The history of
agriculture is that after a few years—a comparatively few
years—productive lands have become unproductive and
the occupants have had to move on to newer fields. The
migrations of mankind over the face of the earth have to a
large degree been caused by the depreciation in the produc-
tivity of land. Strictly stock grazing peoples have remain-
ed longer in one spot but over grazing has caused washing
and gulying of range land as well and the inhabitants have
had to move.

With practically all of the tillable land of the globe
now in use the people of the world might well think of
conserving the fertility of the soil lest food become scarce.

We westerners, living as we do, on some of the newest
land may be hard to convince that land wears out and
becomes useless from an agricultural standpoint. Those
of us who have traveled in the east have seen the results
of continuous cropping and realize that in a few years our
land will be valueless unless some methods are taken to
prevent the wind from blowing it away and the water from
washing it into the creeks.

Soil erosion is something that must be checked eventu-
ally. Otherwise our food supply will be cut off. If it can
be done while we still have productive power sufficient for
our needs we will be fortunate.

NO UNCONSIDERED "NO'S"

There is going to be an election. It is not a popular
election but four measures are going to be passed upon by
the voters anyway. General sentiment is to vote "No" on
everything that is not completely understood and many
will go to the polls with this sentiment in mind.

We submit the proposition that this attitude is not one
of good citizenship. The privilege of voting on bills and
candidates is one that the American people have fought for
and one they would fight for again. Few nations now give
their citizens so free a chance to express their opinion on
public matters.

A decision on the several measures should be made
after some study and each should be judged on its merits.
A blanket vote of "No" does not give an indication of pub-
lic opinion, but it merely indicative of public pique.

IT RAINED

Most pleasant event of the winter to date has been the
recurrence of the argument about the possible end of the
dry spell. For some winters there has been no possible
argument for it was definitely dry and with every indica-
tion of remaining dry.

Farmers who a spring ago plowed up dry dirt when
summer following in March will have to dig deeply into the
soil next month to achieve the same result. Digging to
determine the depth to which the moisture had penetrated
the soil was child's play in 1935 when a hard soled shoe
would do the trick. This winter the rainfall has gone down
at least two feet in every part of the county and is still
going. Other sections report the wet streak over three feet
in depth.

This condition of "Jupiter Pluvius mit uns" is most
heartening to farmers grown jumpy from putting nice fer-
tile seed in the ground to have it yield a few shriveled ber-
ries after a long battle against the forces of nature. If
present indications are to be believed there will be wheat
in the county next harvest in more plentiful quantity than
for seven years. It will roll out the grain spouts as in days
of old and sack sewers will have to be husky and sweating
and busy instead of loafing, cool and puny as has been
possible for some harvests. "Tis a consumation most de-
voutly to be wished."

Has any one noticed a drop in the price of bread?
There always was a lot of hocus-pocus about the AAA's part
in raising bread anyway and since that act has been thrown
out it is more apparent than ever. Bread raised two and a
half cents per loaf here and the farmer got one fifth of that
raise. He also had to take the blame for the whole thing.
We would just like to know what the millers and bakers
are using for an excuse for ten cent bread now.

The "Princess Alice" of the first Roosevelt regime has
the faculty of writing with a pen dipped in what must be
this newfangled branding liquid that takes the place of the
old running iron.

The greatest wish of Edward VIII will be to live as
well and die as beloved as did his father.

People's Column

To the Editor of the Journal:

Lest the desirability and, in fact,
necessity of embracing the help
now available for working toward
the arrestation of Soil Erosion and
of Soil Conservation in Sherman
County be not given due consid-
eration by all who are vitally inter-
ested, let it be reiterated that,
being fortunately possessed of the
second greatest grain producing
and most fertile semi-arid county
in the State, we should accept this
help—immediately and appreciat-
ively. We have the most compact
richest and most favorably located
of all the wheat producing coun-
ties of Oregon—let us preserve its
productivity while "A Stitch in
Time will Save Nine." The Con-
servation movement, as some have
suggested, does not come from the
Department of Agriculture or
from the Extension Service, but
from the land owners and opera-
tors of the Nation. And as to the
idea it is costing a lot of money,
which should be stopped, it is a
fact that the idea is well sold in
California, Texas, Oklahoma, Ken-
tucky and all the southern states
and that the work will go on in
those states and public money will
be expended for it, with us helping
to pay the bill anyway, whether we
accept a portion of the service or
not. A pertinent fact is, wherever
the program has been undertaken
in earnest, it has never been aban-
doned. We have fought wars for
the acquisition of lands and others
to save territory that we possessed,
so why not take good care of these
lands, which we all greatly desire
shall become the heritage of our
children. Our rich soil is fast be-
ing eroded and worn out. Over 40
millions of acres of wornout lands
over the states, once highly pro-
ductive but now worthless, cry out
warning for us to save what we
have left. Let us all get together
and attack this problem vigorously,
earnestly and at once.

Yours for conservation before it
will be too late.
Moro. 1-22-36. J. B. Adams.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

Continued from page one.

Capital gateway through which tour-
ists enter Oregon. Out of a total
of 100,303 foreign cars visiting the
state during 1935, 21,465 registered
at the Josephine county seat.
Ashland ranks second in point of
registrations with 14,304.

Oregon motorists paid a total of
\$9,150,229.65 in state taxes on gaso-
line purchased during 1935, ac-
cording to a report compiled by
Secretary of State Snell. This is
an increase of \$851,306.54 over
1934 gasoline taxes. Purchases of
gasoline from Oregon distributors
during 1935 totalled 185,004,590
gallons, an increase of 17,026,130
gallons over sales during 1934.

State Treasurer Holman regards
relief and old age pensions as
national issues, rather than prob-
lems to be solved by the state or
county governments. In a state-
ment issued this week in opposi-
tion to the state sales tax for
financing old age pensions Holman
declared that "the need for old age
pensions and public relief now is
so general throughout the nation
that it is a national problem and
must be met squarely as a national
issue."

The state board of control in
upholding Mr. G. C. Bellinger,
superintendent of the state tuber-
culosis hospital, in his dismissal
of Dr. Phillip Newmyer, hospital
physician, declared the incident to
be closed so far as the board is
concerned. Friction between the
superintendent and his assistant is
understood to have been the cause
of Newmyer's dismissal rather
than any dissatisfaction with his
professional services.

In spite of efforts of the board
of control to curb the use of state
owned automobiles the number of
motor vehicles owned by state de-
partments and institutions was in-
creased by 28 automobiles and 24
trucks during 1935, according to
a report by Dan Fry, state pur-
chasing agent. The state now owns
574 automobiles and 754 trucks,
Fry's report shows.

Oregon estates contributed a
total of \$681,200 in inheritance
taxes to the state's general fund
during 1935. It was reported this
week by State Treasurer Holman.
This is an increase over the ten-
year average. Two estates paid
57 1/2 per cent of the total tax for
the year.

Loony—Who is your wife going
to vote for?
Frown—For whoever I vote for.
Loony—Who are you going to
vote for?
Frown—She hasn't decided yet.
She was peevish and called him
"Mr."

Not because he went and kr..
But because—just before
As she opened wide the door,
She saw this Mr. kr. sr.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Jan. 26, 1917.

Mrs. Elmira Benjamin, mother
of Mrs. J. H. Buker died at Grass
Valley, January 18th, at the age
of 98 years.

Ice on January 18th blocked the
Columbia river between The Dalles
and Big Eddy. Several persons on
that day walked across on the
natural bridge. Some holes ac-
curred in places in the ice, but
these could easily be avoided.

A meeting of delegates was held
in The Dalles Tuesday to arrange
a county fair circuit of all the
eastern Oregon county fair asso-
ciations. The purpose is to elimi-
nate clashing of dates and secure
a better class of entertainment
features.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Omer G.
Says January 22, a daughter.

P. J. Dillinger is nursing his
right hand, a piece of steel having
lodged between the knuckles of
the first two fingers while doing
blacksmith work. The steel had
to be cut out, making a painful in-
jury.

From the Observer Jan. 25, 1907.

The chinook which we told you
of last week came on time and
cleared the county of snow which
ran off because it couldn't go into
the frozen ground. Indications favor
another winter early next week
and the Moro water man has not
yet discovered all the frozen pipes.

The DeMoss family bards will
give a grand concert at the Elrod
Opera House January 28.

After three days frozen in the
ice the steamship Columbia reach-
ed Astoria. reprovisioned and left
for San Francisco.

We have tried Moro flour and
personally know it to be good.
Why send away from home for
flour when you can get the Sher-
man county product.

Father Erskine has sent in his
resignation as postmaster at Er-
skine and the office will soon be dis-
continued.

WHEAT GROWERS

(Continued on page four)
provide funds for payment of ex-
isting grower contracts.

3. That provisions be made for
the subsidizing of exports and/or
removal by other means of sur-
pluses when they occur in cer-
tain areas.

4. That domestic markets be
preserved for the farmers of this
country to the fullest degree and
foreign markets for surplus crops
be developed.

5. That the diversion of 30%
of import duties into a fund for
handling surpluses be considered a
permanent policy and plans be
made for its use to aid in restor-
ing parity prices.

6. That supervision of any pro-
gram that may be put into effect
be decentralized as much as possi-
ble and that control be in the hands
of cooperating farmers.

7. That funds from processing
taxes on hand be turned into the
general treasury of the United
States at once.

8. That names of firms who
have not paid the processing taxes
and those who have paid them be
published.

9. That we are unanimously op-
posed to the processors being per-
mitted to keep any processing tax
funds because they have actually
collected them from the consumers.

10. That since the majority of
the farmers in the mid-Columbia
and tributary areas have complied
with the provisions of the proposed
1936 wheat contract, we urge all
growers to live up to all phases of
the program whether or not a sub-
stitute program for the A. A. A.
is put into effect.

11. That we unanimously en-
dorse Senate bill No. 3596.

12. That copies of all resolutions
be sent to President Roosevelt,
Secretary Wallace, the chairman
of the committee on Agriculture
in the United States Senate, the
Chairman of the committee on Ag-
riculture in the House of Represent-
atives, the Congressional delega-
tions from the States of Oregon,
Washington, and Idaho, Messrs.
Chester E. Davis, George E. Far-
rell, A. R. Shumway, and the chair-
man of the old wheat allotment
committee in each county in Ore-
gon.

WHEREAS Congress has by the
appropriation of public funds
shown the public interest and the
feasibility of transportation on the
Columbia River, and

WHEREAS transportation of
farm products by boat line on said
river has progressed to the point
of being a practical matter result-
ing in lowered rates to terminal
markets, and

WHEREAS rates now being
charged by rail carriers paralleling
the Columbia River are not only
excessive but actually prohibitive
and confiscatory, and

WHEREAS grain growers and
farmers in this inland country are
in serious need for adjustments,
now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive
Committee of the Eastern Oregon
Wheat League and the elected dele-
gates from Union, Umatilla, Mor-

NEW GREEK PREMIER



Constantine Demerji, appointed
as the new premier of Greece with
the return to the throne of King
George, is shown here just after be-
ing appointed to the post.

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Book are copyrighted properties of
the crown and the only organiza-
tions that are permitted to pub-
lish them are Oxford and Cam-
bridge universities. — Collier's
Weekly.

Charity Not at Home
"Is your wife a philanthropist?"
"Must be, the way she dis-
tributes my money among her
friends."

row, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam
and Wasco counties at this meet-
ing in Arlington, Oregon, this 16th
day of January, 1936 go on record
as follows:

I. That we favor unlimited en-
couragement and expansion of
water transportation.

II. That we favor the building
of loading and unloading facilities
at Arlington, Umatilla, Cold
Springs, and elsewhere; and be it
further

RESOLVED, That we pledge our
fullest cooperation in giving sup-
port to a program of this nature
so that such ventures may provide
lower transportation costs.

LAND BANK ELECTIONS

Continued from page one.

which will be announced when the
tabulation or votes is completed in
Washington. The board will then
be composed of three members
elected by borrowers and four ap-
pointed by the governor of the
Farm Credit administration to
serve the public interest.

A resident of Montana for 25
years, Mr. Briebach has a broad
background of experience in both
banking and farm management.
His early training in banking was
gained in Austin and Minneapolis,
Minnesota. Later he entered bank-
ing at Missoula, Montana, and at
one time was assistant superin-
tendent of banks in Montana.

More recently he has been as-
sociated with the Shields River
kanch company at Wilsall which
operates 8000 acres of irrigated
land in addition to a large acreage
of grazing land. Mr. Briebach has
served as a director and manager
of the ranch properties for the last
five years. He is also principal
owner of a cheese factory in Sedan,
Montana, and has farm land of his
own on which he runs a fine herd
of dairy cows. When the Bozeman
Production Credit association was
organized in 1934 its members
elected him vice president. Later
he succeeded R. E. Brown as pres-
ident when Mr. Brown resigned to
become general agent of the Farm
Credit administration of Spokane.
At the annual stockholder's meet-
ing this month Mr. Briebach was
reelected president of the Bozeman
PCA.

Mrs. Chattermore—Did you see
the expression on Mrs. Brown's
face when I told her she looked no
older than her daughter?
Mrs. Sayalot—No, but I saw the
expression on her daughter's face.

Good Bye Forever!
"A hundred and fifty bucks—
take it or leave it—and I'll never
stand back of 'em at that price."
And so Johnnie Ferguson parted
with his favorite span of mules.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
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Meets the 1st and 3rd
Thursday evenings of
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.

C. Sparling, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall. Tran-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.

L. O. Rice, N. G.
Joe Truit, Secretary

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tu-
esdays of each month
Visiting members wel-
come.

Florence Martin, N. G.
Lila Bull, Secretary

TAX LEVY FOR SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON
FOR THE COLLECTION YEAR 1936

Table with 2 columns: Tax Category, Amount. Includes State Tax, County, Bridge, Market Roads, Schools etc., Total General Fund.

Non-High School District Fund applies to all school
districts except Nos. 3, 3A, 7, 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, 17 and
23

High School Tuition Deficit applies to all school dis-
tricts except Nos. 3A, 7, 9, 17 and 23

Table with 2 columns: Levy Category, Amount. Includes General Road Levy, City of Wasco Special Levy, City of Moro Special Levy, City of Grass Valley Special Levy.

SPECIAL LEVY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Table with 3 columns: District, Levy, District. Lists districts 1 through 13 with corresponding levies.

From the above figures it will millages and the levies of all the
be possible for every taxpayer to school districts are given. It will
determine the millage that will be necessary to know the assessed
charged against his property. The valuation of the property.
county and state millage, the city

Dr. Hunter Tells Of Modern
Opportunity For Service

Students in colleges and univer-
sities today have the greatest op-
portunity the world has ever offer-
ed for a career and a life of ser-
vice to fellowmen, due to the rapid-
ly increasing tempo in every field,
but at the same time fulfillment of
ambition and ideals is a great
challenge, it was declared by Dr.
Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor
of higher education, in an address
entitled "The Creative Urge of
Studentship" made Thursday be-
fore the students of the Univer-
sity of Oregon.

"The world today is progres-
sing at a tremendous tempo" Dr.
Hunter pointed out. "You must
recognize not only this speed, but
that every day the tempo itself is
accelerated. You must prepare
yourself to fit into the world of
constantly increasing speed, if
you do, you will find it a world of
increasingly greater opportunity."

Youth, Dr. Hunter declared,
seeks two objectives today. The
first is the opportunity to make a
place in the world. The second is
for the development of the ideal
within his inner self. To gain these
objectives the student must real-
ize fully that knowledge is a crea-
tive factor, that the individual
person develops according to the
laws of learning, that the learning
process is life long, and that to
participate in solving the problems
of society, the principles of learn-
ing must be applied.

Although the world is constantly
changing in many ways, certain
laws are constant, the chancellor
told the students. The first of
these laws is that there is a God,
one evidence of which is that all
philosophies and schemes of life
denying a deity have failed. The
second is that the family as a unit
of society is here to stay. The
third is that patriotism, defined as
love of country as a place of habi-
tation, is essential, even to inter-
national accord. The fourth is
necessity for individual ownership
of property, the fifth is the reali-
zation of the worth of education.

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