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PIE

Political leaders and those who have ambitions to appear in that role are given to berating the people or the classes now in power and telling hearers that justice demands that they too get their feet in the trough or in more elegant words demand their slice of government pie.

Such statements are evidence of a peculiar state of mind and one that has become rather prevalent these days. It may be assumed from these assertions that the sole duty of government is to cut pie fairly and impartially or that the process of government is for the purpose of making pie for citizens or constituents.

This government was established, if the preamble to the constitution can be believed "in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." Maybe we will want to amend it to include equal income or at least equal opportunity to every citizen.

Undoubtedly some groups have been more successful at getting laws passed that aided their business than others and thus has grown up the parable about pie. If every one is regaled with pie according to his or her wishes there is likely to be a shortage of pie. Perhaps we would be better served if we shut up the pie counter altogether and went back to the original theory that the duty of government was to govern and not to dabble around in an apron and cap serving pie.

THE ELECTION

There was, almost without doubt, an election. It may be interpreted as an almost unanimous voice of protest, a loud and vociferous wail against special elections on cold winter days. It was a rebuke to special elections, a sign of hearty dislike at having affairs of state thrust upon the voting public in off seasons. Furthermore it was expected that it would terminate in just the manner in which it did terminate. No one, therefore is surprised although some are undoubtedly, relieved.

It would have been a much more exciting period if the issues had been more closely contested. As it was, it was a run away race for the "No's" who won their easiest victory in a generation. There was almost no support for two of the measures, the sales tax and the legislators pay. The student fee bill had some active supporters and the September primary had a few adherents who worked for it, but there was little in the whole performance that smacked of real argument or political conflict.

NEW STYLE

A short time ago farmers in riding by a plowed field were wont to remark how pretty it was if each furrow slice had been turned completely over leaving no trace of stubble on the surface. This was more easily done when the stubble had been burned off after harvest and this was the custom.

Along comes the soil erosion service to say that such nice clean summerfallow as was formerly thought a thing of beauty cannot be a joy forever for it gives too great a chance for erosion that soon reduces the value of the land.

The style in summerfallow may change and within a few years we may follow the erosion men and make summerfallow that is covered with gray and weather beaten stubble and is rough and cloddy under that cover. That is the erosion style of plowing and while farmers might not hasten to adopt the style with the same speed that women adopt the Paris styles we may find it more profitable to at least try the new mode.

The man who prophesied that within a few years the Pacific coast would have a large part of the nation's population must have said it during the winter when blizzards were raging throughout the frostbitten east.

California has now begun to corral instead of coddle the indigent who come with slim pocket books to enjoy the climate. Who was it said the air and the sunshine were free.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise" says Proverbs and the Oregonian repeats the advice. Well, what do ants do about unemployment and overproduction anyway?

The millers are being allowed to keep the tax the consumer paid last year on bread and the bakers are making them pay a tax on what they buy this year. The consumer is going to need the federal housing plan alright, and a shirting plan and a panting plan and an eating plan until something is done to make the distribution of consumer goods a competitive affair again.

Discussion about the probable winner of the Italo-Ethiopian war is just talk. Previous experience tells us that neither can win.

People's Column

To the Editor of the Journal:

It is encouraging to note that those who have attended the Soil Erosion and Conservation Educational meetings over the County this week now see a great deal more merit in the program than heretofore they had. It is regrettable that more did not attend. It is quite evident that it is not to become difficult at all for grain growers and livestockmen to embrace the practical employment of this necessary and profitable undertaking. Many had feared that considerable "Strip-cropping" and change in implements required would be called for, but it now appears that all the productive lands of this county may be brought under the system of farming proposed, without such innovations. It is felt by the experienced men who have looked over the county that our erosion problems may be subsided by the employment of the "Trashy" fallow method, and that we may well, in the outset at least, employ very largely the equipment that we now possess, although it will be desirable in time to shift to Tillers of the disc type and to grain drills of the same style. Moreover, it appears that most likely under the recommended system of farming, there will be fewer and less expensive operations required than under the present methods. And it seems that we no doubt should within two or three years begin to be able to grow greater yields than heretofore under present practices, because we would immediately become able to retain on and in the soil more of the precipitation received than formerly we have. Also, as the fertility of the soil would be built up, we should realize better milling quality wheat, which is sure to command better prices as grain lands in general become incapable of producing this premium, quality.

There can be no doubt but that it would pay every grower within the county, whether owner-operator or Lessee, to become informed of the facts and, thereafter, to actively and at once begin the employment of the new and wise system of dry-land farming. Yours for a consideration of this matter by everyone within the county. James B. Adams. Moro, Feb. 5, 1936.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP (Continued from page one)

of a mobile laboratory for plague control and prevention. An appropriation of \$15,000 for the purchase of livestock in connection with the new range livestock experiment station near Burns is also included among the 24 new laws.

Other new laws authorize the state treasurer to make temporary transfers of public funds in his keeping; dissolve the Nestucca Highway Improvement district; create the Deschutes county Livestock district; authorize the state to build a central heating and power plant and to install its own telephone exchange; and authorize cities of 5000 population or over to condemn land and erect memorial monuments or buildings.

Sales of hard liquor at state stores and agencies during 1935 aggregated \$6,041,282.11 according to the annual report of the State Liquor Control commission. This is an average of more than \$6 for each resident of the state or nearly \$40 for each of the 153,765 permit holders. Profits from liquor sales and permits during the year amounted to \$1,218,719, to which is added \$526,205.05 from privilege taxes and \$146,686 from the license division for a net surplus of \$1,891,611.

Veterans who are in arrears on their state bonus loans will be required to apply their federal bonus to this debt, the World War Veterans State Aid commission has ruled. Failure of veterans to meet their obligation will result in foreclosure on their property. Delinquencies on state loans to veterans now total approximately \$1,000,000.

Defeat of the sales tax at Friday's election is causing the State Relief Committee no little concern. Should the Public Works Program fail to absorb all of the employables or labor disputes add to the list of needy it is generally admitted that the relief situation throughout the state may become serious. Governor Martin has repeatedly declared that he would not call another special legislative session, holding that all possible sources of revenue have already been exhausted.

White pine beetles kill more trees in Oregon each year than forest fires, according to J. W. Ferguson, state forester. The beetle invasion is particularly serious in Klamath county, Ferguson said.

People's utility districts organ

ized in this state under authority of an act passed by the legislature of 1931 must "furnish electric service to all applicants residing within the boundaries of such district upon terms which apply to all equally under like conditions." This opinion given to the Hydro-Electric commission by attorney General Van Winkle is expected to have an important bearing upon the fate of these projects, three of which are now under consideration. Two of these embrace only the most populous portions of their respective counties—Marion and Linn. The other contemplates a super-district of seven counties—Clackamas, Polk, Washington, Yamhill, Columbia, Clatsop and Lincoln. Public hearings have been held in each of these counties and field surveys completed by engineers employed by the commission. Reports and recommendations of the commission will be forthcoming within the next four months. These recommendations which will deal largely with the feasibility of the proposed districts, will be only advisory. Sponsors of the project can call an election for the purpose of organization by filing petitions signed by five percent of the voters in each parcel of territory within the proposed districts regardless of the commission's recommendations.

Jack E. Allen, retiring administrator of the state liquor control system predicts the downfall of the system and repeal of the Knox act if the liquor commission does not mend its ways. Allen blames most of the woes of the commission upon its chairman, Arthur K. McMahan of Albany who refused to comment upon Allen's charge that he (McMahan) had been "attempting to use his office to further his own political ambitions."

Otto J. Runte who succeeded Jack Allen as state liquor administrator is the fourth man to hold this post in the less than two years the liquor control system has been in operation. There are those who predict that Runte tenure will not last out the year. Eugene Kelly, assistant administrator, is understood to be contemplating resigning to accept an outside job.

Governor Martin is expected to announce the appointment of his new executive secretary this week. Wallace S. Warton, Portland newspaper man, is understood to be slated for the post. Wharton served as secretary to Congressman Elton Watkins and handled Martin's publicity in his first campaign for Congress six years ago.

The WPA mining classes in Josephine county have attracted an enrollment of 1152 men and boys according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education who is in charge of the project. Forty-two percent of the students are men actually engaged in mining in Josephine and Jackson counties who are being instructed in the newer developments in placer and hard rock mining.

The perennial fish fight will be injected into the forthcoming general election campaign if the Columbia River Fisherman's Protective Union has its way. Representatives of the union filed preliminary petitions with the state department this week for a proposed initiative measure which would bar all traps and seines from the Columbia river and its tributaries. Sponsors of the measure explain that the measure is identical with the one introduced into the recent special session by Senator Francisovich of Astoria and which went down to defeat in the House by a three vote margin.

First approved sale of privately owned timber land in this state to the federal government under an act of the 1935 legislature is now before the National Forest Reservation commission for final action. The deal which involves ownership of 8950 acres of timber land in the Marys Peak area of Benton county has been approved by the Benton county court and ratified by the Oregon Board of Forest Conservation. If the trans-

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In Other Days

From the Observer Feb. 9, 1917 W. A. Woods sold 23 hogs last Tuesday for \$325.60 that did not cost him a nickel at any time they were on the farm. They were 8 months old, weighed an average of 141 1/2 pounds and sold for 10 cents on foot. They had made their way entirely on stubble and received no care until rounded up to be driven to market.

A meeting was held at Grass Valley Friday evening, February 2, to organize a rod and gun club. Officials were elected as follows: L. W. Baker, president; M. B. O'Brien, vice president; C. W. Wallace, secretary and treasurer; members of executive committee, H. A. Smith and H. Ziegler.

A. H. Barnum returned Saturday from Denver, where he attended the Middle West Stock Show, estimated to be the largest show of its kind in the country. At this show, in the Hereford class alone, there were 25,000 head on exhibition. Mr. Barnum bought a 2-year old Hereford bull for his Lone Rock Stock Farm.

Jas. Stewart has a list of 278 sportsmen of Sherman county who have signed for the Oregon Sportsman for another year. This is a larger list than was sent in last year.

From the Observer Feb. 8, 1907. Sam P. Brisbine dug through nine and a half inches of frozen ground Wednesday, on a south slope of his farm, before reaching the soft earth. This shows that the snow has not rotted the ice crust of the soil yet, in a manner pleasant to think about.

Robert Urquhart took Rev. Johnson and Buchanan to Grants Monday, on their start homeward. He had an unbroken road all the way before him, and consumed the most of two days on the trip. He succeeded in securing a copy of the Oregonian, February 2nd. It isn't quite worn out, and if anybody is looking for news we will loan them this latest date.

There are two slides on the O R N between Dalles City and Portland that baffle the skill and ingenuity of every railway man on the line.

Emmitt Sells surprised folks by coming home this week via Colfax. Elmer Heath of Grass Valley and J. H. Bottemiller of Kent, came through also, somehow. J. H. says walking was bad.

Charley Deikman and his brother in law, Mr. Monroe, made a flying business trip to Moro this week, 20 miles and back in three days and two nights. Talk about your sleigh rides! Gee.

Goldfish Overfed, Not Gassed Corvallis—Gold fish are not injured by chlorinated water common in most cities, but they are injured by over feeding, according to investigations made by Dr. Nathan Fasten, head of the zoology department at OSC. Dr. Fasten has recently published in the American Naturalist the result of a test he made which showed that gold fish will live indefinitely in chlorinated city water, and that they will live from four to six months in many cases with no food whatever.

Mistress—Mary, did I hear you kiss someone in the kitchen? Cook—Well, ma'am, the junk man said he came for a little oven.

fer is consummated the federal government will pay up all delinquent taxes and in the future the county will receive one-fourth of all revenue from the tract in lieu of taxes.

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Kent Rebekahs and Odd-Fellows Install Officers

New Farm Family Moves Onto Sias Farm Near Town

Kent I. O. O. F. lodge No. 185 and Wheatland Rebekah lodge No. 183 held joint installation Thursday evening January 30th. Installing officers were: J. E. Norton, grand master and Mrs. W. E. Helyer, district deputy president. Officers installed were Noble Grand Mrs. W. G. Helyer; Vice Grand, Floye vonBorstel; Secretary, Dorothy Dunlap; Treasurer, Mildred Norton. Five hundred was played and supper served later.

The Townsend club will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday evening February 11th. A dance will be held after the business session, and potluck supper.

Mrs. G. L. Barnet and Anne Sather were visiting at the home of Mrs. Emma Schadewitz at Moro Wednesday. William Mitchell and son Robert and G. W. Howell were transacting business in The Dalles Tuesday.

Home Economics club held an all day meeting Tuesday at the grange hall and quitted.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson spent last Tuesday visiting all the grades in the Kent school.

Mrs. Carl Schadewitz who is staying in The Dalles now for medical treatment, spent the week end here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie and grand son George Sacre were visiting at the C. C. Wilson home at Poplar Grove Saturday.

Harriet Fredrickson and Nelson Glover of Portland visited friends at Kent a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay have moved from town to the ranch formerly farmed by George McKay and known as the B. M. Sias ranch.

L. J. Davis and wife, Mrs. F. C. Darby and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and

grand son George Sacre were at Moro Wednesday. Mr. Davis to attend the farm conference while the others visited Mrs. Ida Davis.

Candidates Begin To Appear As Primry Nears

The defeat of the September primary bill has acted as something of a spur to political aspirations in the county. First result is the announcement of Charles C. Wilson of Rufus that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff. Others are known to be flirting with the idea of trying for some of the offices in the May primary. County offices to be filled this year are that of county judge, one commissioner, a sheriff, clerk, assessor and county school superintendent.

HOLC—Why does a person always lower his voice when asking for a loan?

FRC—I suppose for the same reason he raises it when he doesn't get it.

For Sheriff

I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sherman county, subject to the action of the voters of the Democratic party at the Primary election to be held on the 15th day of May, 1936.

Charles C. Wilson.

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