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COMMUNISM

One of the peculiarities noticed in the present public scene is that as a rule those who express themselves against communism the most radically are those who also are given to statements about the economic situation that increase communistic sentiment.

Constant reiteration of the opinion that certain groups of "big boys" or corporations or Wall Streeters are plotting against the common run of mankind naturally cause people to wish to change the economic arrangements of the nation to something else even if it be communism. If there is evidence to show that certain corporations practice unjust or unfair methods those corporations should be prosecuted or laws made to stop such unjust practices. A general hue and cry against all business that is corporately owned or managed and of large size is undoubtedly as unfair as any practice.

Communism is not going to be stopped by persecution of those who believe or profess to believe its doctrines. Such methods serve to increase the number of members. We will not change from a democratic form of government as long as we can make democracy satisfactory to a sizeable majority of the population.

A democracy, more than any other type of government, depends on accurate information about public affairs being in the hands of the people. If we are to govern ourselves we must know what is going on in governmental and economic affairs. Information that causes one class to fear and hate another, especially if it is not true, is as dangerous as communistic doctrines for either will eventually disrupt democracy.

LET IT RAIN

There is probably no other manifestation of nature's bounty that is more heartily acclaimed in the wheat country of this latitude than rain in June. It doesn't make a lot of difference whether it is the first days or the last days of that month but rain in June has in it the power to satisfy the desires of wheat farmers.

To one who has perhaps hundreds of acres of growing wheat on the outcome of which his hopes depend the addition of an inch or so of moisture to the rapidly lessening amount under his crop it is of substantial benefit. Of course no rain, unless it be one of those drenching down pours that washes a l before it, is quite large enough to completely satisfy the demand of the farmer. He wants enough to insure a crop under any conditions—east wind, hot weather or anything else.

The farmer knows that he can never be sure of a crop, but he likes to have conditions as favorable as they can be. Therefore the desire for rain in copious quantities. Let it rain.

BUCK HOLLOW BRIDGE

The proposal has been made that the counties of Wasco and Sherman, through their county courts, busy themselves in trying to negotiate for the railroad bridge that spans Buck Hollow. The railroad tracks on this side of the Dechutes river are to be torn up soon and the bridge will not be used after that and will undoubtedly, in the natural course of things, be torn down as well unless the counties buy it.

It would be comparatively easy for Sherman county to grade a road to the railroad right of way and send traffic over the railroad bridge if it could be transformed to meet the requirements of highway travel. The grade on the Wasco side of Buck Hollow would be a better location for a highway than the present site if it could be widened.

The expense of widening the bridge would surely be less than the cost of building a new one which will have to be done soon in any event. Also the higher bridge would permit a much better alignment of the road than does the present site. In any case it is something to think over and consider.

Government can never make people prosperous by taking money away from them and giving it back, but it does make them feel good for a little while.

The postponement of the administration's new tax bill might have been expected. There is little political profit in passing new taxes in an election year, even if people know they must come.

June is the month of weddings and every four years of political conventions. We don't know which causes the most talk, but suppose the weddings would win out in the long run.

Alcohol, some scientist says, stops digestion. What in heck do some of the "soaks" do with the food they eat?

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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government. The program has been submitted to the Bureau of Public Roads for approval, upon receipt of which the letting of contracts will be started.

Some concern is felt by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, over the ability of Oregon to match future federal allotments for highway work unless highway revenues show a material increase. Under the Hayden Cartwright bill, still pending before Congress, Oregon would receive \$2,045,000 in federal aid for road work for 1938 and 1939 but this would require at least \$2,500,000 of state funds, including costs of right of way, Baldock points out.

The fate of the municipal bankruptcy act which was held to be unconstitutional by the United States supreme court this week, will not hamper any Oregon municipality in its efforts to refinance its outstanding indebtedness, according to state officials familiar with the situation. Oregon has three state acts designed to expedite refinancing by cities which find their debts burdensome. One of those, known as the municipal administration act of 1933, authorizes cities to apply to the circuit court for appointment of an administrator to take over its financial affairs and make bond adjustments. Another act of the same session authorizes the state treasurer to act as intermediary between municipal corporations and bond holders in affecting compromises and adjustments. A third statute, enacted in 1935, and known as the municipal refinancing act, permits cities to refinance their indebtedness through the medium of the State Bond commission.

Not since Henry L. Benson defeated Chas. L. McNary for the republican nomination for supreme justice by a single vote in 1914 has Oregon witnessed such a horse race on the state ticket as that staged by U. S. Burt of Corvallis and Jack Allen of Pendleton in their race for the democratic nomination for state treasurer. Complete reports from all counties now give the nomination to Burt by the narrow margin of seven votes. Allen will not contest.

A riot at the state prison this week in protest against failure of the circuit to release Earl H. Fehl, former Jackson county judge without a parole, failed when the large body of prisoners refused to join the ringleaders in their noise making. Several windows were broken by missiles thrown from the cells. The demonstrators are now confined in correction cells.

Oregon must start to plan now for at least two more state buildings Governor Martin points out. One of the new buildings, the governor explained, must be an office building to cost approximately \$1,000,000. The other must be a library building to cost approximately \$500,000. The firm of Trowbridge & Livingston, New York architects, selected to design the new capitol, submitted a suggested capitol plot which involves acquisition of four additional blocks of ground north of Court street, between Capitol and Winter streets. The suggested plot locates a building in each of the four blocks, all as developments of the future. It is expected that the next legislature will be asked to give consideration to the proposals, including the need for additional state buildings.

Oregon motorists paid three times as much in gasoline taxes during 1935 as they did in license fees, it was revealed in the annual report of the highway commission. Gasoline and distillate taxes paid during the year totaled \$7,817,199 while only \$2,419,379 was paid in automobile license fees.

Columnists and wise crackers attention! Squirrels living on the capitol grounds are becoming so tame that they are fraternizing with state employees, even to riding on the elevators.

CARD OF THANKS

"I wish to thank the voters of Sherman County for the loyal support they gave me at the primary election." David Reid.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 7, 1907  
 Miss Gertrude Henrichs will enjoy her vacation amongst the vines and fruits of Hood River valley.

Prof. Hampton has accepted the vice-principal position in the public schools of Dalles City.

Circuit Court will be held in Moro for the first time under the new law Monday, October 7th. Hon. E. V. Littlefield, Judge.

Fred Rose, brother of Miss Nellie Rose, arrived from Idaho this week to take the place as book-keeper in the S. T. Co. store, vice M. E. Ellis resigned, who goes into a similar position at Falls City. Attorney M. E. Miller has taken all the insurance business lately

OUSTED DIPLOMAT



Alexander Minkin, Soviet minister to Uruguay, who was given his passport when Uruguay severed relations with Russia. South American newspapers charged that Minkin was responsible for the uprisings in Brazil and other parts of the continent.

conducted by J. O. Elrod in Moro and Sherman county, some 23 companies comprising the list, and is now prepared to fill any orders in insurance.

From the Observer June 8, 1917  
 Friday afternoon a contract was awarded Hedges and Huls for the building of a concrete waterway under the Ginn, Coleman & Co. store and the Moro Garage and across First street to the Tumalum Lum. Co. property. The new waterway will be large enough to hold all the spring flood waters that generally do so much damage to the streets and property. The contract price was \$3300, of which \$1000 will be paid by the owners of the buildings under which the waterway will be built. Four bids were received by the city, all within \$12 of the highest, including local, Portland and The Dalles contractors.

Miss Aver Black was a guest last week at the home of her school friend, Miss Bessie Bourhill.

Don Wheat and Phil Buxton were trying fisherman's luck on the Deschutes Monday at the Harris place, getting several.

SOIL CONSERVATION

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continued, most people will probably qualify by planting crested wheat grass. It can be planted this fall on fallow and a man can get both payments for so doing."

Radio Interference

Radio experts report that static, or electrical interference, some times develops in a car radio as a result of certain parts of the car other than the spark plugs, accumulating charges of electricity, according to the Oregon State Motor association.

PIONEER STORY

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shanty of my friend, Jory who very kindly gave me every assistance.

A Mr. Biggs from California had located a claim on the site of what is now the thriving little village of Wasco. He had informed many of his southern friends of what he considered a "real bonanza." He was so profuse in his description of the new country that several of his former neighbors soon joined him and became as jubilant as himself.

In my search for a location, I was compelled to take second choice or go a long way back of the settlement. I located a claim a little west and three miles south of what is now Wasco. On this quarter section, I found a few rushes growing and I felt sure that water must be near the surface. Digging about six feet, I found sufficient water for my use.

My next move was to make a perfect settlement by building a shack on the newly found homestead. Lumber could be had only from The Dalles or at Columbus, now Mary Hill, across the great Columbia. I drove about fifteen miles to this latter place, crossing the river on a scow ferry, propelled by wind and sails. When I had the necessary material on the ground I was not long in putting up a small but livable cabin. Feeling secure against all land hunters, with a brother yet under his majority, and my friend Jory, I started to the Willamette valley on June 18, 1880, camping that night at The Dalles where I made legal filings the following day.

We pitched our camp near a large spring that flowed from under the rocky cliff just east of where the old brewery was built. Here, we had a most enjoyable treat to real beef-steak. It may now be stated that this one time generous spring is now no more and not known to present day residents of the city.

Mr. Joseph Shearer of Shearer's Bridge on the upper Des Chutes was engaged to build a road to supplant the brewery grade. This spring was connected with the main sewer pipes and was discharged in the sand just east of

the old Umatilla House north of the railroad tracks. At this time and probably today, a Chinese had gardened this sand plot and with profitable returns as he found ready markets for his produce.

At this writing, May 18, 1936, this garden place is probably under some eight feet of water which each year, during the spring rise of the river, drives the gardener off the premises. This annual overflow of the majestic river is of great value to the garden and fruit lands of The Dalles.

On July 1 we camped at the old Stricklin stock ranch, having learned that the snow was still too deep for the passage of wagons over the mountains. However, loose horses had been taken over some time before this date. Eastern Oregon horse raisers each spring drove numbers of the animals to sell to the farmers of the Willamette valley.

When we reached this camp we found families waiting an opportunity to cross the mountains. Among them was a man that was frantic to get over to a wife who was ill. We three volunteered to put this man across by main strength if necessary. Accordingly, we arranged for the trip by cutting grass, packing the same in sacks that we might have proven for the horses. Our first camp was at the edge of the snow. The next morning we worked our way to the dashing White river which was running bank full as it plunged down the northeast section of Mt. Hood.

Just before our arrival at White river we learned that a wagon was washed down stream backwards which, of course, caused the burrs to be unsecured from the spindles of the wagon and the wheels had all come off. To avoid this possibility our wagon was taken apart and skidded, each section thereof, across a narrow point in the stream which was spanned by a foot log. Foreseeing the difficulty of getting our wagon across, the wagon box has been left at camp. Having succeeded in our efforts, we boys rode ahead, following the blazed trees as a guide. When we came to fallen logs, we awaited the coming of the wagon that we might lift it over the obstructions.

About mid afternoon we reached the summit from which we could look over the sky line to the Willamette valley. Leisurely we rode on to where the resort of Swim is now located and where the Summit house was kept for travelers. We inquired of the keeper when it would be possible for a wagon to cross and were informed that it would be at least two weeks. While he was making his statement he heard the rattle of a wagon being drawn over the old corduroy road. This corduroy was laid across the Little Mountain Meadow from which wild hay was cut annually for feed. The present main highway is not routed over this meadow but skirts the mountain in a continuous ascent.

For our evening meal we had jerked elk which had been prepared by the keeper of the Mountain House. Needless to say we very much enjoyed the rations after what had been a very arduous day's travel. The next morning we three returned to the Stricklin ranch. The man whom we had assisted made his way to the valley without further delays.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock, a. m., at the front door of the courthouse in Moro, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

That portion of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 2, lying west of the John Day River in Sherman County, Oregon; and the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 3; and the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 4; and the NW 1/4 of the North west 1/4 of Sec. 11, and that portion of the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of Sec. 11, lying west of the John Day River, in Sherman County, Oregon, all in Township 1 N., Range 19 EWM. Situated in Sherman County, Oregon. Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of Clema A. Allen, plaintiff, vs. M. F. Duncan and Agnes Duncan, husband and wife; The Dalles Investment Company a corporation; William G. McDonald and Mattie J. McDonald, husband and wife; and Mary Nitschke, a widow, defendants.

HUGH CHRISMAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Benn Molden Morford, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Benn Molden Morford, deceased, at her residence at Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit:

May 29, 1936. Etta Morford, 30-33  
 Geo. G. Updegraff, 30-33  
 Attorney for Administratrix

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the duly appointed Executrix of the last will and testament of J. Arthur Butler, deceased, has filed her Final Account in said estate, and that Saturday, the 27th day of June, 1936, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the County Court Room in the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Pearl Irene Butler  
 Geo. G. Updegraff 30 to 33  
 Attorney for Executrix

NOTICE OF SALE WASCO BAKERY

The undersigned, the duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Merritt G. Tuel, deceased, will receive bids for the stock and fixtures of the Wasco Bakery, Wasco, Oregon. The store is being operated and the stock and fixtures may be inspected at any time during the business hours. Certified check for 10 percent of amount offered must accompany bid. Right reserved to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened in the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 a. m., Monday, June 1, 1936.

Margaret Tuel

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Property

On Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of Section Nineteen; the West Half of Section Thirty; also beginning at a point in South line of Section Thirty, 1970.2 feet West of the Southeast Corner said Section which point is on West line of Hay Canyon Road; thence North 6 degrees 55 minutes East 354 feet; thence North 3 degrees 18 minutes East 235.4 feet; thence North 3 degrees 42 minutes West 233.7 feet; thence North 11 degrees 45 minutes East 439.2 feet; thence North 15 degrees 12 minutes East 275 feet; thence North 10 degrees 41 minutes East 450.3 feet; thence North 53 minutes East 454.6 feet; thence North 20 degrees 47 minutes East 224.3 feet to North line of Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty, thence North 89 degrees West 1909 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty, thence South to the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty, thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes East 686 feet to beginning, all in Township One, South of Range Eighteen, East of the Willamette Meridian, excepting 1 acre conveyed to School District No. 20, on February 18, 1897, and excepting that portion of the above described land released by partial release recorded in book 7 of releases, page 450, Records of Sherman County, Oregon.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

HUGH CHRISMAN  
 Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon  
 Dated this 13th day of May, 1936  
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Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. M. G. Melzer and Edna Melzer, husband and wife; Moro State Bank, a corporation; Mark Skinner as Superintendent of Banks; Sherman County, a municipal corporation; and the Sherman County National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, defendants.

HUGH CHRISMAN  
 Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon  
 29-33

Notice of Sheriff's Sale on Foreclosure in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman.

New York Life Insurance Company, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Clyde E. Crites, Susie Ida Hastings, Susie Ida Hastings, Trustee, Sarah Myrtle Dunn and Lester L. Dunn, wife and husband, William Everett Hastings and Lena Hastings, husband and wife, Charles M. Cunningham and Alta Mae Cunningham, husband and wife, John Lewis Hastings and Martha Hastings, husband and wife, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled suit, to me directed and dated the 13th day of May, 1936, upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said court, dated May 9, 1936, and entered May 11, 1936, the said judgment being in favor of said plaintiff and against the above named defendant, Clyde E. Crites, for the sum of \$13,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from Sept.-4, 1932 to Sept. 1, 1935 and at the rate of 10% per annum subsequent to September 1, 1935; for the further sum of \$394.51, the further sum of \$330.50, and the further sum of \$700.00 attorney's fees and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the sum of \$18.70 and for accruing costs, commanding me to sell the following described real property situated within Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

All of Section Twenty-six (26) in Township One (1) South of Range Seventeen (17) East of the Willamette Meridian, excepting Twenty (20) rods square in the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 26, sold to Rose Hill Cemetery and containing 2.50 acres, and leaving in all hereby described 637.50 acres, more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1936 at 11:00 o'clock a. m. of said day at the front door of the County Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the above named defendants and each and all of them in the above entitled suit had on the 1st day of September, 1924, the date of the mortgage foreclosed by said decree, or since that date had in and to the above described property, to satisfy said execution, decree and order of sale, interest, costs and accruing costs.

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