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PROSPERITY

The Oregon Life Insurance Company in a recent news story states that the people of the Pacific coast states have an annual average spendable income of \$2800 per family which is greater than the national average which is \$2111 per family.

This recalls the announcement of the department of commerce that of the counties of the United States with a high spendable income Sherman county was among the first hundred and fifty, with a "purple" spot rating.

This year Sherman county farmers may very easily receive \$2,000,000 for their wheat crop with their sales of stock and small produce and wages and salaries and business incomes the total per capita income of the people of this county may quite reasonably be \$1000 per capita which would be \$4300 per family or \$1500 per family more than the average for the Pacific coast and a little over twice as much as the average for the United States as a whole.

It has been noted with some surprise that Sherman counties as a whole fail to realize their extremely fortunate position. There are still many things to be desired but when living standards here are compared to those in other parts of the country the true position is made known.

ANTS AS CAPITALISTS

Car owners who have left their vehicles standing beneath the trees along the streets this summer have become acquainted with a bit of natural history that is as interesting as its results are annoying. The "honey-dew" that falls from the trees and sticks to the cars is made by aphides in the trees and the aphides in the trees are kept and herded by the busy ants who live on the "honey-dew."

The aphides are one of the numerous guest insects of the red ants. Guest in this case is the name applied to the insects kept and cared for by the ants for the juice they secrete much as men keep herds of cattle. The ants take the aphides up the trees in the spring when the leaves come out and take them back in the fall when their work is done and the feed is gone, just as stockmen bring their herds from the mountains when the grass is short and the winter threatens.

Other types of ants in other countries use other lice and insects in similar ways and some, it is said, are agriculturists in that they grow a plant on which they feed.

In these days of social stress and talk of class war it is strange that an organization is not formed to try and prevent the ants from enslaving the aphides and living from their labor. One can picture the possible results from the struggle that might ensue. Radical young aphides might organize their fellows and strike thus starving the ants to subjection. It would follow that the aphides would be left up in the trees without means of getting down until the leaves fell which would be disastrous to them but they might win in the strike.

It appears that the aphides are almost necessary to the ants but it also appears that the ants are necessary to the aphides for if one wishes to rid his trees of them he has merely to get rid of the ants. It may follow that the warring classes of the social structure of men are also necessary to each other, that labor would be helpless without the leadership of management and the aid of capital and that capital would be useless without labor to make it effective.

DROUTH, MODEL OF THE EIGHTIES

During the past week or so, or while the drouth stories have filled the papers, we have been thinking of Old Man Ekloff. Mr. Ekloff was one of those hardy Swedes who came to America after the Civil war to take up land in the United States. Fortune, or what he took to be fortune, sent him to Kansas when that land was first being settled.

He located on a claim in the western part of that state, built or laid or whatever one does to

construct a sod house and went to farming. After a few years he had to leave. Had to sell his stock or give them away and pack up his family and get out because of the drouth and the grass hoppers. He came to Oregon and settled in a wooded valley where he has been happy and prosperous ever since. He always maintained that the Kansas drouth was a most fortunate circumstance for him; for it caused him to leave that state.

This year there is another drouth although it is farther north. This time the government is aiding the inhabitants to leave or to stay, either one. The home steaders who left the short grass country in the eighties did so on their own accord, driving their own vehicles, or they stayed thru it all and made homes for themselves and descendants. They made their decisions themselves.

The residents of the 1936 drouth are offered advice and aid until they will have difficulty in knowing what opportunity to take. We hope, with some misgivings, that they will be able to keep some of their pride of decision as well as did the independent Mr. Ekloff.

SNAKES IN THE COURT

Rattle snakes, natives of the open country where men are infrequent visitors, have been introduced in court in Los Angeles and have added a bit of comedy to a sordid murder trial that seems to have in it some of the aspects of community advertising.

A snake, even though he wears warning buttons on his nether extremities, is no fit companion for mankind. It may be assumed that a vast majority of mankind know it to judge from the speed with which the courtroom was vacated when the snake witness broke loose from his attendant. Those who deal in snakes and handle them are so few when compared to the number who do not that such practices smack of abnormality.

One is led to doubt if it is absolutely necessary to bring the snakes into court to demonstrate to jurors their ability to kill or to emphasize their loathsomeness.

Perhaps the recent news item regarding the citizenship of Hugh Ball, editor of the Hood River News and newly appointed head of the state relief committee, will have some good effect for it appears that Mr. Ball will become a citizen of the United States after some twenty years of considering the move.

The Grass Varieties on the experiment station have been cut and the work of harvesting the barley and oats has begun. Each variety must be cut and handled separately so that its yield may be accurately checked. Threshing will not start for several days yet as the grain is cut with a binder and shocked.

Since the re-oiling of parts of the Sherman highway the yellow stripe is gone. In fact, it is gone in some places anyway, because of steady wear. Before long foggy days will be due and it is to be hoped that before that time the highway department will have a new stripe for motorists to follow.

The reserve board is trying to prevent credit inflation by raising the legal requirements for bank reserves. Is it going to reduce government lending as well?

Cavemen and cave-women who invade southern California may return home looking like a ripe tomato.

Sherman county co-operatives have strengthened their position to a marked extent by the purchase of their storage facilities.

A Spokane woman is accused of bigamy because it appears she married four men in four different places. That isn't bigamy, it's insanity.

Union labor should remember about the dangers of a house divided against itself.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one) ed to \$67.63. The city of Moro received \$11.80; Grass Valley, \$6.97; Wasco, 13.40.

Claims totalling \$81,120.75 against the several counties for the care of non-violent insane under the so-called "ward" act of 1931 were wiped off the books by the board of control this week. The claims were based upon the arbitrary charges of \$20 per month which the counties protested as excessive inasmuch as it was more than the actual cost of the care of these wards to the state. In wiping out these claims the board of control conceded this point. Charges against the counties wiped out by the board action include: Benton, \$1122; Columbia, \$526; Coos, \$729; Deschutes, \$512.34; Lane, \$3001.83; Linn \$2316; Marion, \$19,740.62; Morrow, \$70.67; Multnomah, \$44,572.98; Polk, \$636.66; Umatilla, \$180.33; Wasco, \$123.99; Washington, \$1,444.68; Yamhill, \$1224.46.

Governor Martin wants the "back seat drivers" who are continually knocking the government to quit their croaking and get out and push. The "defeatists" attitude which he declares to be so deep rooted in the Willamette, is especially scored by the governor who declares that what western Oregon needs most of all is some of the fighting spirit which he found to abound in eastern Oregon in his recent visit to that section of the state.

State officials and employees who are not satisfied with the kind of automobiles the state buys for them must either swallow their pride or buy their own cars, the board of control declared this week in turning down requisitions for three new cars of more expensive make. The board has been confining its automobile purchases to the lighter and less expensive models on the theory that the primary interest of the state is to provide economical transportation.

After taking up the \$250,000 in certificates of indebtedness issued to finance June and July relief needs the state liquor commission will have only \$630,000 available for the relief work during the remainder of the year according to an estimate by A. K. McMahan chairman of the liquor commission. With five months to go that means the state's share of relief expenditures must be kept below \$150,000 a month if the work is to be kept on a pay-as-you-go basis as Governor Martin insists that it must. Approximately \$200,000 of the anticipated revenues for this year will come in for annual license renewals during the last two weeks in December, McMahan said.

If the State Industrial Accident commission expects to avoid payment of the state "tithe" it must look to the courts for relief. Attorney General Van Winkle has advised the commission that in the absence of a Supreme Court ruling to the contrary it must be assumed that the act requiring self-supporting boards and commissions to pay a "tithe" into the general fund is valid. The commission had sought to evade the tithe on the ground that the workmen's compensation fund is a trust fund and not subject to state regulation.

More than 80 law school graduates participated in the annual bar examinations here this week. This was a smaller class than usual. Last year 103 applicants for admission to the bar took the tests.

People's Column

To the Editor of the Sherman County Journal; especially its readers.

The Coming issue of my articles in the Journal will be of absorbing interest for pioneer family readers. It will deal with actual knowledge of the Old Immigrant Trail as marked out by the late Ezra Meeker and also personally known by me. When you read it you will understand the reason why I contribute this letter and ask your perusal of the Article.

You will do me a favor by writing me a post card of comment for or against the proposition put forth for your reading. Pioneers are fast passing the Great Divide and it is to their memory that I dedicate this Article in the Journal. C. W. Barzee, 412 S. E. 30th Ave. Portland Ore.

"Courtship," says Virginia-Type-tickler, "is that period which lasts from the time a boy starts chasing a girl until the girl catches him."

Try Journal advertising. It pays.

Sun Explosion Affects Radio



Dr. Robert S. Richardson (left) of Mount Wilson observatory shows with apparatus with which he discovered that gaseous explosions occurring on the sun every time it rotates, but short-wave radio sets out of commission. Inspecting the apparatus to the right is Dr. Seth B. Nicholson.

In Other Days

From the Observer July 19, 1907.

Grain bags in Portland are quotable on a wholesale market at 9 cents. The future of the market is uncertain, but decidedly firm. Everything depends on the size of the crop.

Henry DeMoss has returned from an extended northern buggy ride. As advance agent for the DeMoss Lyric Bards, he placed the company on the high road to success this summer.

D. A. Maxwell is hauling his winter supply of fuel from Klickitat woods, over the old wagon trails so popular 25 years ago.

Rev. Skipworth will preach in the Spalding Chapel and the Rutledge church Sunday.

It never pays to raise a scrub of any kind, animal, fruit or vegetable. See the Gooseberries, for instance, that come from the Wm. Morrison farm. Whoppers, as big as Royal Anne cherries.

From the Observer July 20, 1917.

The Misses Frances and Bessie Anderson arrived home Tuesday from a visit with their uncle J. A. Rasmussen and family at Hillsboro. E. H. Moore and family, accompanied by Mrs. R. P. Deer, who has been visiting with Mrs. Moore from Portland, left Thursday morning for the Rose City via auto and the Columbia highway.

Mrs. J. M. Parry, jr. left Tuesday for Warrenton, near Astoria, for a few days visit with her brother, Oren Johnson, before his muster into the U. S. army with other members of his National Guard Company.

Hedges and Huls, contractors in charge of building the new school house are moving rapidly with construction work. They have the excavation finished, foundation footings in place and work on the concrete forms well underway.

BARZEE STORY

Continued from page one.

were not Kentuckians who did not believe it necessary to educate their children; yet the education was limited to the three R's.

There had been hired by Mr. Pierson the previous winter a teacher who answered an advertisement from The Dalles that proved to be very unsatisfactory. It was believed she was a person of high life in The Dalles wanting a vacation. This winter, 1881 Miss King of a settler's family had been hired to teach the Pierson family. Miss King had hired at a sum that included instrumental music lessons on their new organ.

The Pierson family was of two parentages, Willerton and Pierson. He, young Willerton, had married one of the Eaton older girls so she was related to the Pierson family. This married woman was one of my singing class, and my fame, such as it was, went over to the Pierson family. I had never professed to be an instrumental teacher but with the instruction book I was quite efficient at giving instruction to his girls. At an early age I became a cripple in my right hand and through the lack of proper surgery which might have saved the practical use of my fingers, I was never able to finger the keys of piano or organ. I was a frontier child of early Oregon when surgery was not conveniently had. Mr. Pierson, to meet his obligation with Miss King and give his girls an opportunity, applied to me for their instruction. I insisted that I was not an instrumental teacher but he assured me I could give entire satisfaction, from reports before mentioned. Really I had no trouble giving correct instructions. There, however, occur-

red during the series of lessons, an unforeseen feature which was easily adjusted when discovered to me. I had become interested in my leading soprano and while I gave more time than is ordinary in the lessons, I did not accept of their hospitality to stay over night with them. I was at that time carrying the mail from Grants station once each week to W. M. Barnett's grocery store, to where the postoffice had recently been moved from Mr. Eaton's. I did this on Saturdays and went directly to the Pierson place and gave the lessons. When they learned I did stop, sometimes over night at Willerton's where my soprano singer could be contacted, it seemed not altogether to suit the family, just whom I never learned and never cared. I later made it a point to accept their hospitality and review the lessons on Sunday morning to their satisfaction. I was half inclined to believe my staying might have been sort of an excuse to interest me in one of the young ladies of their home. It was easy for me to arrange my visits for Sunday with my preferred company.

Soon the wild stock-mans customs gave way to local social gatherings and before we were aware of these changes we were of a farmer society in a real farming community. However the rope and branding iron carried on their old practice of sick caring. Farmers calves and colts not branded were roped, branded and led away to an isolated part of the range where they were herded until they took up with the herd. I once had a fine, well bred, halter broke, unbranded mare taken from my pasture. Whither, I never learned. I did learn to put my —Z brand on colts and calves there after. Stock men had their brands registered and no court could dispute their title when found branded. I have good reasons to believe that some settlers, also, helped themselves to a fat calf or a marauding steer about their premises. It was easy to destroy the branded hide and salt the meat in a barrel or tub. Neither salted meat nor a destroyed hide could tell tales. Mr. Jacks, a highly honored settler, was by some one accused of helping himself to range meat.

His neighbors at once came to his rescue with the statement that they would rather accuse themselves than their neighbor Jacks. Mr. Jacks during the winter of 1881 lived for some time on boiled wheat rather than appeal for aid to any one.

C. W. Barzee, 412 S. E. 30th Ave. Portland, Ore.

(Continued from page one) the safest driver is selected as Oregon's representative in the first nationwide motorcade.

Anyone who has driven a private passenger automobile 50,000 miles or more in the last 10 years, without accident and without violation of traffic laws, is eligible to apply, it was pointed out. Application blanks may be obtained from the Oregon State Motor association in Portland or from any branch office. At the close of the safe-driver search a board of Oregon Judges will study the applications and select the motorist found to have the best record. Persons whose records are among the best probably will be called into conference with the judges, the motor club said. Affidavits may be requested to establish the reliability of statements appearing on the applications.

From the character of applications already received it is apparent that the honor will go to the motorist who has driven sanely and inconspicuously over a period of years. It will not go to the youth who is able to take the corners on two wheels and at the same time keep from hitting a telephone pole.

YOUNG EXECUTIVE



Walter E. Holman, youthful Portland (Ore.) business man, who was elected to the presidency of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's annual convention in Memphis, Tenn.

Mayflower Child

Oceanus Hopkins was the name of the child born on the Mayflower

Clogged Muffler

A clogged muffler will cause the engine of an automobile to over-heat, according to the emergency road service of the Oregon State Motor association. Cleaning requires little time.

Quiet Rear Gears

Pinion and rear gears, which drive the rear wheels by action on the rear axles, must be properly meshed to insure quiet operation of an automobile and avoid undue wear. Gear tooth wear, together with bearing wear, may be indicated by a humming noise in the rear end.

NOTICE is hereby given that Etta Houston Morford, widow of Benn Morford, deceased, of Wasco, Oregon, who on June 21, 1930, made homestead entry, act Dec. 29, 1916, No. 027339, for Lots 3, 4, S1 NW1, W1SW1, SW1NE1, E1SE1-4, Sec. 4 N1N1, SW1NW1, NW1SW1, Section 22, Township 1 N., Range 19 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Registrar, United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 11th day of August, 1936.

Claimant names as witnesses Everett W. McQuillion, of Wasco, Oregon; Chester Silver, of Wasco, Oregon; William R. Reid, of Wasco, Oregon; George Smith, of Blalock, Oregon.

W. F. Jackson, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that Frances Henrichs, administratrix of the estate of Walter Dayton Henrichs, deceased, has filed her Final Account in said estate, and that Saturday, the 25th day of July, 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 to said account and the settlement thereof.

Frances E. Henrichs, Administratrix of said estate. Geo. E. Updegraff, Attorney for Administratrix 34-37

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Alice Belshé has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Clay Belshé, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to said administratrix at the home of Robert Belshé, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice. The first publication is June 26, 1936.

ALICE BELSHE, Administratrix. J. Tracy Barton, Attorney for Estate 34-37

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On Saturday the 25th day of July, 1936, at the hour of 10:00 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 real property located in Sherman County, Oregon-to-wit:

The Southeast quarter (SE1) of Section Thirty-two (32), Southwest quarter (SW1), West half of the Southeast quarter (W1SE1) of Section Thirty-three (33), in Township Three (3) South, Range Fifteen (15) East of the Willamette Meridian, and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter (SW1NW1) of Section Four (4), Lot One (1) and the South half of the Northeast quarter (S1NE1), North half of the Southeast quarter (N1SE1) and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (NE1SW1) of Section Five (5) in Township Four (4) South of Range Fifteen (15) E. W. M., containing 841.02 acres, more or less, in Sherman County, Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, to me directed in the case of "Evelyn Houghton, Plaintiff, vs. John Engstrom, et al. Defendants." I am directed to sell particularly all of the interest, right and title in the above described property which W. M. McGinnis and Katie McGinnis, husband and wife, or either of them, had therein on January 4, 1926 (the date of the execution of the mortgage upon which said judgment is based) and any and all interest which they, or either of them, and all persons holding by, through or under them, or either of them, may have since acquired therein. The purchaser at said sale will be placed in immediate possession of said property and of the whole thereof.

HUGH CHRISMAN, Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon. GALLOWAY & KRIER, Attorneys for Plaintiff 34-38

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against the estate of George Hennagin, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed executor and executor of the last will and testament of George Hennagin, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: July 17, 1936.

Daisy Hennagin, Lloyd L. Hennagin, Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Estate. 37-38-39 40

It's Your Fair and you will be proud of it when the proud Percherons, the stately saddlers, the handsome Herefords go by in the parade. Begin, now to prepare stock, grain or sewing for your exhibit. Remember: 'Every day is Sherman County Day' September 3-5, 1936