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TO BE BOSS; OR BOSSED STRIKE

Often we hear people say, "there ought to be a law..." but it seems that equally often we hear the sentiment that laws should be repealed. It all comes back to the question of how much government the people really want after it is all said and done.

Perhaps those agitators are correct who assume that there are but a few independent people in the world after all and that the majority of the citizenry would like to be told how much they could sow and reap, the price of bread and gasoline, the number of hours to be worked and the wage per day, and all the other details of living.

Such a theory is contrary to our conception of life as taught by those hardy pioneers who scorned to allow anyone to tell them anything about their personal conduct. The easier life of the twenties may have softened us so that nowadays we put security ahead of personal freedom. It may be that most of us would be as biddable as trained seals if we were assured that the next meal would be adequate.

The theory is distasteful to those who have been trained to think that a bit of self expression adds greatly to the joy of living. Security is desirable, certainly, but it is more enjoyed and more appreciated when it has been won. It is not cherished when it comes in the form of a gift from the powers that be.

There are those in this county who fear that too much power will come into the hands of the industrial leaders and there are those who fear that political leaders will gain too much power. Probably the common man is better served when neither are too powerful. If we give to the political power authority over industrial agency we have lost the chance to govern ourselves and whether we want to be independent or subservient we will have to bow to the political rulers who will be in position to be as dictatorial as the present lords of Europe.

FREE SPEECH

Dirk DeJonge is out of jail and the Oregon syndicalism law is out as a means of enforcing the agitators to keep silence. The law was passed at a time when it was popular to keep disturbers quiet by force if necessary. There are still those that feel that no one should be allowed to talk publicly if they disagree with the general conception of government. They have been slapped on the wrist by the supreme court.

It is true that communist agitators are usually a mouthy sort who "get under the hide" of the average citizen. It is probable that imprisonment of them does more harm to the American system than allowing them to talk. If they become so persuasive that a majority follows them we will try their method of government.

A democracy, such as we have, has no defense against those who wish to advocate change. It is a weakness perhaps, and also a strength. We have been proud of our constitution given ability to speak and write as we choose and we should not take it away because some of those who speak and write do not agree with the majority.

WINTER

Children of the half grown age have been told for years by their parents that there are no storms like there used to be when papa and mama were kids and had to go about the family chores in ragging blizzards and freezing temperatures.

Such stories will have less effect since Tuesday when the wind came from the east with snow and cold and drifts enough to fill the requirements of anybody's winter. Storms have been worse, no doubt, and colder, but as an example of winter Tuesday morning was pretty fair.

Below zero at night and a whipping wind by day comes under the head of winter weather in most of the nation and while it is not expected to last for weeks it isn't necessary at all for nearly everyone will have enough of it before that time. It is probably good for us to experience the sample, but do not care to re-order, thank you.

Hearst's \$500,000 per year is a comfortable sum to apply to the wounds his enemies make in his armor.

An effort is being made this week by public officials and interested organizations on the Pacific coast to have the president and the secretary of labor interfere in the waterfront strike. There is no indication as to the possible success the venture may have.

Labor has been asking for a greater portion of the control of all industry and some leaders are now advocating that the unions should hire all men and officers on the ships sailing from Pacific coast points. Industry will undoubtedly decide to close up their affairs before giving so much authority to one or a group of men who have no financial interest or responsibility in or toward the business. Money will not be invested in a business unless control of some sort accompanies it.

Older labor unions have found that striking is not a satisfactory means of settling disputes. It has been years since the railroad unions have struck and yet they are among the highest paid men in the country. Better organization and more responsibility on the part of labor has been successful where the rougher method of many strikes has failed.

If labor leaders are actually trying to disrupt industry in order to gain control of it they are making a mistake for a bankrupt business employs few men. It is doubtful if labor could carry on an industry if it were given to them for managerial experience is one of the most difficult things to find and apply.

It is impossible to see how either side could be seriously damaged by arbitration by uninterested persons and it seems that laborers, who are dependent on working for a livelihood, would be anxious to settle in that manner. The charge that labor officials are prolonging the strike to gain advantage for themselves seems more reasonable every day that arbitration is refused.

It would be easier to agree with President's warning to the courts if the legislative branch of the federal government was independent of the executive branch. As it is now and has been for the past four years congress is but the echo of the president and if the courts are brought under his rule we will have a one man government which hardly rates as democracy.

A copy of the Island Wappato, a newspaper published in the interest of Sauvie Island, has been received. George "Deep River to the Sea" Shepard is the editor. The paper has all the individuality of its editor.

Congress may stop the exportation of arms to Spain but the killing of Spaniards will go on anyway. Now though, they are hiring foreigners to kill the natives of Spain instead of doing it with local soldiers.

Well, Washington disapproved the contention of Los Angeles sports writers who said that Pittsburgh was an easy team to beat.

A few team of horses would be worth several automobiles for any farmers who wanted to get to town these days. Dobbin might have been slow but he was pretty sure.

The Oregon state library reports explain one reason why the average sum spent for books per year is only \$1.10.

If any considerable part of the funds to the state highway commission are diverted to other purposes there will not be enough left to meet federal appropriations with match money. This year it is possible for federal money to be used on secondary roads and funds are being allotted for them in Oregon now.

It has now been officially determined that Roosevelt won the election and, as it only required thirty minutes the formality may be worth the cost.

Fining a lottery operator \$20 is pretty cheap license fee for one who can really get the suckers to bite readily.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one) similar to that in effect in West Virginia and invested, under proper safeguards, in bonds issued by state departments and the various political subdivisions. Under such a plan, Holman argues, the \$10,000,000 a year now being paid by Oregon taxpayers to holders of public bonds could be kept in the public treasury.

The state board of higher education is asking for a legislative appropriation of \$1,332,048 for support of the university, college and three normal schools. This is in addition to the revenues from the special millage levies estimated to raise \$3,570,000 during the biennium. Even if the entire request is granted, the boards point out state support of higher education—appropriation and millage—will still be \$778,089, or 13 percent, under that for 1929-30. At the same time student enrollment has shown a substantial increase in the past six years with an attendant increase in the cost of operating the five institutions. For the past six years higher education in Oregon has been financed entirely within the special millage revenues. The legislative session of 1931 approved an appropriation of \$1,018,000 for higher education but this was rejected by the voters after Governor Meier had vetoed the emergency clause and laid the appropriation open to attack thru the referendum. Then in 1933 the legislature dipped into the millage revenues of the board of higher education to divert \$508,000 to general state purposes. The session of 1933 restored all of the millage revenues with the exception of approximately \$75,000. Budget director Wharton has recommended an appropriation of \$661,688 for higher education but it is understood that the board will carry its case to the legislature in a fight for the entire \$1,332,048 which it claims to be necessary to keep the five institutions up to their present standards.

Repeat of the present drivers' license law requiring periodic renewal of driving permits would be a serious mistake and a backward step in the opinion of Secretary of State Snell. Representative Hyde of Lane county has announced his intention of seeking a return to the old system of perpetual licenses. Even if the fees are not needed for the highway fund Snell urges the need of a periodic check-up on drivers in order to weed out the incompetent operators and instead of repealing the law would strengthen several of its features.

Frank C. McCulloch has resigned as public utilities commissioner to become a senior partner in the law firm of Day, Hampson and Nelson in Portland. Prior to becoming utilities commissioner early in 1935 McCulloch practiced law in Baker. His successor, N. G. Wallace of Bend, was a member of the state senate at the 1935 session filling out the unexpired term of Jay Upton of Bend.

Five new buildings erected at state institutions during the past biennium represent an investment of approximately \$395,000 with the state paying 55 percent of the cost and the federal government 45 percent thru its Public Works Administration. A new two-story and basement concrete dormitory at the state hospital for insane provides accommodations for 218 additional patients at that institution. Cost of this building was \$180,800. Two new buildings have been erected at the tuberculosis hospital at Salem. One of these is a three-story brick structure provides accommodations for members of the nursing staff and releases space in the old hospital building for more patients. The other is a one-story concrete hospital building of 40-bed capacity. Cost of the two buildings was approximately \$102,000. At the Blind school a new two-story and basement brick dormitory costing approximately \$82,000 provides sleeping quarters for 50 boys, as well as hospital facilities and shops for instruction of the blind students. A nurses home at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, costing approximately \$27,000 completes the list.

Approximately 655 miles of state roads were improved during 1936 according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. This includes 19.9 miles of concrete pavement, 14.6 miles of bituminous pavement, 25.3 miles of bituminous macadam wearing surface, 178.6 miles of rock and gravel surfacing, 132.7 miles of grading, 28.6 miles of non-skid treatment of pavement and 258 miles of rock surface oiling. The year's list of improvements also includes 36 bridges and 17 grade separations.

In its campaign to make Oregon highways safer state police arrested 700 motorists for traffic law violations during November. Most of the arrests were for reckless driving, speeding, failure to possess a drivers' license and violations of the basic rule. Warning slips were issued to 8601 other motorists who were detected in minor traffic law violation.



Interior of United States National Bank since the recent changes have been made to modernize the appearance and increase the efficiency.

In Other Days Extension Service Aiding Farmers In Marketing

From the Observer Jan 10, 1938 The U. S. Supreme court has reversed the decision of the federal court of Oregon in the Williamson "land-fraud case" so called. The Supreme Court holds that Judge (?) Hunt erred in instructing the jury that a contract to sell claims before final proofs was illegal. The defense had contended that the law in that respect refers only to the entry before it is made, not to one in process of being carried to perfection. The decision, in Washington is regarded as a body blow to the government, in all the Haney persecutions and in this light Mr. Williamson's acquittal seems certain when his case comes on for its retrial.

School district No. 14 has been sliced off the map. No. 13 took half, and No. 15 took half.

L. L. Peetz has rented the farm of John Johnson, this gives Mr. Peetz three farming sections.

N. W. Thompson is busy putting up 5 miles of hog fencing which, when done, will bring him in big returns from his pasture. He figures he will get his money back in 18 months.

Dick Ogle quit plowing last week and while his horses are resting will do some more work on his copper, silica sand and gold and silver mines, north-east of Moro, assisted by H. A. Stuart.

From the Observer Jan 11, 1937 Robert Urquhart was appointed janitor for the county court house. Mrs. J. M. Axtell returned Tuesday from a visit at Hillsboro.

Jas. Tomlin jr. and family were visitors last week from Portland, at the home of his parents in Moro. Wm. Thompson has returned from a vacation visit with his parents at Oregon City, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Thompson, formerly residents of Sherman county, east of Moro.

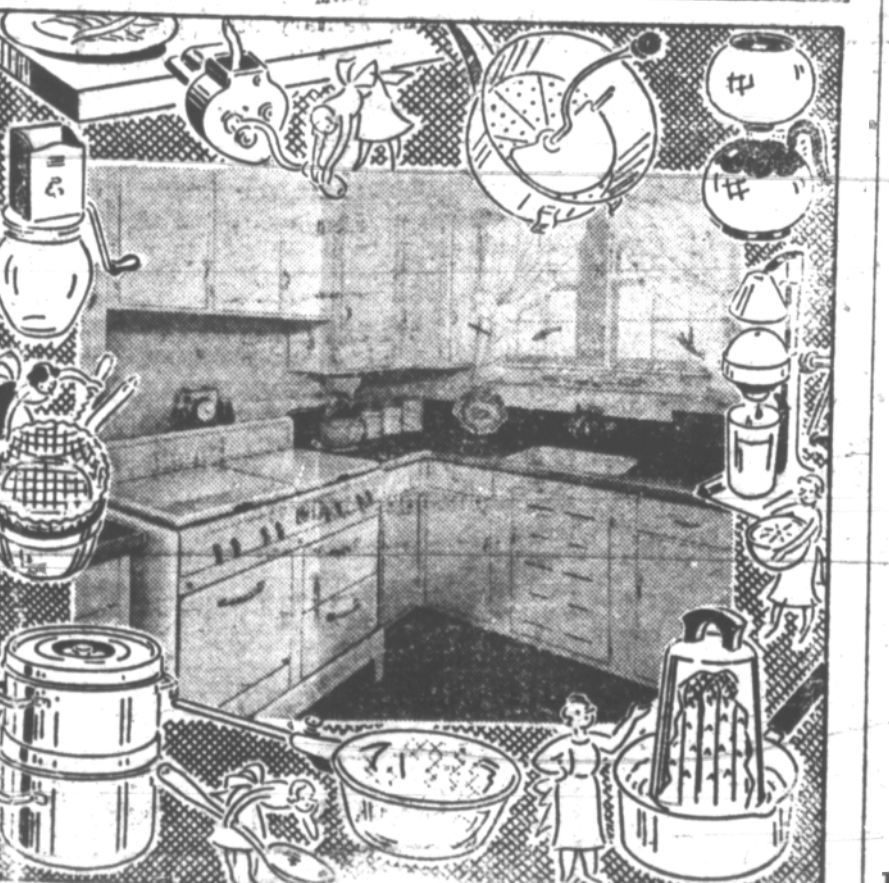
Ira K. Axtell is at The Dalles hospital, recovering nicely from a recent operation for hemorrhoids.

Take It From Me, Girls Don't always expect silk presents for you must remember that into each life a little rayon must fall.

Twelve persons were killed in Portland traffic accidents during December.

"Oh, mother!" she exclaimed (returning with escort from bridge game, next room, "I've captured the booby!" "Bless you my dear! come here and let me kiss you—both of you!" Timid Air Passenger—Do planes like this crash often? Pilot—Only once, sir.

'36 Boon Year for Housewives



New developments in house food choppers and other gadgets keeping for the year are the glass to make life easier for the housewife. coffee maker, pea and lima bean wife. shellers, string bean slicers, small

Farmers Ask To Send In Experiences

The help of farmers all over Oregon is being asked in the preparation of a new bulletin on weed control to be published soon at Oregon State college.

"Every year we get hundreds of letters asking us how to control weeds" says E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops at O. S. C. "Now we would like to reverse the procedure momentarily and appeal to Oregon farmers to send in their experiences with all kinds of methods of getting rid of morning glories, Canada thistle, evergreen blackberries, white top, quack grass, and other perennial weeds.

"A new bulletin on weeds is being prepared at the college, and we want to include in it actual experiences of farmers all over the state. Reports of success or failure will be welcomed. Each letter that comes in may be of tremendous help to some other Oregon farmer—perhaps in the writer's own county, perhaps 400 miles away."

Mr. Jackman wants letters telling of experiences with such methods as cultivation, smother crop, pasturing, chemicals—everything that experimental minded Oregon farmers have tried.

"A man's experience may seem commonplace and of little interest to him," Jackman points out, "but it may be of vital interest to someone else who has the same problem."

"Look here, I bought a bottle of your hair restorer last night and all it's done is to raise these big bumps on my head."

"My gracious," said the beauty doctor, "we must have sold you a bottle of bust developer by mistake."

Unine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

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Maggie Barnum, N. G. Lila Bull, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78. O. E. S. Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

Esther Morris, W. M. Rose Amidon, Secretary.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Moro, Oregon

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

H. B. Pinkerton, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Lewis McKee, N. G. Joe Truit, Secretary

BEST 4-H COOKS



CULINARY skill of the above trio gives them top rank in the National 4-H Food Preparation Contest sponsored by Servel, Inc., and conducted the past year by extension agents. At top, Bonita House, Dayton, Ind., famous for her ginger bread, wins a \$400 scholarship. At left, Thelma Cardey, Avard, Okla., who fried chicken 180 times last summer. Below, Marie Meyer, Portland, Ore., who makes delicious prune kuchen, wins a \$300 scholarship. Each of the girls also receives a Servel-Electrolux kerosene operated refrigerator and an all-expense trip to the 15th National Club Congress to be held in Chicago, the first week of December. Their 4-H training averages eight years.

Notice Of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Report and Account, as Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Amanda Ellen Martin, deceased, and that Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1937, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the Courtroom, at the Courthouse, in Moro, Sherman county, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

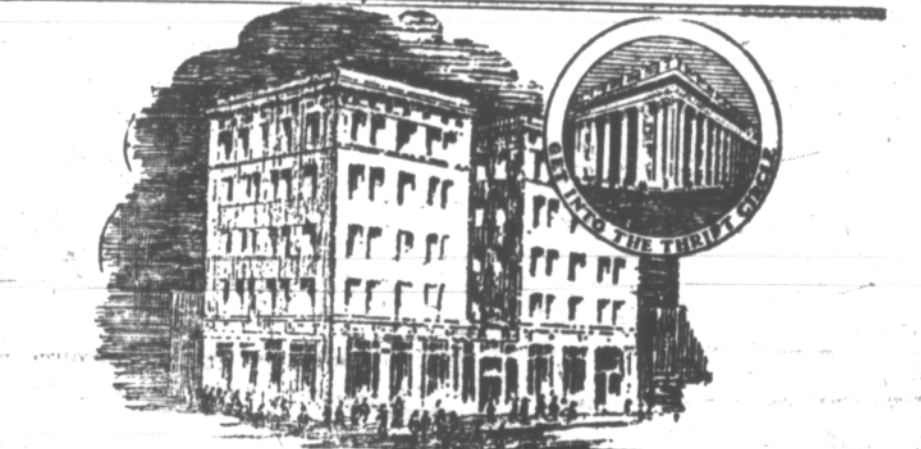
Myles Elroy Martin. Geo. G. Updegraff Attorney for Estate. 7-8-9-10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES H. SCHWARTZ, DECEASED. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Charles H. Schwartz, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Wasco, Oregon, with vouchers and duly verified within six months from the date of this notice.

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Mary E. Buehltz Administratrix T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Administratrix



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