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DUMP GROUND

Agitation about the Moro city dump is in another of its periodic periods of ascendancy. It is not peculiar that there is such agitation but peculiar that it is not constant instead of periodic. It is perhaps necessary that some place for parking refuse be provided for each town but this material should be of a sort that will not putrefy and make the surroundings unlivable or disagreeable.

The Moro city dump ground has certain limits within which it is possible to dump refuse. Property outside of these limits is private property or streets and it is illegal to throw refuse on it as it would be to leave refuse on the side walk.

Because of the practice of hauling material that is edible for rats to the dump yard the city is becoming infested with rodents. This increases the liability to disease in the city and makes living conditions disagreeable for everyone.

To all this each one will agree. The means that should be taken to abate the nuisance is what causes the disagreement. Some improvements are to be made on the dump ground this spring in the way of providing better drainage. It is possible for the city to declare the hauling of garbage a public function and permit no one but an appointed garbage collector to haul material to the yard. The city council would probably be reluctant to take this step unless necessary, but something must be done to keep the city garbage pile from being a breeding place for rats and flies.

TWENTY YEARS AFTER

Twenty years ago this week the United States formally entered the European war that, because of its inclusive nature, became eventually known as the World War. It is not a date about which there will be or should be any celebration. We can do that on the anniversary of the end of the war.

For years after that conflict there was hardly a statesman who did not express his hatred of war and state that his aim was to prevent another. Peace societies have been active telling of the horrors of war. Veteran organizations have been interested in stopping wars for they know more intimately than the others of its wreckage.

Yet only twenty years have passed and war is again on the threshold with preparations for conflict going on in every land. Right here at home junk men are gathering up worn out machine parts that may be used to mold the cannon to kill those very men with. Nearly every paper carries news of war preparations and diplomatic disagreements that may lead to the use of the prepared material.

It all leads to the conclusion that wars lead to wars and that an era of fighting brings on another era of fighting whereas an era of peace may continue for a long period. We glorify war for years after it is over by recounting deeds of valor and holding in public esteem those who were leaders in the fight. We may need an entirely new concept of war.

HISTORICAL CONTEST

This is the final month for admission of essays to the annual Sherman County Historical contest. During the years that this contest has been held some very fine stories have been submitted by students of county schools who made an especial effort and who chose a subject in which they were interested and informed about.

There may be some truth in the assertion that we only become interested in local history when we are too old to write it for there has been an insufficient number of essays presented in previous contests. Acquaintance with our own county is necessary for a complete education, however, and no better means of obtaining this information exists than the historical essay contest.

Yet unwritten is the historical novel that will depict the trials of the pioneers who settled the inland empire of the Pacific northwest states. The person who does write it will be some one whose interest in the founders of the towns and institutions was developed in school by contests similar to this one, and who carried on to a full understanding of his subject thru years of study.

While the lives of Sherman county's pioneers were roughly similar to each other there were individual experiences and exploits that would make excellent material for an entry to the contest. A public benefit will be conferred by putting this information down on paper where it can be preserved for the time when the county's oldsters are not here to relate the stories themselves.

A list of subjects has been suggested this year by the school superintendent and others will come to the mind of the student who becomes interested in the history of the county and the settlers. The contest should be made a major enterprise in school work.

DRIVER'S LESSONS

State school superintendent Charles A. Howard and Secretary of State Earl Snell have collaborated in the publication of a booklet that is designed to give accurate and needed advice to young drivers, especially those in high school.

The reason for the booklet is stated in one sentence in the foreword. "The real source of automobile accidents is the conduct of the driver." Howard, through his belief in education, and Snell, from his work with traffic problems, have apparently come to the conclusion that the way to stop some of the accidents is by instructing the young people who are just beginning to learn to drive or who are still in that anticipatory stage of wanting to drive and not being permitted to do so.

Well drawn examples are presented to show the danger of speed and warning against too great a degree of confidence is given. The important lesson of sportsmanship on the road is discussed as it should be in all manuals of the fine art of handling an automobile on a crowded road.

The booklet is being distributed to schools throughout the state but it is easy to see that this is not going to be enough. There will be a demand that they be more widely distributed and it may be that one will be given with each driver's license. It is a very sensible bulletin and should be widely read by those who take their lives in their hands by touring over the highways.

AGAIN THE GOVERNOR

The expected fight against Governor Martin has already started with a call for a meeting of the Commonwealth Federation in Portland the last of this month. The statement has been made that if Martin is again the candidate of his party an independent will be thrown in against him. The Oregon Democrat states that the group expects to work through the Democratic party to achieve their ends.

This is a long ways before the primary to begin throwing the knife into any candidate, prospective or announced. It certainly will not hurt the general's feelings to be opposed by many of those in the radical group that is working against him. In fact he will glory in that type of opposition.

In the rural districts of the state where there is appreciation of the governor's attitude toward taxes and labor he is popular and will probably continue to be through another year. No one need ever be at a loss regarding the stand of the governor, nor be doubtful of his active interest in what he feels is the good of the state of Oregon. It is a bit difficult to dislodge a man from office who remains upright and honorable in that office and it is certainly possible that the malcontents will be disappointed in this attempt.

Our Walter has the reputation of having an ear especially well tuned to rumblings from the ground. His reported remarks to the president about the farm tenancy bill, the resettlement administration and the supreme court change indicate that Walter is beginning to assume a position of independence back in congress. Fine, Walter.

Baseball again with the home team in the lead. Raining on the wheat, plenty of moisture, this part of the planet is in good shape even if they are talking fight in Europe and Washington.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one) which was ruled illegal about a year ago after having been followed for many years.

James H. Hazlett of Hood River appointed by Governor Martin last week to succeed Judge Chas. H. Carey as state corporation commissioner, is the second former state senator to connect with the state payroll during the past few months. Judge N. G. Wallace of Bend who succeeded Frank C. McCulloch as public utilities commissioner in January, also saw his first public service as a member of the Oregon state senate.

With the ballot titles completed promoters of slot machines and pin ball games are now ready to begin circulating their petitions to place the Carney and Martin bills on the ballot in 1938. These two bills, passed by the recent legislature, outlaw all games of chance. If the required 12,512 signatures are obtained by June 12 the operation of the measures will be halted until approved by the voters at the next general election.

Time again for Oregon motorists to renew their operators' permits. Secretary of State Snell calls attention to the fact that all drivers' licenses expire on June 30 and that less than three months remain in which to renew the permits. In preparation for the rush of renewals expected to get underway about May 1 all of the field examiners were called in to Salem last week to attend a school at which the laws covering traffic regulations and highway accidents were explained.

Experts employed by the state tax commission are now appraising property in the four blocks directly north of the state capitol site purchase of which was authorized by the recent legislature. While the legislature authorized purchase of the entire four blocks it is not expected that more than two of the blocks can be obtained with the \$300,000 appropriated for the purpose.

Sixty percent of the recipients of old age assistance in Oregon are men according to a report by the State Relief committee to Governor Martin. The report shows a steady increase in the number of relief applicants with 13,123 individuals on the rolls at the close of 1936.

Accommodations for 56 additional tuberculosis patients were made available at the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem this week with the completion of the new hospital wing at the institution at a cost of \$55,000. More than 125 victims of the "white plague" are on the waiting list of the two state hospitals—one at Salem and the other at The Dalles. A new 50-bed pavilion at the latter institution was authorized by the recent legislature which appropriated \$54,500 for its construction.

Tax payments throughout the state reflect a return to normal business conditions, according to members of the state tax commission. Many counties report collection of property taxes in excess of 50 percent of the 1937 levy by March 15. Collection of income taxes by the state up to April 1 showed an increase of approximately 50 percent over collections for the same period a year ago.

It is not probable that any plans will be made for installation of a lethal gas chamber at the state prison until the need for its use shall arise, according to Warden James Lewis who calls attention to the fact that there has not been an execution in Oregon now for more than five years. Lewis estimates the cost of the gas chamber at approximately \$1400. The recent legislature authorized the substitution of lethal gas for the noose as the means for carrying out executions in the future.

State Forester J. W. Ferguson has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will appear before Congressional committees, along with other foresters, in behalf of appropriation measures. He will not return to Oregon until April 20.

MORO CLUB AIDS FUND

To the Moro Woman's club goes credit for being the first member group of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs to contribute to its new general federation presidential fund. This fund, as Oregon clubwomen know, is being raised in connection with the state's campaign to elect Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar of Portland as president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1938. Because Mrs. Dunbar spent part of her girlhood in the vicinity of Moro, it seems fitting that one of the earliest gifts to this courtesy fund should come from that club.

Second contributor was the Portland Study club.—Oregonian.

Try Journal advertising. it pays.

Advertisement for 'ARE YOU A GOOD DRIVER?' booklet. Includes portrait of Earl Snell and C.A. Howard. Text: 'A Careful Discussion of the Accident Problem on Oregon Streets and Highways. Prepared especially for High School Students. EARL SNELL, Secretary of State. C. A. HOWARD, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.'

In Other Days

From the Observer April 10, 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Downing are visiting friends and relatives in this city and Grass Valley after an absence of 20 years. Mrs. McDanel boarded with them while teaching school in this district 19 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Abiel Erskine, in a letter to friends say that the move to Seattle has proven beneficial to the health of both of them. Their farm is being well cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Urquhart. City election passed off very quiet in Moro Monday. Councilmen were elected as follows: for one year, W. H. Ragsdale; for three years, W. C. Bryant, C. K. Cochran, Dr. O. J. Goffin; treasurer, W. D. Wallen.

Dolph Geotjen is farming the Evening Shades farm, recently purchased of T. Callaghan by J. O. Elrod. The first wedding in Cliffs was solemnized on the 29th. The contracting parties were Miss Ellen E. Edenburn and Emmett F. Kam-

mer, the enterprising and popular Cliffs ferry proprietor.

From the Observer April 12, 1918

C. H. Augée lost control of his auto Monday when coming up Shearer grade, the car and driver fell 250 feet. Reports say Mr. Augée is yet unconscious.

Dentists of the U. S. have recently volunteered their services to do necessary dental work for men enlisted in the national army. Dr. J. R. Morgan has taken care of Paul D. Buker and Henry S. Baker.

School children have been active in selling Thrift Stamps under the supervision of Mrs. Muir. Those most active are Clarence Huls, Marion Powell, Dorothy Foss, Tom Stephens, Loretta Jackson, Clifton Benson, and Ted Barnum. These children are in the 1st and 2nd grades and have a sales record of more than 200 stamps during the one week. Elsie Bourhill has the largest sale of any pupil having sold \$53.25, entitling her to an achievement pin.

Tessie—Do you kiss all your boy friends good night? Lou—Sure. They go so much sooner.

Jarvis Appointed To Post on UP System

Joe W. Jarvis of Union, Oregon, director of vocational agriculture in Union high school, has been appointed agricultural agent for the Union Pacific Railroad, effective April 1. The railroad announced today. He will have headquarters at Boise.

Mr. Jarvis was reared on a farm and ranch near Salmon, Idaho, attended school at Ontario, Oregon, and graduated from Oregon State college. He was the first student to win a Union Pacific scholarship in vocational agriculture from Malheur county Oregon. During the past three years he has been a teacher of vocational agriculture in the high schools in Imbler and Union, Oregon.

Number Of Sheep Do Not Change

Stock sheep numbers, excluding sheep and lambs on feed for market, are estimated at 2,245,000 head and show no change from the revised estimate for January 1, 1936. This is the smallest number of stock sheep held on farms and ranges since 1927 when there were 2,182,000 head, and compares with January 1931 estimate of 2,624,000 head which was the highest number of stock sheep held in the State in the past 23 years. The total value of all sheep, including stock sheep and those in feed lots, is estimated at \$15,234,000 compared with \$14,052,000 on January 1, 1936.

These estimates of numbers of livestock on farms are based on reports from nearly 2,400 livestock producers in the State.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN. NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

In the Matter of the Liquidation of the BANK OF COMMERCE, WASCO, OREGON. Notice is hereby given that an order has been entered by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Sherman, authorizing, empowering and directing the Superintendent of Banks to distribute an eighth dividend of 10% on all ordinary deposit claims filed and approved against the BANK OF COMMERCE, WASCO, OREGON, up to and including March 20, 1937, said dividend to be paid on and after this notice be given by publication April 16, 1937.

That said order directed that thereof in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Sherman County, Oregon. That the date of publication thereof is April 9, 1937.

MARK SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS, IN CHARGE OF THE LIQUIDATION OF THE BANK OF COMMERCE, WASCO, OREGON.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Maude P. Mullenburg, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Maude P. Mullenburg, deceased, have been issued to me out of and under the seal of the county court of said County. All persons having claims against

said estate are requested to present them, with the proper vouchers, to me at my place of residence No. 2106 Spruce St. La-Grande, Oregon, Union County, within six months from the date of this notice, or to George G. Updegraff, his attorney at his office at Moro, Oregon. Dated this 2nd of April, 1937.

William Mullenburg Administrator of the estate of Maude P. Mullenburg, Deceased. 22-23-24-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Chester C. Medler, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Chester C. Medler, 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, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, with vouchers duly verified, within six months from the date thereof.

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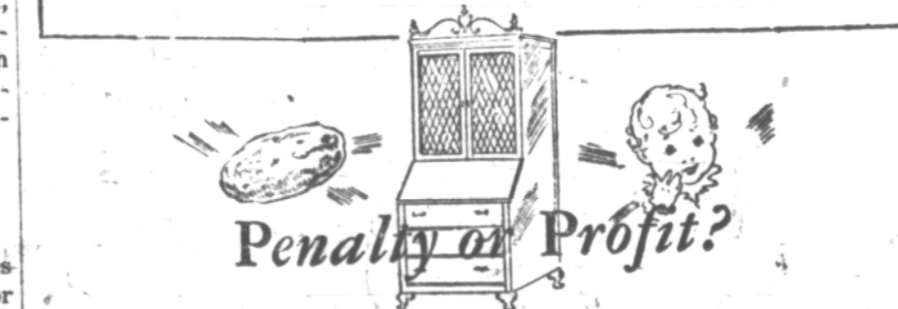
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