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FARMERS AND LABOR

Press reports indicate that the joint committee of grange and A. F. of L. members has reduced the tension between farmers and labor union truckers in the vicinity of The Dalles by its meeting in Portland Tuesday. Its report was that the A. F. of L. did not intend to make farmers hire union men to unload their trucks but that commercial truckers of farm products would be made to join unions.

To the extent of its ability the committee has done a valuable service. There are, however, limits to its ability. Labor members are all affiliated with the federation of labor and it may be the C. I. O. that gets control of transportation on the west coast and this would make agreement between farmers and the A. F. of L. valueless.

Then is must be remembered that unionization is getting closer to the farmers each year in spite of the presumptive cooperation between the grange leaders and the labor officials. For the farmers the past few years have been a strategic retreat and after all the only difference between a strategic retreat and a rout is speed.

The above is, of course, written on the assumption that unionization is not desired by the farmers and that it would interfere seriously with farm operations. This theory may some day be proved to be wrong.

Farmers are really at the mercy of the unions anyway. For if transportation comes under control of strong unions it will be impossible for farmers to ship their products unless all rulings of the laborers are followed. Union men know this and are intent on gaining absolute control of shipping and have recently succeeded. It is unwise, and they know it—to alienate all farmers at the present time. Furthermore if there is to be political control by the unions they will need the farm vote to help them.

There is not much that farmers can do about it. When the Wagner act was passed there were few, if any, protests from farm organizations and the wages and hours bill recently went through the senate with no arguments by proponents of the agriculturalists. Labor is strengthening itself rapidly these days. If it does not overreach itself it will be in control soon.

POWER

J. D. Ross, who has been in the papers of late as a possible administrator for Bonneville, knows some thing about the value of publicity. Recently Joe Carson, mayor of Portland, questioned him on certain matters and now Ross has sent his answer out over the northwest. Furthermore it is a fairly complete statement which gives some information about the man himself and some about this little known but much discussed business of making and selling electricity.

He says that the business of generating electricity is easy and simple and cheap and that will be the job of the distributor. The job of distributing it will be the job of the cities or other buyers for groups and that the average cost of distribution is eight or ten times the cost of making electricity.

The widest use of electricity from all sources is urged in order to make it cheaper. That is what everyone else wants so there is no disagreement there. It is probable that if Mr. Ross were the administrator he would do as the TVA administrator has done and that is to sell power to anyone who wanted it whether a wood cutting forgotten man or an economic royalist.

If all plants are tied together, as Mr. Ross favors, Bonneville will provide the cheapest current if all units are developed for it is cheapest in cost per horse power. He does not favor federally built lines but says it is the "people's duty to distribute their own power, either through their own agencies or through their private power companies."

of electric power we do wish some one would publish a primer on power and tell what it actually costs and why and who gets the money and what for. No one, it seems, talks about power who isn't interested in a job, political or otherwise.

CANNED TOMATOES

The canners of tomatoes have recently come to the realization that more of the red and juicy fruit—or is it vegetable—was canned than used and that a surplus is threatened for the coming year.

Time was, or so the old timers tell us, when the canned tomato took the place of many modern drinks. Before gilded and glassy bars were used to sell soft drinks across and before ice and modern refrigeration made any thing wet palatable the canned tomato took the place of ice cream, orangeade, lemonade and a multitude of other aids and olas.

Prospectors loaded sad looking burros with cases of tomatoes to sustain them across hot and dusty deserts and cow punchers when starting on a days' ride swelled the pocket of their chaps with a can of tomatoes and a durable biscuit from the cook's supply. Now, even with the advertising tomato juice has received as a cure for drink swollen heads, there is a surplus. Partly, no doubt, because a paler citizenry has gone to paler drinks.

The case hardened pioneer who could be happy and contented while straining the juice from a can of tomatoes through his whiskers, rubbing the solid part on the back of his neck for relief from the sun and feeding the remains to his horse, is now seen only in the movies with a synthetic tan and-store whiskers.

That there is a surplus of this ambrosia of the pioneers is to be regretted for economic reasons. That there is a lack of the sturdy pioneer spirit is to be regretted for much more important reasons. A people that took its tomatoes straight from the can was much more self reliant than a people that takes its tomato juice in a cock tail. The first problem is comparatively easy to solve; what are we going to do about the second?

MAIL SERVICE

The railroad company presumably is responsible for the mail service to this county. That service is getting worse. It is not publicly known how much the government pays to have mail brought to local postoffices from the main line but it should be enough to permit adequate service and prompt delivery.

Officials of the company recently offered to hasten mail deliveries in Gilliam county by putting on a mail truck or speeder thus segregating mail and freight service. Such a move would be beneficial to this county as well.

That a mamma cat should be killed by a snake is a bit odd, that the struggle should occur in a yard is more odd, that it should occur in Hollywood is unusually odd and that the cat should be the proud possession of a movie actress is just too darned odd.

"Wallace Senses Change on Farm" says a headline. Yes, a lot of other guys have been sensing it too and farmers have been busy saying "no" to smooth talking gents this summer.

Next year is election year and congressmen are already talking about a special session for farm aid.

Pinball machine operators might lessen the very immediate danger of having their toys taken away from them by stopping some of the common abuses such as allowing minors to play.

The administration is urging the passage of the wages and hours bill that will give control of hours above 40 per week and wages below 40 cents per hour to a board of five men. At the same time men are being hired to fight forest fires at 30 cents per hour.

It must require a lot of social training to get excited over a yacht race.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)
courage to seek the Republican nomination for governor, it became known here this week. F. G. Delano, Salem real estate man and a close personal friend of Wagoner, said that petitions were now being circulated and liberally signed urging Wagoner to run. Delano said that while the Townsend movement was in no wise interested in Wagoner's candidacy he would receive considerable support from the \$200-a-month-pension advocates if he decides to make the race. Wagoner has been active in the Townsend movement as a lecturer for some time.

A potential Republican aspirant for Walter M. Pierce's seat in Congress made his appearance during the week in the person of U. S. Balentine of Klamath Falls. Balentine served in the state senate during the recent session, defeating N. G. Wallace of Bend for this post in the November election.

Governor Martin this week continued his attacks against J. D. Ross as the probable administrator of Bonneville dam. In a statement to the press the governor reviews Ross' opposition to the Bonneville development and declared that the Seattle utility manager has always opposed the interests of the farmers of the great Inland Empire as well as the Columbia River section of Washington and Oregon. Appointment of Ross, the governor declared, would mitigate against the success of the gigantic power and navigation project.

Employment of two additional guards at the state prison was authorized by the Board of Control this week. Salaries of the new guards will be paid out of the prison revolving fund, the emergency board having refused to approve a deficiency appropriation when it met here more than a month ago.

Representatives of an American Federation of Labor local at Gaston, Washington county, appealed to Governor Martin this week for protection from C. I. O. members who, they claimed, had threatened them with violence if they attempted to return to work at the plant of the Stimson Lumber company. Two years ago employees of the same plant, then non-union, appealed to the governor for protection from pickets of the Federation of Labor.

Aid of the State Bond commission in refunding its outstanding bond and warrant debt has been sought by the city of Bandon. It is proposed to refund \$156,373 in outstanding bonds at 25 cents on the dollar and \$102,537 in outstanding warrants on the basis of 35 cents on the dollar. The refunding program is necessary in order that the stricken city may take advantage of federal funds in its reconstruction program, according to Mayor Ed Capps.

One of the liveliest sessions the Board of Control has held in many months was staged this week when the members sat in judgment on a controversy between gill netters and seiners on the lower Columbia river. The gill netters, represented by State Senator F. M. Franciscovich were insisting that the board cancel a deed to certain tide lands which it had given to one Henry Coles, owner of the upland. Franciscovich claimed that the board had not complied with the law in the sale of the fishing ground. A compromise was finally reached when Coles agreed to give the deed back to the state at the close of the present fishing season.

Figures Can't Lie?
"Figures can't lie," said the professor earnestly. "For instance, if one man can build a house in 12 days, 12 men can build it in one."
"Yes?" interrupted a student.
"Then 288 will build it in one hour, 17,280 in one minute and 1,036,800 in one second. And I don't believe they could lay one brick in that time."

While the professor was still gasping, the smart "ready reckoner" went on:
"And again, if one ship can cross the Atlantic in six days, six ships can cross in one day. I don't believe that either; so where's the truth in arithmetic?"

Then he sat down.—Whitewright Sun, Venor, Texas.

Inquisitive
"Who is that letter from?"
"What do you want to know for?"
"Where you are! What do I want to know for. You're the most inquisitive person I ever met!"—Whitewright (Texas) Sun.

CHILD DEATHS SPIRALS
Reversing the trend of the last 12 years, child motor vehicle death rates mounted to seven per cent in 1936, finds the Motor association, and current indications point that this year will hold the increase.

Johnny—They say a camel can go two weeks without any water.
Father—Yes, a little water goes a long way with a giraffe, too.

In Other Days

From the Observer August 7, 1908
O. L. Belshe has his left foot badly crushed in the jaws of his combine Saturday.

T. W. Brannon was in Moro Tuesday after supplies. His crop is turning out fairly well but would have been far better with a good rain a month ago.

Stephen McDonald has been appointed superintendent of the Re-zulator line of steamers on the Dalles-Portland run. The fleet consists of the Bailey, Gatzert, The Dalles City and the Capitol City.

Coming from The Dalles Saturday Mr. Watts met a mother wild cat and three large kittens. He killed one of the kittens. Mitchell and Foss have tongue and groove lumber on hand to make up water tanks of 400, 500 or 600 gallon capacity.

From the Observer August 9, 1918
A number of families from Moro and vicinity made a picnic party Sunday at Murray Springs near Rufus in honor of Seral Searcy, home on harvest furlough from the Bremerton naval yards.

Petitions generally signed by tax payers were presented to the court Saturday asking the county to furnish uniforms for the four-home guard organizations. Formal action was delayed but it is probable that 40 uniforms for each company will be bought at \$11 each.

E. W. Lewis has temporarily suspended his professional duties as boss tonsorial artist for Moro and is helping Chester Silver haul wheat into Moro with a new Denby truck Silver has recently bought to replace his tractor and wagon outfit.

COUNTY CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CLAIMS PAID AGAINST THE ROAD FUND, Jan. 1, 1937 to July 1, 1937

Salary of Roadmaster & laborers \$4887.57
Road machinery 6342.20
Maintenance of Co roads, road supplies & repair of machinery 7975.79
TOTAL \$17025.56

ITEMIZED:
Salaries \$4887.57
State Industrial Accident Commission 151.77
Gasoline for roads \$1120.07
Less refund of gasoline used by road employees 133.54
Total 986.53

National Hospital Association 110.00
Road machinery, repairs & road supplies 3713.19
Rent on machine shed 36.00
Cement & steel on bridges 219.60
Road mileage 578.70
Grader 1000.00
Bull Dozer 992.20
Auto Patrol 4350.00
Total \$17025.56

COUNTY CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON FEES COLLECTED AND DISBURSEMENTS OF SAID FEES Jan. 1, 1937 to July 1, 1937.

RECEIPTS:
Recording fees \$517.20
Circuit Court fees 109.00
County & Probate Court fees 177.50
Marriage Licences 6.00
Misc. copying and indexing 99.40
Migratory Liens 11.50
Litigant Fees 25.00
Divorce Fees 10.00
Total 955.60

DISBURSEMENTS:
Total of all fees collected Less Migratory Liens paid to Sec. of State 11.50
Less Litigant fees paid to State Treasurer 25.00
Less Divorce fees paid to State Treasurer 10.00
Less Amount due County Treasurer, paid to Co. Treasurer 909.10
MONTHLY COLLECTIONS:

January \$130.10
February 125.55
March 249.80
April 127.95
May 195.80
June 126.60
Total \$955.60

This report is prepared from and based upon the records of this office and I believe the same to be true and correct.

Dated July 20, 1937.
Respectfully submitted,
Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

CLERK'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JAN. 1, 1937 TO JULY 7, 1937

Roads & Highways \$17025.56
Sheriff's Salary 900.00
Traveling expenses 210.00
Transporting prisoner to State Penitentiary 8.43
Transporting prisoner from Idaho 77.10
Deputy Sheriff's Salary 375.00
State Industrial Accident Commission 37.50
Sheriff's office expenses 323.21
Clerk's Salary 750.00
Deputy Clerk's Salary 375.00
Clerk's office expenses 277.21
Treasurer's Salary 450.00
Office Expenses 75.92
Assessor's Salary 900.00
Field Assessor 400.00
Office expenses 316.75

COURTHOUSE:
Salary of Janitor 180.00
Janitors supplies 37.54
Furnace Tender 150.00
Water 31.05
Lights 99.14
Repairs and work on court yard 25.84

CIRCUIT COURT:
Salary of Bailiff 7.00
Reporter 15.00
Jurors 190.40
Witnesses 419.00

COUNTY COURT
Salary of Judge 225.00
Judge's expenses 32.15
Commissioner's expenses 182.31
Judge's & Commissioners Ass'n dues 39.52

JUSTICE COURT:
Fees of Justice of Peace 29.15
Jurors 9.10
Coroner's expenses and fees 7.50
Supt. Salary 750.00
Traveling expenses 150.00
Incidental office expenses 165.34
Office help 120.00
Health officer's salary 150.00
Expenses 4.75
Inspection county parks 37.50
Stock Inspector's Salary 150.00
Old Age Assistance 1066.30
Public Assistance 1033.37
Blind Assistance 34.67
Aid to Dependent Children 18.40

JAIL:
Board of Prisoners' Supplies and fixtures 23.53
Repairs 9.15
TAX REBATE:
Taxes refunded 7.78
Taxes of Shiel property in Gilliam county 4.47
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses 17.53

CURRENT EXPENSES, COURT-HOUSE:
Books 33.00
Misc. 10.45
Telephones 112.00
Courthouse Insurance 48.07
DeMoss Park 22.50
County Printing 104.35
County Agents office 1600.00
Bond of officers 175.00
Auditing: Balance 1936 16.55
Auditing, 1937 115.00
Re-employment office 90.00
District Attorney's expenses 52.65
State Library Fund 62.80
Inland Empire Waterways Ass'n 250.00
Box Rent, P. O. 6.30
Biological Survey—First payment 150.00
Public Health Nurse 150.00
Traveling expenses of Nurse 5.40
Premiums for Historical Contest 2.22
Feeble Minded expenses—clothing 20.95
TOTAL \$30,915.96

This report is prepared and based upon the claims presented to the County Court and allowed by the General and-or Road Fund of Sherman County for the period of six months, beginning January 1, 1937 and ending June 30, 1937. All expenses listed herein have been paid by General and-or Road Fund warrants, as per the records of the Clerk's office.

I believe this report to be true and correct.
Dated July 20, 1937.
Respectfully submitted,
Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

Lapine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
Visiting members welcome.

Hazel Truitt, N. G.
Lila Bull, Secretary

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Frances King W. M.
Ruth Spurling, 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.

Roy Powell, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Sec'y

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon

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 Truitt, Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the estate of H. L. Lanphear, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of H. L. Lanphear, deceased, at his office in Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: July 30, 1937.

Geo. G. Updegraff, 39 to 42

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is given that Margaret Tuel, as Executrix of the last will and testament of Merritt G. Tuel, deceased, has filed her final report and account with the clerk of the county court of Sherman County Oregon, and that Saturday, the 28th day of August, 1937, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., and the county court room of said court has been fixed as the time and place for hearing all objections to said report.

Margaret Tuel,
Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Executrix 39-42

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the estate of J. S. Fowler, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed administrator of the estate of J. S. Fowler, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: July 23, 1937.

Mae Fowler, Administratrix. 38-42

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Esther A. Stanley has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, Administratrix of the Estate of F. L. Stanley Deceased, and has qualified.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said deceased to present the same duly verified within six months after the first publication of this notice to the undersigned Administratrix. First publication 7-16-37 Esther A. Stanley, Administratrix. Wasco, Oregon. J. Tracy Barton, Attorney for the Estate. 37-40

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