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THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

With this issue the Sherman County Journal begins the fiftieth year of newspapers in this county. The county itself is only 49 years old come next February.

When the publishers of the first newspaper, in the Grass Valley country, which was an early name given to that part of Wasco county between the John Day and Deshutes rivers, placed the laboriously set page on the Washington hand press, Grover Cleveland was serving his first term as president and Sylvester Pennoyer was governor of Oregon.

Settlement had been rapid since 1880 and the waving bunchgrass that had fattened cattle for roving stockmen had been plowed under with the crude tools of homesteaders. Cities were growing around the stores that enterprising men had started to fill the wants of the incoming horde of settlers who had to have plows, flour, beans and a few more of the absolute necessities.

Publication of the then numerous homestead notices undoubtedly was partially the cause for the establishment of the first newspaper for that was considered lucrative business in those days. Furthermore at that time there were proposals about a new county. Some wanted to join what is now Sherman county on with Gilliam county and others wanted to form a new county entirely. Wasco county citizens scoffed at the idea as expensive and unnecessary. The founders perhaps felt that a newspaper would be helpful in the fight for a new county.

A few years later the newspaper forefathers of the Sherman County Journal was brought to Moro by More Brothers and others took its place in Wasco. At least eight papers have been published in the county at one time or another: Grants once had one; Wasco has had two, Moro three, Grass Valley one and Kent one. All have been consolidated by one means or another until at present this newspaper is the sole descendant of these earlier sheets that recorded births with effusive congratulations, deaths with unlimited praise, marriages with the best wishes in the style of the time.

Times have changed, as times do. Farms are no longer tilled with walking plows with wooden moldboards, farmers no longer make semi-annual trips to town in heavy wagons, schools are no longer held in small rural districts, wheat is not hauled to Biggs by long trains of horse teams, roads are not sinks of mud in winter and beds of dust in summer, newspapers are no longer set by hand.

Probably no fifty year period in all history has seen as much change as the one since the establishment of the first news paper in Sherman county.

Farming serves the same purpose as it did and the county's main crop is still wheat just as it was when the first soil was broken. Newspapers also serve the same purpose and just as the first one served to unify the settlers in their struggle for an independent government this one serves to unify the county in its hopes and requests for better things.

Rural newspapers, probably more than others, record the physical facts of life for a community or county, but in addition to that they record the aims and ambitions of its readers, their pride in a successful year at the stock shows, their hopes for a better wheat crop, their struggles against weeds and crop pests, their labors for bigger libraries, better schools and recognition of their talents.

This will be the fiftieth year of newspapers in this county and during the year we expect to publish some biographies of men, living and dead, who helped make the county the successful community it is. In addition, however, to looking backward, we expect to look ahead with the hope that at the end of another fifty years the county will find as much progress made along cultural and productive lines as it has made in the past fifty years.

A headline says that the Republicans got a lift from the weeks elections. That's more than they got from the last one.

LABOR INCORPORATION

Discussion in the Oregonian about the advisability of incorporating labor unions with statements of labor leaders and others brings to the front again the fight of last session of Oregon's legislature about this very same matter.

The nationally accepted leaders of labor point out the difference between labor organizations and corporations by saying that labor unions are not formed for a profit as are corporations. This is partially true, but corporations are made up, in many instances, of small stock holders who give control to elected directors and expect profits from their stewardship. Labor unions are formed by workers who give control and expect increased wages and better working conditions from the chosen leaders.

The differences are exaggerated because labor leaders do not want to be forced to incorporate any more than the first industrial corporations wanted to be answerable to the government for anything. Public sentiment brought about some measure of control, ineffective though it sometimes is, over industrial corporations and eventually it will have to exercise the same type of control over unions both for the benefit of the laborers, who are like minority stockholders in a big corporation, and for the welfare of the public, which must not be subjected to labor wars that disrupt the business that thousands live by.

The charge of racketeering, often made against some labor leaders, would be made less often if there was adequate control over unions. The leaders of labor who were conscientious and capable would not have to compete with scabwags who formed unions merely to get an advantage over employers and build up an income.

Incorporation will eventually be found to be a protection to labor instead of a means of persecuting it as many labor leaders are wont to believe now.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is proverbially the evening of the year when spirits walk abroad on earth and perpetrate acts beyond the thought or comprehension of mere man. Experience has shown that Halloween tricks are neither spiritually conceived nor beyond comprehension for they are often a repetition of last year's performances.

The gate stealing season of 1937 throughout the county was more inoffensive than usual unless some one has been suppressing news that is usually broadcast. Windows of course, were well soaped by youngsters to whom such an act was the height of devilment. Loose machinery and smaller outbuildings were moved to prominent spots in the cities and decorated with signs that were very funny while being written. Only real damage was the destruction of sidewalks and railings in some spots.

First reaction to this children's holiday is that the spirits may be coming a bit more gentlemanly and considerate. No doubt as much fun was had as ever and it is certainly to be hoped that the lack of actual destruction is not a sign of a boresome evening for the youth of the county. We would not have it so.

Yet, some November first, before we have heard the final call, we hope to be able to report that good and kindly spirits were about on Halloween and that widows' wood had been piled and yards raked and that certain other minor needed jobs about the city had been cared for by young folks imbued with a constructive spirit. The question is: would the young folks feel more or less satisfied with their evening if this were done?

May the political battle of Klamath Falls continue until the state knows all about the two senatorial candidates. It will then have served some purpose.

Considering the death sentences in Russia it is fortunate that there are lots of people under that regime.

Probably the final consensus of opinion will be that La Guardia is elected because he was La Guardia.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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ly on shoulders of the county committee," the governor said.

Relief agencies throughout Oregon are faced with a strenuous winter in the opinion of John Cooter, farm placement director with the state reemployment service. Cooter, whose work takes him into all sections of the state, says that the prospect of increased unemployment is to be seen on every hand. Curtailment of PWA activities, Cooter pointed out, has thrown many men out of work with private industry unable to provide them with jobs. Strikes are also raising havoc in certain sections of the state with thousands of women and children faced with hunger unless relief is forthcoming.

The population of the state prison which was reduced materially by reason of the wholesale releases under the new "good time" law is again back up above the 1000 mark, according to Warden James Lewis. The fall sessions of the circuit courts throughout the state has been followed by a steady influx of prisoners into the state institutions.

It will not be necessary to go to Portland's famous Bull Run creek for a pure supply of drinking water for Oregon's lawmakers when they meet in Salem again. The capital city this week began using its new gravity system which brings mountain water from the Santiam river to Salem through an 18-mile long pipe line.

A sudden increase in study courses on the part of inmates of Warden James Lewis' big house at the east end of State street was reported this week by Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. Whereas applications for study courses from inmates of the state prison have been running from 12 to 15 a week, there were 77 applications filed this week. Engineering courses predominate in the applications, these including courses in mining as well as mechanical engineering.

Negotiations for the remaining property in the block on which the state proposes to erect its new library-office building are proceeding satisfactorily, according to T. H. Banfield who is conducting the negotiations for the Capitol Reconstruction commission. It is not expected that condemnation proceedings will be necessary in order to secure title to the property.

W. S. Gosslin, secretary to Governor Martin, is now being mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for secretary of state. Gosslin, who is also mentioned as a possible candidate for Congress, admits that he is giving consideration to the new suggestion but has not yet made up his mind as to whether he will run or not.

Efforts will be made to keep the Crater Lake highway open all winter, according to R. H. Baldoock, state highway engineer.

Beware of strangers peddling "cure-alls" for poultry diseases, is the warning issued by the State Department of Agriculture. Several such peddlers are reported to be working the state.

Grass Keeps Sand Still

Extending the principles of combating soil erosion as practiced in the Khekitat valley the past two years, Commissioner S. P. Wruk has struck upon a valuable plan of control in the North Dalles district, where shifting sand dunes have constituted a problem costing the district several hundred dollars each year.

With the macadamizing of the highway from the ferry slip to the Evergreen highway, Commissioner Wruk was anxious to eliminate the sand trouble and the accompanying cost of periodical removal. In the spring of 1936, at the suggestion of county agent I. W. Ter-nahan and Soil Conservation Service officials, the troublesome dunes were transplanted to native grasses taken from nearby stabilized dunes and later given a thin covering of finely crushed rock. Mr. Wruk had previously found that rock placed on the sand holds the dunes until the grass is established.

Results of the 1936 work have been gratifying. No sand shifting difficulties have arisen this year where the plan was worked out. Normal dune movement is recorded at about 60 feet a year, but the grass planted areas have been held stationary.

School Principal—Now, Roger, what are you doing? Learning something?
Roger—No, sir. I'm listening to you.

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Kent High School Presenting Carnival Tonight

Friday evening November 5 residents of Kent and surrounding community are expected to gather at the high school to attend a carnival sponsored by the student body. Among the interesting booths will be a Beano game with thirty dollars worth of merchandise to be given out as prizes, an archery, side show and of course an eats booth. Preparation for the carnival is keeping the school students busy as a large crowd is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and daughters, Geraldine and Carol and sons Eugene and Ross were dinner guests at the Frank von Borstel home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes motored to Salem Friday where they spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Mampers. Velma Matthes of North Bend will also meet her parents and visit with them while there.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson motored to The Dalles early Sunday morning to be with her daughter, Mrs. Clarice Sacre of Moro, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Mid Columbia hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds and daughter Betty Lou of Grass Valley were dinner guests at the Theo. Justesen home Sunday.

The annual birthday anniversary and reunion of the Barnet family was held at the grange hall last Sunday. "Grandpa" Barnet of The Dalles in whose honor this event was held was eighty one years old October 18th. A bounteous dinner was served at noon with fifty-one present and all wished Mr. Barnet many more happy birthdays.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES

The Honor Roll for Kent High School for the preceding six weeks of school has three honored members. Two of them are in the lower class group and one in the upper class group. They are: Lower classmen, Frank von Borstel and Geraldine Norton; Upper class man, Helen Wilson.

The Kent school is sponsoring its annual school Carnival, Friday evening, November 5. Many new attractions have been added this year. The annual school Carnival is one of the big events of the year in Kent. The entire school takes part in the activity.

The Principal, Mr. R. N. McGlasson, has received the honor of being the president of the O. S. T. A. in Sherman county. Miss Nan Smith is the secretary of the association. The honor was bestowed upon them at the four county Teachers Institute held in The Dalles last week.

Kent split honors with Grass Valley in the Volley ball games that took place on the Kent floor Friday, October 29. The Kent girls won a victory over the Grass Valley girls with a score of 20-17. And the Grass Valley boys carried off the boys' game with a score of 45-11.

Kent High now has an enrollment of twenty-eight students. The Misses Frances and Delores Gregg of Kittitas, Wash., are now attending school here.

Visitor—I suppose they ask a lot for the rent of this stupendous apartment.
Hostess—Yes, they asked Harold seven times last month.

In Other Days

From the Observer Nov. 6, 1908
Miss Bell Toll of Eugene opened Fairview school on the 2nd.

A teamster from Dufur with a 4-horse load of potatoes, sold out around Moro at \$2 per sack.

Our quiet city was visited in the early hours of last Sunday night by a group of night riders. Such doings are little more than mobocracy whether practiced by trades unions if manufacturing centers or little places like this.

By all means protect the trees you have and plant more. Locust is the tree for Moro.

Moro celebrated the closing of the World War Thursday evening with a big bonfire on the streets in front of the Moro Trading company. H. U. Martin donated a cord of wood and Bill Johnson fixed up an effigy of the Kaiser that was produced at the proper time. Patriotic songs were sung. AND the next day it was known that it was a fake.

A letter was received from Chris Poiston who was "some where in France".

People were asked to subscribe more liberally for War Welfare work as increased needs are expected.

C. E. Hill has been appointed as superintendent of an experimental farm at Waterville, Wash.

From the Observer, Nov. 4, 1895
The Grass Valley ball nine will play any club in Sherman county on the Grass Valley diamond for an oyster supper for the players. See Roy Vinton.

The Schadewitz brothers who have been handling sheep jointly for the past five years, recently divided their flock. Each will hereafter have a separate interest.

Moro is proud of her dancing club this fall. They are well attended and suppers are served at the City Hotel by J. J. Wiley.

A broom factory has been estab-

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lished in The Dalles by Merton & Co.
Art and Drew Barnum left for Portland to take up studies this week in a course of commercial education.

CHURCHES

Community Presbyterian Church
10:00 a. m., Bible school at which time we begin the November lessons. Teachers are asked to remain after the morning service to discuss plans for Christmas.

11:00 a. m., sermon "John's Portrait of Jesus," and a special number by Genevieve and Lyle Nahouse.

7:15 p. m., Christian Endeavor groups will begin Fall meetings. The pastor will close the unified service with a short message "Armistice Day—Then and Now."

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., young people's choir at the Nahouse residence.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Bible study at the Manse.

Why Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., went to church: Reason No. 1—"In this actual world, a churchless community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade."

Grass Valley Baptist Church
Gerald C. Dryden, Pastor.

Wasco Church of Christ
Gilbert R. Carey, pastor.

Bible school opens promptly at 10:00 o'clock.
Morning worship is at 11:00 o'clock. Sermon topic, "The New Testament Church." This is a study of God's word which one and all should hear. Come and bring your friends.

Immediately following the morning service there will be a basket dinner in the basement of the church, during which time reports will be given of each class and organization in the church.

Bring your dinner and meet with us.

Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m. Evening church service at 8:00. This Sunday evening we will study the second chapter of Revelation.

November 14 the Camp Fire girls will have charge of the evening service. Watch for complete announcement.

Wasco Methodist Church
F. L. Cannell, Pastor

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Classes for all ages.

Next Sunday is the Sunday before Armistice Day. The pastor will preach a sermon in keeping with that great and memorable day. Subject, "Lest We Forget." A special invitation is extended to all World War Veterans, and to the public in general. Special music by the choir.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Christian Science Society

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon is "Adam and Fallen Man," at the Christian Science church for Sunday, November 7. The Sunday morning service begins at eleven o'clock. The Wednesday evening service which includes testimonies of Christian Science healings, begins at eight o'clock. The reading room, where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be found, is open daily, with an attendant after each church service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Next Sunday, November 7, Reformation Service and Holy Communion will be observed at the Lutheran church service in the Grass Valley Methodist church building. The German confession service will be held at 10:30; the English service begins at 11:00 o'clock. Commemorating the great work accomplished by the untiring zeal of Doctor Martin Luther, we thankfully observe Reformation Day. Come and be benefited by the service.

H. H. Fleckenstein, Missionary.

She Wouldn't Understand
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Brown were neighbors. It was not surprising, therefore, that compliments were the order of the day.

Said Mrs. Smith one fine morning: "Huh! Mrs. Brown, yer've got odd stockings on!"

Mrs. Brown was, as always, equal to the occasion. Smiling her sweetest smile, she replied loftily: "Yes, dearie. I can understand that surpris' yer; but it's a thing wot often 'appens to ladies wat 'as more than one pair."

"A stag party is an affair where most any old buck can get a little deer if he's got the doe."

It's a sure sign of winter when a woman begins wearing her summer hat every day.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Fuller, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Fuller, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: October 15, 1937.

David Reid
50-1 Attorney for Administrator.

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