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MONOPLY

This is not a dissertation on a
once famous parlor game. Rather
it intends to point toward a social,
political and economic tendency in
the nation and state.

There are several kinds of
monopolies. There is a natural monopoly,
caused by geographical location
and other causes. There is a monopoly
caused by economic conditions
such as some railroads and many
power companies enjoy, having
got on the ground first and
covered it well enough that no
other company can make the
investment necessary to compete.

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which one may allow imagination
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Deschutes at the Gordon Bridge,
and there was a station where the
road crossed Niger Hollow, below
where the King place is now. A
negro was the stock tender, and
that is why it is called Niger
Hollow.

BONNEVILLE

The gates at Bonneville are
closed. That may come to be the
most important thing that has
happened in this part of the country
in 1937, or in fact for several
years.

One might speculate for a long
evening on the effect that Bonneville
might have on the mid-Columbia
basin and still be far from
guessing correctly. Certainly, if
the dam remains, it will have an
effect on transporting wheat to
tidewater. If another dam is built
at the Cedillo falls there may be
a serious change in the lives of the
small towns in the county for
business may gradually move to the
river. In any event we may expect
cheaper rates for moving our
wheat.

Presuming that some industry
will be developed through the use
of electricity there may be some
marked change in our agriculture
and instead of being a county
devoted almost entirely to wheat
Sherman county may become a
stock county producing bacon,
lamb, chicken and beef for an
industrial population.

In some quarters there is
comment about the possibility of a
change in climate because of the
large body of water that will be
backed up by the dam. No one with
experience in such matters has
prophesied such a change, however,
and it may be presumed that the
change in water surface will be
slight because of the comparatively
narrow channel of the Columbia.

Even a wide distribution of power
may have but little effect on this
county for farms are so far
apart that it almost seems impossible
that all can be given electricity
without a governmental
subsidy so large as to be highly
impractical even in these days. It
is, of course, a possibility and farmers
may soon be using electricity
for farm tasks.

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STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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revenues of electric utilities operating
in this state over the revenues
for 1936. The average rates
for domestic use in Oregon, the
report shows, are among the lowest
in the United States.

With a total of 266,237 boys and
girls enrolled in the public schools
of the state Oregon's 1936-37
school population set an all time
high according to Rex Putnam,
state superintendent of public instruction. Putnam declares that
this increase of 6627 over the
previous year's school enrollment
reflects the general population
increase in the state due to migration
from the dust bowl. Largest school
population gains are noted in the
Willamette Valley, southern Oregon
and in the extreme eastern
portion of the state around Nyssa
and Ontario.

The proposed blanket primary
measure sponsored by Elbert Eastman
of Portland is so loosely drawn
that it would never stand up under
a court test in the opinion of Attorney
General Van Winkle. The
Secretary of State Snell called
attention to numerous defects in the
proposed measure. Among other
things the measure as drawn would
restrict voting in the primary
election to members of the two
major political parties.

Oregon's huge fleet of state
owned automobiles and trucks will
consume approximately 3,600,000
gallons of gasoline during 1938 at
an estimated cost of \$576,000,
according to Dan J. Fry, state
purchasing agent. Bids submitted
by nine gasoline distributors for
supplying the state with its motor
vehicle fuel during 1938 were
identical, Fry said.

Pianos may be musical instruments
to most people but the
Board of Control discovered that
they could be a lot of hot potatoes
when rival salesman attempted to
sell the board on the merit of their
respective makes this week. The
pianos—11 of them—are wanted
by the State College for use in its
music department. At a previous
meeting the board had awarded the
contract for the pianos to the high
bidder. While the Dean of music
from the College endorsed the
choice the unsuccessful bidder
charged the board with throwing
away some \$600 on the purchase.
So the board reconsidered its
previous action and passed the buck
back to the Board of Higher
education for its recommendation.

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Visitors At
Kent Come
From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith and
sons Bill, Gordon and Warren, and
Marion Bennett of Portland visited
at the Max Pluemke home Friday
and Saturday.

Mrs. George Wilson and children
spent Sunday with Mrs. Tate
Justesen.

Kent farmers who attended the
tractor school at Moro Wednesday
included Carl Schadowitz, Robert
Schilling, Bob Brown, J. C. Wilson,
Arthur Justesen and George
McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser and
Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Belshie of
Moro were dinner guests at the
R. N. McGlasson home Sunday.

Kent folk attending the Christmas
program at Grass Valley Baptist
church Sunday evening were:
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and
Nellie and grandson, George Sacre,
Earl Lyons, Frances and Delores
Gregg and Helen Ann Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis were
shopping in The Dalles Monday.
Carl Pluemke returned to Kent
Sunday from Bend where he will
spend the holiday vacation with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max
Pluemke.

Mr. and Mrs. Wren Hogue and
family of Grass Valley were dinner
guests at the B. A. Hogue home
here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacInnes and
grand daughter Betty Marrs, spent
several days in Portland recently.

The Christmas program given
by the Kent school will be held
Thursday evening, December 23rd.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 23, 1938
Passenger trains will not be
running into Moro before the 28th.
Freight is coming daily and what
few passengers can get a seat in
the engine cab.

John Johnson and Miss Bessie
Hennagin were married at the
home of the bride's parents
yesterday.

The Union warehouse announces
that grain delivered before Dec. 31
for which tickets are surrendered
will take a charge of only .50 per
ton. After that date the charge
will be .50 and 15 cents per month
per ton.

Sheriff Holder is building an ice
house which will hold 100 tons. The
congealed fluid will come from
North Powder.

From the Observer, Dec. 27, 1918
J. N. Landry and family returned
from Portland Christmas. They
found the highway blocked by a
slide near Hood River but could get
around it.

C. C. Richmond has sold his
interest in the farm firm of Richmond
and Deal to W. K. Deal and has
rented the McGinnis farm.

The first real snowfall came last
week covering the ground with a
four inch blanket. Weather has
been cold.

County Commissioner J. R. Ginn
was a Portland visitor this week.

From the Observer, Dec. 25, 1908
It is said the bonds have been
floated for the proposed electric
railway, Condon, Fossil, etc. We
hope so.

There isn't a farmer in Sherman
county but could find profitable
reading in Bulletin 28 of the Dept.
of Agriculture on "Weeds and how
to kill them."

More than 200 persons attended
the auction sale of I. D. Pike Saturday.

Nothing could be better for the
fall sown wheat than the generous
coating of snow which has laid over
the county the past two weeks.



New guest stickers which non-resident
motorists will carry on their
windshields while traveling in Oregon
in 1938 have been printed and
will be available for use January
1st, Secretary of State Earl Snell
announced today.

The stickers, attractively reproduced
in two colors, will accompany
a triplicate form which not only is
more economical than the former
system of registration but also will
speed up work both in issuing
stations and in the home office in

Salem, Snell said.
The "Guest of Oregon" idea inaugurated
by Secretary Snell a year ago has
proved popular and is being used
in California also this year.

The 1938 Oregon stickers show a
view of Crater Lake, with the non-resident
blank printed on the reverse.
During 1937 more than 160,000
out of state motorists will have
registered to set a new all time
record, according to Snell.

Party For Miss Leona Clothier;
Bride To Be, Held at Wasco

Complimenting Miss Leona Clothier,
bride elect, Mrs. A. M. Huckin
and Mrs. A. T. Striker entertained
with a tea at the home of Mrs.
Huckin Saturday afternoon. During
the afternoon program Miss
Georgia Harper played a piano
solo, Miss Margaret Johnson
accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Johnson
sang and Miss Evelyn Scott
played a clarinet solo.

A decorative scheme of green and
red was carried out in the rooms
and on the table. Mrs. A. S. Johnson
and Mrs. Belle Clothier poured
and Miss Frances Gorsline and
Mrs. Wm. Clothier assisted the
hostess in serving.

Guests expected at the F. L.
Barnett home for Christmas are
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Barnett and
children Donald and Norma of
Portland, Mrs. A. W. Anderson and
daughters Opal and Louanna and
Emerson of Eagle Creek, Mr. and
Mrs. D. E. Brewer and son Francis
from Hood River and Benton
Barnett from Rufus.

Miss Ivalou Peugh was assisting
Mr. Yates in his store this week.

Tuesday Study Club members
met with Mrs. Cliff Fridley and
Mrs. Wesley Wilde aided with the
refreshments. A program of songs
and recitations symbolic of Christmas
time, was given. Gifts were
exchanged and a very pleasant
afternoon was spent. The roll call
included Bible verses.

At the meeting of the Annie
Fulton Chapter of the Eastern Star
held December 14 the following
officers were elected: Worthy
Matron, Mrs. Augusta Huckin; Patron
Gordon Harper; Associate Matron,
Mrs. Wm. Nesbit; Associate Patron,
L. P. Haven; Conductress,
Mrs. H. A. White; Assistant
conductress, Mrs. L. P. Haven;
secretary Mrs. W. C. Harper; treasurer,
Mrs. Estrella Hailey.

Mrs. Homer Dixon left to attend
the funeral services of her father,
Loring V. Stewart, former state
senator, which was held at Forest
Grove Wednesday.

Glen Van Gilder returned from
Look Out, California, after remaining
with his grandmother, Mrs.
Emma Hines since September.

Ross Morrow arrived from
Monta Vista, Colorado to stay until
after the holidays with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow.

Margaret McDermid is spending
the Christmas season with her
parents while her school at Oregon
City is having a vacation.

Nyal Grady, son of Mr. and Mrs.
B. H. Grady, was recently pledged
to Phi Beta Kappa, national
honorary scholastic fraternity at
Whitman college, Walla Walla.

Ross Hilderbrand who was
confined to a hospital in Portland,
returned home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tom and
daughter, Catherine of Rufus were
in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Dutton returned from
The Dalles with Mr. Dutton Friday.
She has been in The Dalles
hospital for the past two months.

The Standard Bearers of the M.
E. church held their monthly
meeting at the parsonage and a pot
luck dinner and Christmas observance
were a part of the meeting. Ten
girls exchanged gifts and received
gifts from their mystery mothers.

Mrs. F. L. Cannell, the leader, and
her husband were given a gift from
the girls. Beryl Sheets is chairman.

Returning to their respective
homes for the holidays are the
students of higher institutions. James
O'Meara, William McKinney,
Linsfield; Catherine Richelderfer,
Mills college, Los Angeles; David
Richelderfer, OSC; Gertrude Cannell,
Mary Jeanette Sargent,
Williamette; Margaret Johnson, Dana
Jean McMillen from business college;
Ted Proudfoot OSC; Leon Smith,
Williamette; Jean Spencer, business
college; Augusta Huckin, WSC;
Winifred Fortner, Pacific; Francis
Watkins, U. of O.

Sunday and brought Mrs. Williams
and baby home with him. She has
been staying at her mother's since
leaving the hospital.

Mrs. Estrella Hailey is sharing
her home with Mr. and Mrs.
Everett Watkins this winter. Their
daughter, Hazel Marie has been
staying in town since the start of
school.

Tuesday Kenneth Crews left for
Colorado Springs. After the Christmas
holidays he will return to
Wasco where he is staying at the
Louis Walsh home.

Sunday evening ended the series
of Evangelic services held at the
Church of Christ by Rev. Cunningham
of The Dalles. The
baptismal ceremonies were given
at numerous meetings including
Sunday evening. A special feature
Sunday was solo