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THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

The address on the state of the
nation given by President Roosevelt
to the newly convened congress was
much more conciliatory in tone
than numerous of his talks have
been in the past.

Naturally his paragraphs on the
farm plan are of most interest to
this county. He passed over the
proposal of reduction in cost of
production of farm crops below
that of other nations as not feasible
as it would cut the standard of
living too low for America.

His favor apparently fell on the
plan of putting the "primary
responsibility" of farm crop
reduction on the farmers by a majority
vote of those concerned. He said
that this would mean an adequate
supply and adequate reserves.

It is interesting to follow this
type of reasoning a bit further. It
is natural to assume that if farmers
were permitted or encouraged
to form some sort of an organization
and given power to determine
the amounts raised, they would
also be able to control the price asked
for their product. It follows that
the same privilege would be given
to other groups; labor for instance
might be encouraged—as it has
been—to organize and demand
certain wages and perhaps hours.

Where would we be then? We
would be creating new agencies of
government armed with authority
over economic processes. Those
engaged in the production of goods
would have been given a distinct
advantage over those who consume.
The loyalty of the average citizen
would naturally go to his economic
group instead of to the government
as the average union labor man
gives his loyalty to his union in
preference to the law.

Similar proposals have been
made in lesser places. It is well
to examine the trend and determine
before we have gone far along the
road whether we wish to travel
that highway or not. It is particularly
important that farmers look
he proposition over carefully.

For years farmers have been
able to exercise some sort of a
balance between labor and industry,
aiding one now and another at
some other time. The national
Grange master, recently made
similar statement. Farmers might
profitably consider well their position
in the national set-up before moving
toward such a change.

ROADS

The presence of six delegations
of farmers at the meeting of the
county court is evidence that roads
have again become an important
part of the thought of farm
dwellers. For some years, because
of the depression, the known lack
of money, and the former extensive
road program there has been a comparatively
small demand on the
court for road building. Now every
body wants some certain road built
or repaired or gravelled.

Under the former road program
as mapped out in the twenties each
part of the county was to receive
gravelled highways in due time.
The program was halted before it
was finished and two sections of
the county were not cared for.
They are the northeastern part of
the county where roads were to be
built into Rufus and the Erskine
territory which was to have a
gravelled road.

Last winter the roads were so
filled with snow that the conditions
of the surface had little to do with
traveling. This year heavy rains
have made the road surface all
important and men who have been

able to get to town from their
farms with ease are now getting
mired down in the middle of the
road.

It makes a farmer happy to have
the moisture but, like everyone
else, he is most unhappy when
stuck in the mud. The delegations
before the court proved that much.
What the court can do with its
rather limited funds is not known.
The county now has very good
equipment for the grading and
maintaining of roads, but is not
equipped to gravel roads without
a considerable expense that is not
provided for in the budget. Yet
gravel is a dire need in many
places.

The state hired some gravel
crushed in this county for its own
highways apparently finding that
method as cheap, or maybe cheaper,
than owning a crusher. That
may be the best policy for the county
or it may be that a portable
crusher would solve the problem
better. The court will have to settle
that matter and will not lack
for urging.

OF PIONEERS

For some weeks, or since this
newspaper passed into its fiftieth
year, we have tried to write brief
histories of several of the old time
families of the county. These are
necessarily short and are intended
to tell of the families instead of
only some member thereof.

Families whose members have
in the main remained in this county
for 50 years or more, have changed
the county from the bunch grass
covered pasture land that it was
in the early eighties to the fertile
wheat land it is today. To them
must go the credit of weathering
winters of deep snow and summers
of blistering heat, of withstanding
years of poor crops and of poor
prices for wheat or stock. And to
them must be permitted the monetary
rewards many of them have
attained for their persistence and
faith in the county earned them.

As the elders of these pioneers
look out over the county now it is
not presumed that these monetary
rewards are the greatest that they
realize. For accomplishment so
great can not help but carry some
spiritual reward as well.

This was new land when they
came and the bunch grass stood
two feet high and the nearest store
was miles away—like as not—and
when it was reached nothing but
the most ordinary goods were
kept. There was no ready money
and the sale of a few steers, a few
loads of wheat or the proceeds of
a wool hauling trip made up the
entire return for the first years of
homesteading in this then new
land.

As they see motor cars with
eighty horses under their hoods
glide up the paved roadway they
must think back to the many cold
mornings they have started for the
Columbia river railroad with four
or six horses and a few sacks of
dearly won wheat.

We like to write of the pioneers;
we like to think about them and
their times for there is something
indomitable about them, an invincible
toughness and hardness that
stayed on and won through hard
times and short rations.

The resignation of Justice Sutherland
gives the president a chance
to appoint another man on the
supreme court and it is certain that
his choice this time will be superior
in training and demonstrated
ability than was Justice Black. Of
the two most often mentioned Reed
is probably the best timber for the
job as Minton has often displayed
a tendency toward persecution of
his opponents that hardly befits the
highest court in the land. Perhaps
neither will be chosen.

Few people will study the national
budget without finding several
places to reduce expenditures even
though the president recounts the
story of a caller who could not do
so. All national divisions of government
are being increased rapidly
and this could well be curtailed.
Despite the depression an expenditure
of over a billion dollars for
public works is excessive. It may
be noted that the expenditures are
estimated to be \$866,400,000 which
is an increase from \$611,600,000 in
1931. Also this item will grow as
long as the budget is out of balance.

It has often been said that politics
was a dirty job, but it was not
previously known that the state's
three biggest politicians had to
have a shower in their office.

There could be more joy over
Roosevelt's proposal to build a
bunch of new ships if the darn
things lasted over 20 years.

Sometimes it seems that a better
name for labor leader would be an
anti-labor leader.

It was only a few years ago that
this nation had its first billion dollar
congress. Now, with hundreds
of new taxes, the most we can
raise is a billion short. What a
life.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)
ties buy their "juice" at a much
lower rate than do consumers in
other sections of the United States.
Wallace's report shows that the
average rate paid by domestic
users in Oregon is only 2.97 cents
per kilowatt hour whereas the
average rate for the nation is 4.69
cents per kilowatt hour.

Consumption of electricity in
Oregon increased 14 percent in
1936 over the 1935 figure. Based
upon data already available gross
revenues of Oregon electric utilities
for 1937 will exceed the gross
revenue of 1936 by approximately
10 percent.

Through negotiations between
the utilities commissioner and the
officials of the various electric
utilities rate reductions involving
a saving of \$855,670.82 to Oregon
consumers were put into effect between
April 1, 1935, and October
31, 1937.

While operating revenues of
Oregon electric utilities show a
gain of 11.1 for 1936 over 1935
operating expenses of the same
utilities show an increase of 16.79
percent during the same period.
Taxes alone paid by these utilities
increased 37 percent during the
seven years covered by the report
and for the year 1936 aggregated
\$2,935,888.18 representing more
than 15 cents out of each dollar of
gross operating revenue collected
by these utilities.

Citing 11.53 mills per kilowatt-
hour as the average operating
expense involved in the production
of electricity by plants in Oregon the
commissioner breaks this expense
item down as follows: Production
expense, 2.25 mills; transmission
expense, .26; distribution, 1.11; utilization,
.31; commercial, .81; new
business, .69; general and miscellaneous,
1.22; depreciation, 1.62;
uncollectible bills, .15; taxes, 3.11.

Governor Martin has invited the
Grange to hold its 1938 convention
in Salem. In a telegram to Louis
J. Tabor, master of the national
grange the governor pointed out
that Oregon's new capitol building
will be ready for occupancy next
summer and will be available for
use by the Grange for its convention.
Generally interpreted as a
slap at Ray Gill, master of the Oregon
State Grange, for his well
known pro-labor leanings the governor
in his telegram to Tabor declared
that "there are some farm
organization leaders who cannot
decide whether to remain AFL or
go CIO." "They think of politics
first, labor second, and the farmer
third, if at all, in all issues affecting
the advancement of the farm
industry."

Seventy-five thousand acres of
cut-over, second growth and isolated
farm lands in the Oregon
Coast range are being restored to
forest production and developed for
recreation and wild life conservation.
Three years of intensive land
use adjustment and acquisition near
completion, R. S. Shelley, project
manager, reported to Governor
Martin this week. Acquisition of
74,882 acres of land on the Oregon
Coast valued at \$428,230 and representing
395 ownerships is approximately
90 percent complete. Lands
being acquired are adjacent to and
within the boundaries of the Siuslaw
National Forest. Development
work is being carried on by 540
men in cooperation with WPA.
Forest recreation areas have been
developed at a number of points
throughout the area. Most of these
are equipped with fire-places, rustic
tables and benches, community
kitchens, picnic grounds and sanitary
facilities.

THE POWELL FAMILY

Marion Powell, father of the
Powell family of Sherman county,
brought his family here in 1885
from Prineville after having lived
there since 1869 and after having
aided in the defeat of the vigilantes
that terrorized that part of the
state in early days.

The family has a distinct pioneer
background as Marion Powell
came across the plains in 1857 from
Missouri and his wife made the
trip in 1858 coming from Iowa.
They were married in Linn county
and moved to the Prineville country
in another pioneer venture and
later came to this land when it still
was pretty much in the rough.

He settled a few miles west of
Moro on a pre-emption claim he
purchased and later bought other
land to increase his holdings. His
sons William S. Powell, long a
leader in farm activities including
the Farmer's Union, the Grange,
the Wheat League and the Co-operatives;
Charles and Roy, now on
the relief committee, have increased
their holdings in the Moro
and Erskineville neighborhoods
and all are prosperous farmers or
are retired to live in town. Living
daughters are Mrs. E. H. Moore
of Moro and Mrs. Mary Southwick
of Portland.

During the 52 years the family
has lived in Sherman county its
members have been active in the
business and social life of the county
having helped the organization
of banks, elevators and other
ventures.

Fighting Stops as Soldiers Play



Japanese soldiers on the Nanjing front enjoying a baseball game during a lull in their warfare against the Chinese. Note the pitcher using a makeshift club for a bat while the pitcher prepares to deliver a fast one. Baseball has achieved great popularity in Japan and it is a favorite pastime.

People's Column

To the Editor:

We Grain Growers of Sherman
County are a bit tardy with supplying
our portion of the fund
required for carrying on the necessary
fight against rising freight
rates on grain, because none of us
have had the time to work the
campaign thereof, while in other
counties considerable funds have
been raised. The time is short
now with the Rate Hearing coming
on at Portland January 11th to
15th. We must help a bit or, no
doubt, pay the fiddler. If the proposed
raise in rates should be
granted, we would have to pay,
most likely, from \$10.00 to \$12.00
per 1000 bushels more freight on
wheat than we now pay. By united
effort we have heretofore been able
to defeat such asked for raises in
rates on grain. We must act in the
same way this time. Local Granges,
Farm Bureaus, the Wheat League,
Co-operatives and Grain Dealers
are undertaking to help the Tri-State
Wheat Transportation Council,
Inc., with our fight. While
plans for raising needed funds thru
a moderate retain in Warehouse
Charges or at any time of wheat
sales is being considered, it is too
late in the marketing season to
propose such arrangement, so we
shall have to work subscription lists.
Such will be placed with the local
grain Co-operatives and Grain
Dealers, and Granges or other farm
organizations will co-operate as
they may elect. Every grower
should contact at once one of these
agencies and make his contribution,
and not wait to be approached
personally, because no one can
be paid for traveling about to see
us. For present needs, it is thought
that a mill per bushel, which
amounts to 50 cents per 1000 bushels
delivered for sale, will suffice for
our contribution.

James B. Adams,
District Committeeman, Tri-State
Wheat Transportation Council.

In Other Days

From the Observer January 8, 1909
Now this is fine—18 inches of
the beautiful delivered in fine shape
this week.

I. D. Pike has sold his farm and
bought the Hickson residence in
Moro park which he will repair and
renovate in good style.

Moro is to have an up to date
bakery, restaurant and lodging
house in the Peoples building, E.
F. Donham, proprietor.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. G. C.
Vinton, December 27, a daughter.

From the Observer January 10 1919
Sherman county this week definitely
adopted a roads program when
at the session of the state highway
commission an application was formally
made for a state aid highway
through the county from north
to south and going as far as Shantiko.

C. W. Moore has sold his brick
building on First street occupied
by Ginn Coleman & Co. to John
Karlen.

A letter was received from
William Buxton who was in London,
England.

C. E. Hill expects to leave for
Waterville, Washington where he
will be superintendent of an
experiment farm.

From the Observer January 6, 1899
At a meeting of citizens interested
in an open river held in Moro
Saturday A. C. Huff acted as
chairman and W. H. Ragsdale was
chosen secretary. J. B. Wheat, O.
P. Hulise and Carl Peetz were chosen
to represent Sherman county in
The Dalles, January 11.

The sweet babes of Mesdames
E. E. Barnum and E. R. Wheat
asleep in the dancing hall Friday
night was one of those beautiful
pictures which often fill the
poet's description.

At a rabbit hunt Wednesday for

the oysters J. A. West's side won
by one rabbit over John McGrath's.
Passenger trains over the CSR
commenced making regular trips
yesterday. The first train left
Moro at 11:30 a. m.

Joe—If I'd known you were so
extravagant I would never have
married you.
Dot—If I hadn't been, father
would never have let you.

CHURCHES

Community Presbyterian Church
Lawrence H. Mitchelmore, Minister
Community Presbyterian church
10 a. m. Bible study; 11 a. m. "The
Messiah In Prophecy," first in a
series of sermons in the life of
Christ; The S. M. S. club for boys
and girls will meet for its first
story of the new year; 7:15 p. m.,
Three Christian Endeavor groups
meeting for worship, study, and
song, Thursday, 7:30 p. m., at the
church.

Christian Science Society
Christian Science Sunday service
begins at eleven o'clock. The lesson
subject will be "Sacrament." The
Wednesday evening meeting
begins at eight o'clock. In the
reading room in the rear of the
church building will be found all
authorized Christian Science literature,
which may be read, borrowed
or purchased. The public is lovingly
welcomed to all services.

Grass Valley Baptist Church
Gerald C. Dryden, Pastor.
First Baptist church, Grass Val-

ley: 10:00 a. m. Bible school. Come
and study the Gospel of Mark with
us. 11:00 a. m. The pastor will be
giving a series of messages on the
book of Hebrews. The first is:
"Christ—Superior to the Prophets"
7:30 p. m. Topic "Four' nichors."
The Grass Valley high school orchestra
will be with us again. 7:30
p. m. Thursday, Prayer and Bible
study. We are now studying 1
John. 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, The
Women's Missionary Society will
have a work meeting at the parsonage.

Wasco Methodist Church
F. L. Camell Pastor
Wasco Methodist church: Sunday
school at 10 a. m. Preaching service
at 11. Subject "Friendship." Text,
"I was wounded in the house of
my friends." Zech. 13:6. Choir
practice Wednesday evening at 7:30
The pastor will preach at the Grass
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Everyone Welcome.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against
the Estate of John Mathieson, Sr.,
Deceased, are required to present
them with vouchers to the undersigned
at their farm residence
near Rufus, Oregon within 6
months of the date of the first publication
of this notice. The date of
the first publication of this notice
is January 7, 1938.

Hugh S. Mathieson
Executor
Margaret Leff
Executrix

Frank G. Dick, Atty.
Vogt Block
The Dalles, Oregon 10-13

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
SHERMAN COUNTY, STATE OF
OREGON.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF Maude P. Mullenburg,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned, administrator
of estate of Maude P. Mullenburg,
deceased, has filed in the
County Court of Sherman County,
Oregon, his final account as administrator
of said estate and that the
31st day of January, 1938, at the
hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon
of said day, at the county court
room in the courthouse of said
county, has been fixed by the court
as the time and place for hearing
of objections to said account, if
any, and the settlement thereof.

William Mullenburg,
Administrator of the estate of
Maude P. Mullenburg, deceased.

Christian Science Sunday service
begins at eleven o'clock. The lesson
subject will be "Sacrament." The
Wednesday evening meeting
begins at eight o'clock. In the
reading room in the rear of the
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R. J. Kitchen,
LaGrande, Oregon,
Attorney for administrator.

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

No. 380
NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ALEXANDER DA-
VIS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned, as Administratrix of
the Estate of Alexander Davis, de-
ceased, has filed her final account
in the County Court of the State
of Oregon, for Sherman County,
and that Monday, the 24th day of
January, 1938, at the hour of 10
o'clock in the forenoon of said day
and the court room of said court
has been appointed by said Court
as the time and place for the hearing
of objections thereto and the
settlement thereof.

Dated and first published, De-
cember 24, 1937.
Date of last publication, January
14, 1938.

Neoma E. Smith, Administratrix.
Oren R. Richards, Attorney.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Moro, Oregon
Meets the 1st and 3rd
Thursday evenings of
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
Roy Powell, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 119 I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall. Trans-
ient and visiting
brothers are cordially
invited to meet
with us.
Lewis McKee, N. G.
Joe Truit, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah-Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tu-
esdays of each month.
Visiting members are
welcome.
Mabel McKee, N. G.
Naomi Van Gilder, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78. O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
invited.
Frances King W. M.
Ruth Sparling, Secretary.



The high cost of living is
getting to be a problem again---
but you can still get the news of
your neighbors each week for
the same cost.

WHY NOT RESOLVE:
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For 1938 ---- and know what is going
on around the county.