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"In future times, a great majority of the people will not only be without land, but any other sort of property. These will either combine, under the influence of their common situation—in which case the rights of property and the public liberty will not be secure in their hands—or, what is more probable, they will become the tools of opulence and ambition; in which case there will be equal danger on another side." James Madison.

FARM BILL

The day spent by a majority of Sherman county farmers this week in an attempt to learn about the new farm bill was probably a profitable one although it seems that the more the bill is studied the more complicated and more hard to understand it becomes.

It is certain that the bill, if it is administered as planned Monday, will bring a good sized income to the county. Returns under it should be well in excess of \$200,000 for 1938 which is a very good bounty, although not so large as the first AAA payments. This bill, however, permits a considerable expansion of acreage which the first act did not.

It is entirely possible that the county will produce a greater crop of wheat this year than ever before. Moisture conditions are very satisfactory to date and many acres are being put into crop that have been idle since the war days. Then, too, there are those land owners who wish to make a dent in the mortgage while there is moisture which accounts for an increased acreage.

The normal expected from this county is between 1,700,000 bushels and 1,800,000 bushels, but twice this amount of wheat may be harvested before the combines are shedded next fall. This may be sold or it may be stored depending on whether marketing quotas are in effect or not.

The possibility of marketing quotas may be explained by the following quotation from the bill, Sec. 335 (a) Whenever it shall appear that the total supply of wheat as of the beginning of any marketing year will exceed a normal year's domestic consumption and exports by more than 35 percent, the secretary shall, not later than May 15 prior to the beginning of such marketing year, proclaim such fact and, during the marketing year beginning July 1 and continuing throughout such marketing year, a national marketing quota shall be in effect with respect to the marketing of wheat.

No marketing quota can be put into effect for 1938 unless congress has appropriated money for parity payments. There is nothing in the bill to prevent a marketing quota from being set without parity payments in other years. The quotation from the bill gives the secretary power to set such quotas "Whenever it shall appear" and it might "appear" any time that parity payments were arranged for by congress.

Farmers of this county should receive almost \$600 apiece from the bill this year and the cost to them in crop reduction or acreage diversion need be bit slight. While not enthusiastic over the implications of the act they will in a vast majority of cases take the \$600 which is a very human thing to do.

It seems very likely that drastic changes and clarifications will be made in the bill before another year. In its present form it very clearly shows that it was made up from two distinct bills by groups of men with different ideas. This bill is the conference report which was crowded through congress without study and without explanation for even friends of the measure would not have wished it given to the people in this form.

IT AIN'T SO

Here it is along in March past the equinox and still it is neither winter nor spring but a continued spell of wet and rainy weather that

is not normal to any part of the year in Sherman county.

Now farmers have been kept out of the fields for a longer period in the spring but it was after a winter in which there was some frost and not just rain. This year the creeks are just beginning to run here in March and the rain still seeps through the soil and into the little stream because the soil can hold no more.

And as improper as it is to praise March for lack of wind before the month is entirely ended, still this has been a remarkable quiet month with only a few hours of real spring wind and that handicapped by rain.

The season is unbelievable and we are certain that those old timers who have now retired to a an easier clime will doubt the story of this spring when they read it. Almost perpetual rain, little sunshine and no wind is a bill of fare to which the county is not accustomed.

COUNTY UNIT

Over in Gilliam county the economic conference committee that studied home and rural life made a strong recommendation for the county unit plan of school management and thereby created something of a stir.

The north end of that county has been working for a union high school district with a school at Arlington and the county unit plan does not have a wide appeal there. It is very likely that a vote will be taken on the plan this year for it requires the signatures of but 100 citizens to insure the measure a place on the ballot. County courts must act on receipt of the petition.

The situation is different in this county and while there is some remaining opposition, to the county unit plan it has grown weaker in the past five years and the decrease in the number of high school and grade pupils has caused many who formerly opposed the plan to consider it with more favor or for very small schools find it difficult to give the sort of instruction desired by parents without co-operation with other districts.

This does not mean that schools would be consolidated under the county unit plan for consolidation is not a part of that plan at all. It does mean, however, that if one board was in control of all of the schools of the county it would be possible to have manual training and agriculture and home economics taught a day in each school by a roving instructor.

The very apparent unfairness in the tax rates levied in adjoining districts is another reason for added interest in the county unit plan in this county.

A large number of students of school affairs are now willing to go farther than the county unit plan provides and make a consolidated high school someplace in the county. This is very definitely not a part of the county unit plan although sometimes confused with it.

If we might be permitted a suggestion, it might be advisable for discussion clubs, civic organizations and farm groups to discuss the problem, obtain full and complete information regarding it and be prepared for a decision on it.

Nearly everyone took advantage of the opportunity to see "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and many of the adults have not received the thrill they expected. Principal point of interest for those past the age of enjoyment of fairy tales was the mechanical labor involved in making the picture. Mechanically the picture is marvelous. The dwarfs are lovable little creatures whose flexible faces permit a ready play of expression. The music is catchy and has become popular although that is not necessarily praise.

Gradually, but not surely, the re-organization bill is being worn down to the point where it will not be so dangerous to American institutions.

The only thing that keeps the condition throughout the world from being a world war is that the fighting is conducted on different fronts.

Because of the influx of income taxes the federal debt has been reduced this week and is now a mere \$37,450,360,662.66, a decrease of \$362,910,299.31 since last week.

The president is quoted as saying that a small, selfish minority is retarding national good times. Probably right.

Let's have an investigation of TVA and end the suspense. It will help the government's program if it is fair and harm it if it is unfair. The facts will hurt no honest person or movement.

We can soon get a little relief from the wars in Spain, Austria, China and Lithuania for the baseball season will open next month and it will be legal to catch fish.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)
More than \$2,000,000 in federal road funds may be lost to Oregon next year because of inability of the state to provide match money, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Of the \$238,000,000 in federal road funds set aside for 1939 \$4,842,984 will be available to Oregon. Of this latter amount \$3,188,000 is available only on condition that the state match it with \$2,745,000 of its own money. Because of inability to provide this match money only \$500,000 of this money will be taken up by the state this year. It is hoped that state funds will enable Oregon to take up another \$3,000,000 of the federal aid next fall.

Included in the federal funds allocated to Oregon, however, will be \$1,254,044 of forest highway money and \$400,000 for forest roads and trails, none of which is dependent upon state match money.

Further legislative action may be required before the state can acquire an office building in Portland. Attorney General Van Winkle in an opinion to the Board of Control has held that none of the rentals collected from departments housed in such a building would be available for operating expense under the present law. In other words if a deal should be made for a building all of the rentals would have to go toward paying off the debt. There would, therefore, be no money available for heat, light, janitor and elevator service. Members of the Board of Control are known to be seriously considering the advisability of throwing the office building problem right back into the lap of the lawmakers when they meet again next January.

Lt. Col. Joseph V. Schur whose death occurred at the Veteran's hospital in Portland last week had been a member of the adjutant general's staff in Salem ever since his return from the World War in 1918. "Joe" as he was familiarly known to his thousands of friends in the guard over the state had served in that organization for 27 years, receiving his 25 year medal two years ago. In that time he rose from the ranks to the position of Lieutenant colonel.

A state subsidy of \$10 for each child on the school census rolls is provided for in a proposed constitutional amendment which will be placed before the voters of Oregon next November. A portion of the subsidy would come from interest earnings of the irreducible school fund. The remainder would be a direct appropriation from the general fund. Based upon the 1937 school census and the allocation of irreducible school fund interest for last year the measure would require an annual appropriation of more than \$2,500,000 to be distributed among the various counties for support of grade and high schools. No provision is made in the measure for raising the additional revenue, sponsors of the measure declaring that to be a problem for the legislature to settle. The proposed amendment is being sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Council, the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary and the State Federation of Women's clubs. Agricultural groups and organized labor are also said to be favorable to the program.

Of the seven persons who lost their lives as a result of traffic accidents during February six were pedestrians, according to records compiled by Secretary of State Snell. The ages of these six pedestrians ranged from 66 years to 88 and all of them met their deaths in accidents occurring after dark.

Approximately 30,000 claims for unemployment compensation insurance have been approved to date according to D. A. Bulmore, administrator for the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission.

GAS TAX 19 YEARS OLD

Nineteen years ago a state legislator from Carlton, Oregon, drafted a bill placing a 1-cent tax on every gallon of gasoline and in the time intervening motorists through out the nation have paid in excess of seven billion dollars to state and federal governments, according to reports from the petroleum industry released by the Oregon State Motor association.

The first assessment on motor fuel started in Oregon on February 25, 1919 and the practice spread rapidly until the tax became the principal source of revenue for highway construction and maintenance, it was pointed out.

In 1937 the estimated \$769,900,000 collected in state gasoline taxes would have operated the entire United States government any year prior to its entrance into the World War. The \$203,025,000 of federal motor fuel taxes collected in 1937 would more than pay the operating expenses of the Mexican government this year.

Nice Work If You Can Get It



A back view of a Paris beauty contest, with one Frenchman wielding a rate in one of the easiest jobs on record. He's tallying the points of four girls competing for the title of "Prettiest Parisian of 1938" and faces alone aren't enough to convince him that a girl is beautiful.

In Other Days

From the Observer March 26, 1909

Jacob Wassacmiller has paid H. M. Shull \$27 per acre for the Fred Schilling farm.

Sheriff Freeman delivered two convicts at the Salem pen Wednesday evening.

J. W. Leonard has sold his farm at Kent, to Mr. Hastings of Portland. Consideration \$30 per acre.

From the Observer March 24, 1899

J. H. Strahl dug a good well 9 feet deep Monday on the Mitchell & Foss lot, First street, and has 3 feet of water in it.

Elwood Thompson came to town during the gentle zephyr Monday a. m. leaving fresh snow 1 1/2 inches in depth at 10 o'clock.

The snow storm last week in the Monument and Canyon City region, was the worst for years. South of Heppner 25 miles, the snow was 30 inches deep.

From the Observer March 28, 1919

J. B. Holman and family are visiting in Sherman county from Portland. They are probably the first to use the Columbia highway as far east as this county this early in the season.

Saturday afternoon fire destroyed the smoke house and blacksmith shop on the Wright place east of Monkland, farmed by Roy Kessinger. In addition to the buildings Mr. Kessinger lost a buggy, hack, blacksmith tools and two hogs that were being cured in the smoke house.

G. N. Crossfield has sold to Sherman county a 7 1/2 ton weight rock crusher with a capacity of 15 to 25 tons of crushed rock per hour. Enough to spread 140 yards upon the roads of Sherman county. The machine is due to arrive April 1.

More Howlers

"Tom Thumb was the inventor of hitch-hiking."

"A knapsack is a sleeping bag." "A battledore is the main entrance to a college mess hall."

"Bathos!" (short for "bathe those") was the war cry for the Knights of the Bath when they attacked the peasants."

State Secretary Plans Writing Contest

Carrying through his program of traffic safety education among Oregon boys and girls, Secretary of State Earl Snell recently announced that his office will cooperate with the 4-H club department of the Oregon State college extension service and with radio station KOAC in conducting a play writing contest among 4-H club members.

Secretary Snell last week furnished background material on traffic accidents and safety which was mailed out to interested 4-H members by H. C. Seymour, state director of the club's activities.

The two top-ranking plays will be presented over station KOAC by 4-H club casts during the club's summer session at Corvallis, with one broad cast scheduled at 12:15 p. m. June 8 and the other a week later at the same hour. The author of the winning play will also win a scholarship, made available by the secretary of state, for attendance at the summer session. The plays will be coached by James M. Morris, drama director for station KOAC.

TEA TESTER



Among the many tea testers assembled by Uncle Sam in New York recently was Robert Lewis. Mr. Lewis sampled many brands of tea which will determine the standards for 20,000,000 cups of the beverage to be consumed by Americans in 1938. One of them, at least, didn't make a hit with Mr. Lewis. It's the one he is shown holding—and distiking.

Influenza Problem Hard To Solve

It is very difficult to draw a sharp line between diseases known as common colds and influenza. Although influenza is a real infection there is considerable uncertainty in regard to the causative organism. This disease has occurred in a great number of epidemics and even world wide pandemics. The greatest epidemic of modern times occurred in 1918-1919. Beginning in Europe this epidemic spread over the entire world. Virulence of this disease seemed to increase with its duration. The germ of influenza passed rapidly from one to another growing more deadly and mild cases were replaced by those of the greatest severity. The question is often asked is it possible for such an epidemic to occur again? The answer must be yes since no effective means of controlling this disease have been discovered. The best that we can do is to exercise the same general measures that are effective in preventing the transference of mouth and nasal secretions and take the best possible care of those who contract the infection.

Medical science has been unable to solve the problem of influenza. Opinion is at variance with respect to the efficiency of many measures advocated for control. Some believe we are powerless to do anything to prevent these epidemics as we were against smallpox before vaccination was discovered. Others believe that accepted measures for the prevention of the spread of respiratory diseases if regularly and effectively applied are of considerable value. Based on the two fundamental assumptions that the disease is spread by direct human contact and that the virus is conveyed by secretions from mouth and nose, certain preventive measures seem justified. Even though it may not be expedient to close schools and prohibit public gatherings, avoidance of overcrowding and insistence on personal cleanliness

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Report and Account as Executrix of the last will and testament of Elma Atwood, deceased, and that Saturday, the 23rd day of April, 1938, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day, in the Courtroom, at the Courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

B. Estrella Hailey, Attorney for Executrix 3-25-4-15

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Geo. G. Updegraff, Administrator of the Estate of H. L. Lanphear, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his final report and account as such Administrator, and that Saturday, the 9th day of April, 1938, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and account, and settlement thereof.

Geo. G. Updegraff, Administrator.

may considerably lessen the presence of influenza within certain limited groups. Preventing the spread from visiting the sick, minimizing spitting on public floors and on the streets, elimination of common drinking cups and roller towels, maintenance of proper ventilation, prohibiting public funerals and adequate control of public laundries are traditional public health measures for the prevention of common colds and other spreading diseases. It is admitted that crowding increased the severity of the infection and its complications. It is obvious that house hold uncleanness and over crowding may be accompanied by inattention to the segregation of the sick.

The difficulty in enforcing intelligent quarantine measures and the difficulties in diagnosis make it important that every one should be alive to his responsibilities to the rest of the community. Every one with a cold should remain at home even tho' they have no suspicion that they may have influenza. The isolation of cases is of first importance and this is, after all, largely a matter of education of the general public with overwhelming observance of the common sense demands of the situation in their part.

Modern Arithmetic
10 mills equal 1 cent
10 cents equal 1 dime
10 dimes equal 1 dollar
10 dollars equal one payment
10 payments equal 1 vacuum cleaner, 1 radio, 1 fur coat, 1 washing machine, 1 electric refrigerator, 1 set of books—and 4 autos.

Madame
Mistress (to maid who has been to a local parade):—Well, Manda, did you enjoy the parade?

Mandy:—Yes, ma'am, it was wonderful— Ah saw the Mayor and the Mayonnaise.

Virginia:—Ah, so you are back? Your hair is a perfect fright, Ruth. Did Mr. Narrow kiss you against your will?

Ruth:—He thinks he did, the big brute.

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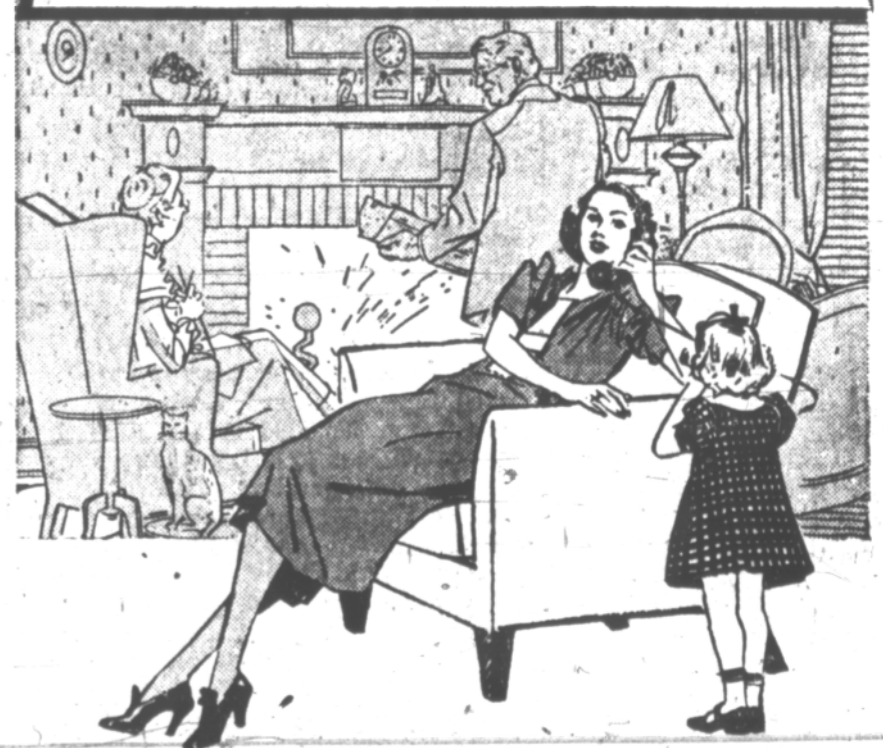
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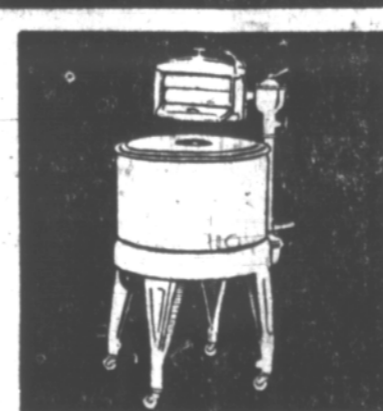
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