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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.

SCHOOL BILL

Voters next fall will cast their "yeas and nays" on a bill for the aid of schools. The bill will raise the state contribution to schools from around \$1.30 to \$10.00 even. No provision is made for raising the money. The bill, in fact, is a constitutional amendment that makes it mandatory on the legislature to raise the extra funds from some source.

It is expected that the measure, if passed, would require an additional \$2,661,740. Of this sum Sherman county would pay .008247 percent, if the percentage remained the same for another year, and it does not vary much. This would mean that this county would pay \$21,951.37 more for elementary and high schools. This would go to the state. Sherman county would receive from the state out of the fund ten dollars for each pupil of school age. There are 628 such pupils in this county so the county would get back from the fund \$6,280 out of the \$21,951.37 it paid in.

The price for this county of raising an extra \$8.70 for the school children of the county would be \$34.64. These few figures are conclusive evidence that this county cannot vote for the bill, unless it is changed to provide some other means of raising the money than a property tax.

TOWARD DICTATORSHIP?

Daily newspapers and magazines acquaint the reader with the movement of the Fascists and the Communists in their efforts to make their system of government popular with the people of this nation. Nothing is being done on behalf of democracy as an ideal of government. Perhaps but little can be done for those who are converts to democracy as a way of life and government will not attend meetings through compulsion and are not given to marching and saluting a self appointed leader in a distinctive colored shirt and Sam Browne belt.

The theory of Hitler that the majority must not be allowed to interfere with the will of the individual—meaning the individuality of the leader—works, temporarily at least, in countries where personal liberty and freedom of conscience is not one of the accepted rights of man.

With all this furor of organizing and saluting it will take a level head for democracies and believers in democracy to retain their form of government. Theories, however, innocently expressed, that give additional power to any officer are dangerous. And this is the reason that those persons who believe that democracy is the proper government for free men opposed the reorganization bill. Undoubtedly many voted for it under duress on account of patronage and thereby indicated a willingness to endanger a government of free men for a purely personal and temporary advantage in party politics.

Reorganization of executive offices has been asked many times and alone, would probably improve efficiency. The bill recently passed was not written to reduce expenses, as was admitted. It takes power from congress and gives it to the president. It changes the office of comptroller-general from a judge of the legality of federal expenses and a watch-dog over the treasury to a mere auditor who can tell people where the

money went, but exercise no control over its payment. Perhaps there has been enough disapproval of the bill expressed that no president will dare use all the powers allowed him and if that proves to be the case those patriots who fought against the bill will have partially achieved their ends.

WHITE COLLAR GANGSTERS

It is unfortunate that while the state is prosecuting gangsters who worked within labor unions and caused a reign of terror in and around Portland, that some of the employers who aided the success of the unions cannot be prosecuted as well.

No one spends much time sympathizing with men who conspired to beat up their fellows who would not join a union and who still wanted to work and earn a living for their families. And there should be as little sympathy for employers who conspired with labor union members to aid strikes in the plants and stores of competitors.

PAROLE

The movement goes on in Oregon to employ more parole officers. That is a definite need. However it is planned by those in power to hire the new men to superintend all those who are paroled from any of the several institutions. This means that a parole officer must know how to deal with the men who are let out of the penitentiary, the boys who are sent to homes from the boys training school and the delinquent girls who are permitted their freedom from the girl's school. It just don't seem reasonable that many efficient parole officers could be found for so difficult a job.

In the first place it is only the men from the penitentiary that need more watching when on parole. The state's record is very good but still many leave the pen on parole and are never heard of again until officers in some other state catch them in the net. Oregon would be better able to handle its parole troubles if members of the parole board were required to have attainments other than political availability. If men who knew psychology and who were students of the criminal mind were on the parole board it could function with more efficiency. Then with the addition of an adequate sized parole force the problem of letting out the responsible ones who wished to reform would be much simpler.

OF POWER

J. D. Ross has been reviled in some quarters as being a wild eyed radical but since coming to Portland as administrator of Bonneville has shown himself to be a better business man than most of our native radicals. In his latest news release he says "The generation savings will hardly be noticeable in your monthly bill" which is very apparent but not very well recognized.

Also he is in favor of public utility districts paying taxes on their equipment or on their income in order to prevent loss of income to counties through public power.

It is his contention that the people must decide whether they want private or public distribution of power. He will sell electricity to either private or public firms and the people can have the set-up they desire. Surely his statements are far from being as radical as we were told they would be.

The treasury report shows a debt of \$37,499,064,275.80 with an increase of \$48,703,723.11 in the last week. This is approximately seven millions per day, or \$291,667 per hour.

Secretary Hull explains that Mexico can have their oil if they want it, but they will have to pay for it. Rather a common way to get anything.

Out here in Oregon the crops are bigger and the storms are smaller than in the mid-west. And is it a good trade?

Woe is us. Before we were able to play with four suits the experts add a fifth.

A fellow back in Maryland told police where he was so that he could be arrested for assaulting his wife. Perhaps he knew where his wife would be well off.

Spring, Bah. If this be spring, give us winter. The past week has indicated that the weather man is in reverse as surely as the economic system.

Propaganda is the publicity the other side sends out, or sends in. Information is the name for the stuff we favor.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)

after.

A fight to the finish is promised for the next legislative session by the organization of fishing interests in the mid-Columbia river district to oppose the demands of the federal bureau of fisheries that commercial fishing be discontinued on the Bonneville pool. Governor this week announced that he would ask the state fish commission to take care of the situation but it was later discovered that the matter was not one within the jurisdiction of the commission but one requiring legislative action.

George W. Peavy, president of Oregon State College and dean of the School of Forestry, is believed to hold the record for continuity of service on a state board. Peavy has been a member of the State Board of Forestry ever since the board was created 27 years ago.

Uncle Sam has poured a total of \$28,749,041.38 into Oregon during the past seven years to finance highway projects designed to relieve unemployment, according to a report by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. To this amount the state added \$9,325,272 and the counties and railroads contributed another \$421,687.08 for a grand total of \$38,496,651. While Baldock claims that the relief program was only 81 percent efficient and that the same amount of work could be had for \$31,859,838 under the contract system he admits that it has advanced Oregon's highway program approximately four and one-half years.

Attorney General Van Winkle has ruled that the assistant parole officer recently employed by authority of Governor Martin cannot be paid out of funds appropriated for the state prison. Only solution of the problem appears to be a report to the governor's special fund for special investigations.

Increased efficiency of operation as well as some degree of economy is expected by Selon T. White, director of agriculture, from the newly inaugurated plan of district representation. Under this plan the state has been divided into 18 inspection and enforcement areas with a representative of the department of agriculture located permanently in each district. Specialists from the state headquarters will be called on for help by the district representatives in cases requiring such services.

A total of \$6,236,245. was disbursed by the State Relief Committee during 1937 according to a report filed with Governor Martin. The disbursements covered the following items: Old age pensions, \$3,376,516; direct relief, \$2,527,857; aid to dependent children, \$209,532; and aid to the blind, \$122,338.

Increased unemployment and depression conditions have again turned people to books and the public libraries, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. January and February shipments from the state library totaling 53,667 volumes, were the heaviest for those two months in the entire history of this institution.

State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman who last week filed for the Republican nomination for United States senator does not intend to resign his state office in order to make the race for the federal post he has announced. Neither is Attorney General Van Winkle expected to quit that post in order to make the race for the supreme bench for which he filed this week. Election of these officials to the higher post to which they aspire will leave two vacancies for Governor Martin to fill next winter.

While it will be several days before the Tax Commission is able to dig out from under the deluge of income tax returns that flooded the department this week it is not expected that collections this year will equal those of a year ago because of poor business conditions during the latter part of 1937.

Use of electricity in Oregon during 1937 increased 8.32 per cent over 1936 figures, according to a survey by Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace. Revenues from the sale of electricity, however, increased only 7.58 per cent due to rate reductions and lower costs for energy used in the higher brackets.

The night promised to be very cold, and kind Mrs. Smith was disturbed about Gretchen, the new kitchen maid, who slept in an unheated room. "Gretchen" she said, "it's going to be cold tonight. I think you had better take a flat-iron to bed with you."

"Yes, ma'am," assented the new maid, but without enthusiasm. Next morning Mrs. Smith inquired, "Well, Gretchen, how did you get along with the flat-iron?" Gretchen heaved a sigh and answered, "Well, ma'am, I got it mostly warm before morning."

In Other Days

From the Observer April 4, 1919

A telegram received by Haive Brisbane from Ralph Brisbane tells that he has arrived in New York from France and will leave soon for Camp Lewis.

The election to determine whether or not the county will vote the road bond issue will be held tomorrow.

W. E. Dutton and wife of Klondike were here this week while Ed is resting from the result of having his foot caught in a disc harrow.

Soren Hansen has recently bought the Bogart residence in the south end of town.

From the Observer April 2, 1909 Wm. Rudolf left for Portland to buy the scenery, chairs, piano etc., for the new opera house now under construction.

Blustem sold in Portland last week at \$1.274.

There was an active beginning of the baseball season Sunday when Moro won from Grass Valley 9 to 10 in twelve innings.

The Pacific Elevator Co. advertised that storage rates were reduced from .75 cents per ton to fifty cents.

Mrs. Playfoot—What is the height of happiness?

Sally—In my case he's about five feet seven inches.

May 1 is the final date for submission of manuscripts in the first 4-H club traffic safety play-writing contest, according to H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club director. First prize in the contest will be a scholarship to the 4-H club summer school in Corvallis, donated by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Approximately one and one-half billion dollars are spent on highway construction and maintenance in this country every year. Only about one per cent as much is spent in organized traffic safety work, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

CHURCHES

Grass Valley Lutheran church: April 3 and April 17 are the two church Sundays for Grass Valley. The Lutheran missionary got as far as The Dalles March 19th where he was stopped by a member, who reported that no church services could be held the 20th due to sickness. If public worship is permissible, divine services will be conducted April 3 at 11:00; German service 10:30; Professor Maier broadcasts the Lutheran Hour every Sunday 1:30 p. m. Tune in on any larger station in Oregon or Washington.

H. H. Fleckenstein, missionary. Moro Community Presbyterian church: 10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m. morning worship with adult and high school choir. The pastor is speaking of "The World On Trial." Who crucified Christ? Why are we crucifying Him today? S. M. S. club, junior, and intermediate C. E. societies. 7:15 p. m. Motion pictures will be shown in connection with our high school, and adult C. E. discussion groups. Plan to be present and study "The Southern Mountains." There will be a silver offering.

L. H. Mitchellmore, minister. Moro Christian Science Society: The Sunday morning service will be held at 11 o'clock The Wednesday evening meeting which includes testimonies of Christian Science healings, is held at eight o'clock. The reading room in the rear of the church building, contains the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature, which may be read, borrowed or purchased, with an attendant after each church service. The public is invited to the service and to make use of the reading room.

Wasco Methodist church: Sunday school for all ages. Preaching Service at 11. Subject, "At home with God." Text, "Absent from the body, present with the Lord, II Cor. 5:7. The Ladies Aid will meet at the Methodist parsonage, Thursday afternoon, April 7th at 2:30. There will be no preaching service at the Grass Valley Methodist church next Sunday.

When Your Shoes need repair send them to

WERNMARK'S GOOD SHOE REPAIRING 204 Second St. THE DALLES

GEORGE G. UPEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco

Farmers Asked To Give Data On Production

All farmers of Oregon who have raised wheat on their farms within the past ten years are being asked to report acreages and yields to their county committees in preparation for making individual farm wheat acreage allotments for 1938. Banks or are being sent from the county offices for this purpose, according to members of the state committee.

While the records in the county offices already contain considerable data of this nature for those who took part in the wheat program of 1933 to 1936, a much larger number of growers will be able to benefit from the present provision for a 12 cents a bushel payment on wheat allotments, it is explained.

In case where a farmer is unable to obtain acreage and yield facts from his own records, the committees have a method of figuring yields from the productivity index of the farm, which will be used to arrive at a fairly accurate figure, although facts obtained directly from each farmer are being sought first.

County meetings to explain the details of the wheat plan have been held throughout eastern Oregon, with N. E. Dodd, chairman of the state committee, attending most of them. He reports that the reaction of the grower to the program is generally favorable. Meanwhile, plans are going ahead nationally to put the plan into effect to provide crop insurance for wheat on the 1939 crop. In addition to the main office of the new federal crop insurance corporation in Washington, there will be two regional offices, one in Kansas City for the winter wheat belt, and the other in Minneapolis for the spring wheat area. The regional office in Kansas City will be open for business by July 1, it is believed, in plenty of time to be ready for the first fall wheat plantings.

Premiums for insurance on the 1939 crop will be paid in advance, either in actual wheat or its cash equivalent. The amount of premiums to be paid will depend upon the crop loss experienced both on the farm and for the county in which the farm is located. The amount of insurance may be either one-half or three fourths of the normal yield.

MORO LOCALS E. H. Halstead, who has been camp educational advisor here for the past six months, was transferred Thursday to Camp Hemlock, near Stevenson, Washington and left immediately. A new man named Baker will replace him. He has been teaching school at Sisters for some time. The departure of Mr. Halstead stops the picture show that has been managed by him for the benefit of the camp boys. However, it is reported that Mr. Baker owns a complete show equipment and that the shows may continue under his supervision.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foss returned Wednesday night from Oakland, California where they went last week to be at the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Mattison, who underwent an operation in a hospital there. Weather conditions are backward in California, too, says John. Mrs. Mattison is doing well. Austin Foss went to work today at the office of the county agent checking the farm records for several years.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month Visiting members welcome.

Belle Conlee, 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.

Kerrone Christianson W. M. Ruth Sparling, 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.

Seral Searcy W. M. C. V. Belknap, Sec. 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.

Ralph E. Eakin N. G. Joe Truit, Secretary

Kent People Visit In Bend

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie and Frances and Delores Gregg motored to Bend Sunday. The Wilsons visited their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson and grandson George Saxe and the Gregg girls visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gregg and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Courtney of The Dalles were dinner guests at the J. L. Davis home Friday.

J. L. Matthes is repairing the I. O. O. F. hall here this week, also adding a kitchen for the convenience of the Rebekahs.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie were all day guests of the formers mother, Mrs. Ida Davis at Moro Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett of The Dalles were visiting at the homes of R. P. Barnett and J. L. Matthes Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis motored to Portland last Wednesday on business. They returned Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer and son Durward were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Smiff—My wife is so very tender hearted she won't even whip cream.

Chuzz—That's nothing. My wife won't beat rugs, and tears comes to her eyes every time she has to skin those helpless little onions.

Read the ads in the Journal.

Classified Ads.

FOR SALE: Registered Hereford Bull, Barnum stock. O. L. Belsho, Moro.

FORCED SALE of 40 acres irrigated farm near Umatilla; bargain—9 head good cows, 1 Guernsey bull; 2 horses, farm equipment all go with place. Write A. E. McFarland, Umatilla, Oregon.

ICE BOX FLOWERS on display at Yates Store, Wasco. Place orders for Easter.

He who whispers down a well About the goods he has to sell, Will never make as many dollars As he who climbs a tree and hollers.

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 8-25-4-15

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.

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING All persons shall file their objections, if any, to the Final Account of the Administrator of the estate of Arvilla J. Barnett, deceased, on or before Monday, the 2 day of May, 1938, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., which is the time fixed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County for the settlement of said Final Account, and the County Court Chambers in Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed for hearing of said account.

Robert Dean Barnett Administrator.

New Agency Minneapolis-Moline Implements Plows, Harrows Discs, Drills, Tractors Full Line of Farm Implements well-known well-liked Field's Garage at Grass Valley are agents for Sherman County T. L. Fields at Wasco is sub-agent See Our Display of New Disc Plows

The Forgotten Crop Look at the young people around you - perhaps there is one or two in your family! Listen to their experiences in trying to find work! Multiply these young men and women you know by hundreds and you have our FORGOTTEN CROP! Have we nursed this crop through its educational years only to NOW PREVENT its bearing fine fruits? All these young people ask is the OPPORTUNITY to WORK in the Columbia Empire. Think this over! Are you buying products that provide OPPORTUNITY for someone else's "crop"; or will your purchases provide jobs here in the industries of the Columbia Empire? It's time we planned WORK for our FORGOTTEN CROP! THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE Ask: IS IT PRODUCED IN THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE?