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D. E. STEPHENS

Sherman county is this week
bidding good bye and good luck
to its foremost citizen. It is not
surprising. For some years it has
been expected that the man who
has done so much with wheat ex-

perimentation would be moved to
a position of greater authority
and a larger field of work.
Men who are in position to know
the agricultural situation in the
United States in relation to plant
breeding say that the greatest
work in wheat in this generation
has been done right here on the
Moro station under the direction
of Mr. Stephens.

There has been work on smuts
leading to increased knowledge of
the kinds of the disease and the
development of several wheats
that are highly resistant to all
types of fungus.

Many new crosses of establish-
ed varieties of wheat have been
made and many of them are grown
commercially all over the north-
west.

There is Rex, and Oro and Rio
and better strains of Federation
and Forty Fold. Federation itself
has been developed, and looking
back fifteen years, what would the
income of this district have been
without this high yielding wheat?
Studies in crowning habits have
been made that are valuable. The
most complete body of informa-
tion regarding the relation of
soil moisture to yield has been
gathered at this station and it
may eventually give the farmer
positive knowledge about what
has heretofore been his greatest
gamble.

And in the field of tillage the
station has sponsored practices
that have increased wheat returns
and given this county the reputa-
tion of producing wheat at the
lowest cost of any in the state.

Now Mr. Stephens leaves this
district and his work as experi-
menter for another kind of work.
He will be co-ordinator between
the bureau of plant industry and
the soil conservation service. His
knowledge of grasses and dry
land crops will make him of in-
estimable value to the compara-
tively new conservation service
which has been hampered by lack
of experimentally proven informa-
tion about forage crops, grasses
and crops. It is a job that needs
doing very badly and it is impor-
tant to agriculture as a whole that
it be done well.

We are sure that with his
knowledge gained through many
years and with his ability to make
friends and merit respect Mr.
Stephens will do as much valuable
work as a coordinator as he has
as an experimenter and in a larg-
er field.

The town, the county, the dis-
trict and state will lose close con-
tact with one who has been friend,
confidant and councillor to many
who have benefited by his sane
and sympathetic philosophy; the
nation will gain by having the
right man in an important place.
So-long, neighbor, come back
when you can.

IT WAS HOT, THOUGH

According to the thermometers,
official and otherwise, it was pre-
tly warm hereabouts last week.
There was some comment on it
around the shady spots, even. The
mercury was agitated and swelled
up to the 107 mark last Thursday,
which, while not a record was the
high mark for the year.

We are not going to dilate on
the unusualness of that sort of
weather in this county. In fact, it
often gets hot in July. The
records show that it usually does.
We merely comment that it is
not so uncomfortable here as in
lower altitudes when the ther-
mometer gets uppity.

Any prize fighter who puts in
more than five minutes knocking
out an opponent can hardly qual-
ify as championship caliber now-
adays.

REGULATION OF
RACKETEERING

The use of \$105 of the money
of the members of the teamsters
union for the purpose of hiring
men to burn a sawmill in West
Salem, as has been proven by the
conviction of Al Rosser, would be
illegal if the bill initiated by the
Associated Farmers of Oregon
was passed.

Naturally the burning of a mill
is against the law. The use of
union money for illegal purposes
it not at present an offence than
there is a legal restraint against.
Members of unions will be as in-
terested as the general citizenry
in voting for this bill.

The principle of the regulation
of capital in industry has been
accepted by the people of the Uni-
ted States for over fifty years. It
has tended to prevent abuses of
power and while not perfect has
been of inestimable help to the
public. Now the regulation of the
labor half of industry has become
a necessity if orderly marketing
of goods is to go on without re-
straint and interruption by self-
appointed leaders whose interest
is selfish.

That fellow Ward, who stood
on a ledge high above the street
for hours before deciding to jump,
just had to make the plunge after
threatening so long. He might
have saved face after a threat of
a half hour or so, but after an
afternoon of attention he had to
go through with it. The proverb,
"better a live dog than a dead
lion," had no appeal to him. He
preferred the headline.

It has been suggested that the
1940 campaign may have a pecu-
liar twist in that Democrats may
vote for the Republican candidate
to put the job of reducing the
huge debt into the hands of the
opposition to make them unpopu-
lar. And furthermore Republicans
may vote for the Democrat, even
for the third term, to insure that
the blame fall where it belongs.

Every once in a while a head-
line gets away from the best
headline writer. Note "Pig Pos-
terchild of Kelso Pooch." The
story was odd enough to begin
with, without making the pig a
child.

Rex Bell and Clara Bow are said
to be still pondering a name for
their month old son. Clorox
would be a neat combination.

The governorship race in Ore-
gon this year will likely depend on
the voter's having a complete un-
derstanding of the aims and per-
sonalities of the two candidates.
It is more important this year
than is usually the case.

In Other Days

From the Observer July 28, 1899.

Wes. Johnston arrived home
from the east on the 22nd to stand
trial, having been found guilty of
Matrimony. The deed was com-
mitted in Illinois. We extend
wishes for a long and happy life.
The lone rock grade in and out
of Moro on the west side of Grass
Valley canyon, needs some turn-
outs for safety. Otherwise it is
a good mountain road.

Wm. Murray, orchardist at
Grants, was in Moro twice this
week with blackberries for Sam
McDonald.

R. M. Brash is never idle. He
has W. J. Martin's cottage and the
Hoggard building in hand.

From the Observer July 30, 1909.

The wedding of Edward Race
and Miss Via Sayrs was solemnized
at the home of the bride in this
city Monday evening. Mrs. Race
has lived in this county several
years and Mr. Race was formerly
resident manager here for the
Wind River Lumber Co., now liv-
ing at Lone, where he has a simi-
lar position with the same com-
pany.

A. C. Thompson has traded the
colts recently advertised, to J. W.
Booth, for a Tourist automobile.

Dean Hayes is up from Port-
land to try his luck in the harvest
fields of Sherman county.

From the Observer August 1, 1919

E. W. Lewis and J. J. Woods
have formed a partnership and
have bought the J. J. Wiley build-
ing next to the Hotel Vinton in
Grass Valley and will soon open a
confectionery and pool room busi-
ness with a barber shop in con-
nection.

L. W. Baker, manager of the
Citizens Commercial Company, at
Grass Valley, is reported to be
suffering from an attack of lock-
jaw.

Postmaster J. M. Parry has re-
signed as postmaster at Moro be-
cause of the failing health of Mrs.
Parry.

Frank L. Hulery has leased the
Altmarkt store building at Rufus
and will open a confectionery
business in that city.

Statehouse Gossip

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officials from the inception of this
commission.

The move, it is understood, will
also include dismissal of the two
stenographers heretofore employ-
ed by the commission but Alton
John Bassett, secretary to the
commission, is to be retained at a
salary of \$360 a month. Bassett
was in Salem this week conferring
with State Department officials
regarding the use of a room in the
capitol building for his office but
it is understood the capitol Com-
mission plans to make use of the
offices now occupied by the clerk
of the works in a temporary build-
ing on the new library site in or-
der to economize on clerical help,
telephone rental and other ex-
penses.

Just to prove that where there's
a will there's still possible to find
a way State Treasurer Holman
finally succeeded in moving his
big safe into the new quarters
assigned to his department in the
capitol building. The feat was
accomplished by sawing the bronze
bars of the window frame in two
in order to admit the safe and then
brazing them together again.

Double parking on business
streets is condemned by R. H.
Baldock, state highway engineer,
as conducive to serious traffic
accidents. The practice, said to
be prevalent in most Oregon cities,
is encouraged by "certain mer-
chants for selfish reasons" accord-
ing to Baldock who explains that
it is up to local authorities to cor-
rect this situation wherever it
exists.

Formal dedication of Oregon's
new \$2,500,000 capitol will take
place on October 1, Governor Mar-
tin's 75th birthday, according to
plans announced by the Capitol
Reconstruction Commission. The
new furniture for the executive
suite as well as the pioneer stat-
ue which will perch atop the
capitol are expected to be in place
in time for the dedication cere-
monies. One formal opening and
an "open house" celebration have
already been observed since the
new building was completed.

A score or more of beautiful
shade trees north of the new cap-
itol have gone down under the
blows of the woodman's axe this
week as workmen began clearing
the ground preparatory to the im-
provement of the Summer street
Court street approach to the cap-
itol. Contract for widening of
Court street has already been let
by the State Highway commission
but the improvement of Summer
street will be handled by the Cap-
itol Commission.

A material decrease in commer-
cial and industrial consumption
of electricity in Oregon during
March, April and May is shown in
a survey just completed by the
Public Utilities commission.

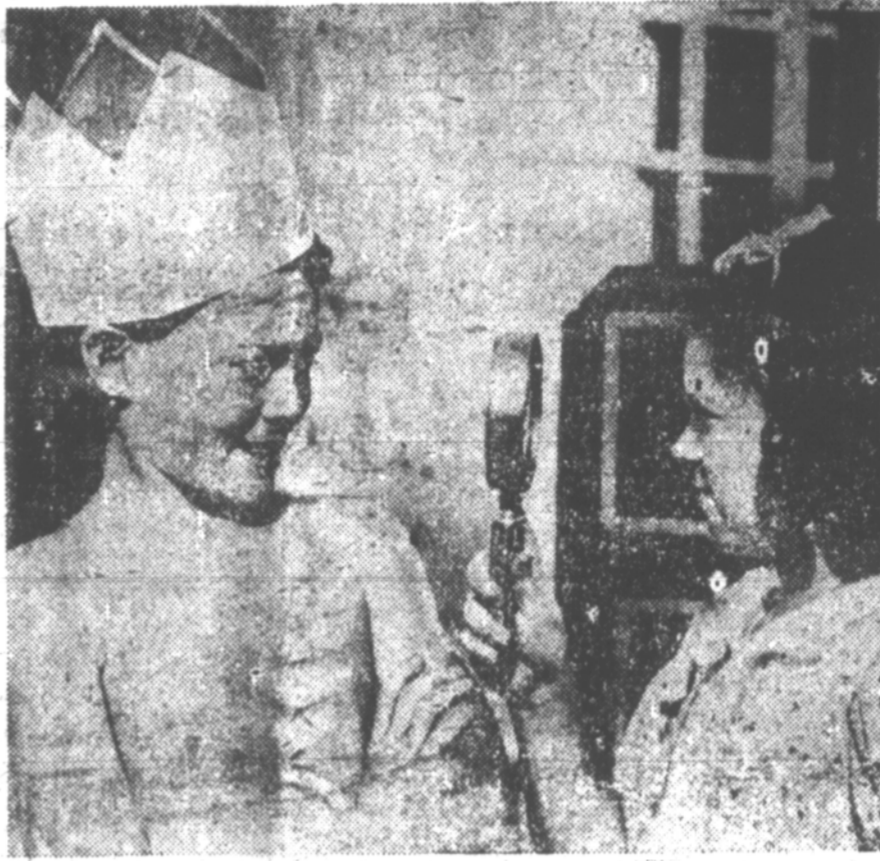
Dr. W. D. McNary has just com-
pleted 25 years of service as su-
perintendent of the eastern Oregon
state hospital at Pendleton. Prior
to going to Pendleton Dr. McNary
was for 16 years employed at the
state hospital at Salem.

Every Third Farmer
Has Other Income

One farmer in three has an in-
come from non-farm sources ac-
cording to a special report re-
leased today by William L. Austin,
Director, Bureau of Census, De-
partment of Commerce. This state-
ment is based upon a special pre-
liminary survey of 3,000 farms
in selected counties in 40 states
that was made in preparation for
the coming Census of Agriculture,
1940. The report is the result of
a cooperative project in which the
field work was done by the statis-
ticians of the Division of Crop and
Livestock Estimates, U. S. Depart-
ment of Agriculture, and the tabu-
lations and technical work by the
Division of Agriculture, Bureau of
the Census, Department of Com-
merce.

Many surprising facts are in-
dicated by this survey. Among
those which hitherto have not been
called to the attention of the pub-
lic are: the high proportion of
farmers who have outside income;
the relatively high average return
for such farm operators, which
average is equal to about three-
fourths of the average income from
the farms themselves; the differ-
ence between the income of
those making farming their prin-
cipal operation and those whose
main occupation is not farming but
some other, such as banking, keep-
ing store, professional service,
and the like. This report on non-
farm income is of unusual signifi-
cance because it bears out prelimi-
nary surveys from other sources
which show that non-farm income
is a material part of the rural
picture. For the 975 farmers who
reported non-farm income a total
of \$558,522 is recorded, or an aver-
age of \$578 per farm.

Freckle Champ and Chief Rival



Paul Brown, eleven-year-old youngster of Harrisburg, Pa., who won
the National Freckle championship during Children's week at Atlantic
City, N. J., recently, poses with Marie Malone, ten, of Washington,
D. C., gives him the race-over. Marie was runner-up in the contest.

Story Of Mt. Hood Climb
Told By Virginia Murray

As I was one of the eighty eight
who made it to the top of Mt.
Hood on the eighteenth annual
Legion Climb, I thought my many
friends in Sherman county would
be interested in my experience.

All persons who wished to climb
the mountain, arrived at the Tilly
Jane Camp some time Saturday
We arrived about seven thirty.
The air was nippy and I was glad
I had an extra sweater. We made
camp, ate supper, and at eight
o'clock we crossed the rustic
bridge and entered the natural
amphitheater to join hundreds of
other enthusiasts around the high
blazing camp fire. It was a jolly
get-together with a program of
music, community singing and
talks. All the doings were broad-
casted over N. B. C. hook up. It
was such fun, I enjoyed every min-
ute of it. I was especially thrill-
ed to hear the experiences of the
night climbers, amplified through
the loud speaker, and to see the gor-
geous display of fires, that il-
luminated the entire mountain
side.

At eleven o'clock the guide re-
quested all who planned to climb
to the top of the mountain on the
morning, to hit the hay. I went to
bed, but not to get the forty winks
under the confers and stars. But
just to rest and enjoy the wonder-
ful fragrance of the pines. I
must have fallen asleep for I fancied
some one was singing "Cath-
edral in the Pines." But before
I'd located all the bumps in my
bed, the two o'clock bugle sound-
ed. I rolled from my bed into an
atmosphere of below freezing. I
dressed in the dark, with only the
dim rays from a pocket flash light
to aid me.

I joined many other dusky
forms, who like me, were following
the dim trail to the Legion
Kitchen. How wonderful the Leg-
ion and Auxiliary treated the
climbers! It seemed they had antici-
pated our every wish. As I
stood in the waiting line at the
great log kitchen, I was happy
that my Daddy was a soldier and
a Legionnaire.

After a breakfast, which was the
tops, believe me, we prepared for
the climb. The Auxiliary ladies
were on hand in great numbers to
help us with our grease paint. The
doctor examined each of us as to
our physical fitness for the climb.
Each climber must have caulked
boots, dark goggles, alpenstock,
warm gloves, and some extra
grease paint for use on the climb.
We were each given a lunch, which
we fastened in our belts.

At three o'clock, in the dim
dusk, we started off through the
timber and traveled about two
miles before we came to the rough
barren slopes of the majestic old
mountain. We traveled very slow-
ly, but in time reached the junc-
tion of Coopers Spur and Elliot
Glacier trails. Our guide took the
trail to the left of Coopers Spur
skirting the mountain around to
the south. The guides set the
pace at which we traveled, it
seemed very slow to me during the
first part of the climb, but as the
trail became steeper I saw the
wisdom of our pace.

By modern switchback trails,
we soon reached Tie in Rock. Here
we prepared for the climb over
the vast snow fields ahead. We
applied more grease paint, cold
cream and also initiated our color-
ed glasses. We were a strange
looking group. As I looked about
I knew my friends were in this
grotesque throng but I could not
pick them out. At Tie in Rock
we rested one half hour. After our
rest we were divided into groups
of fifteen or twenty and tied in.
It was here the real climb started.
(As we lined out on the last pull

our pace slackened to a slow crawl,
several times I noticed I would
only take four steps in the crusted
snow, before the whistle would
signal for the line to rest. When
we arrived within two thousand
feet of the top the ascent grew
steeper and our progress much
slower. The sound of the rest
whistle was music to my ears by
this time. Canteens filled with
water were passed along the line
frequently, but each climber was
cautioned to take only a swallow,
as too much water causes moun-
tain sickness. As each group
reached the top, their path led in
front of the N. B. C. mike. Here
each climber paused long enough to
say hello to folks at home. Upon
our arrival at the top, we were
untied and rested one hour while we
enjoyed both the view and our
lunch.

I was interested in that cabin
built on the very top of the moun-
tain. It is cabled down to with
stand the winds. The cabin was
used as a ranger look out at one
time. I was told it had been aban-
doned as it had not proven to be
practical.

The first group to arrive at the
top were the first to be tied in, on
our return trip. Our descent was
made with just as much careful
attention as had been the ascent.
When we got down to the end of
the lifeline the guards let us out
of our loops. Here we were given
detailed instructions in the fine
art of sliding down an icy snow
field on the seat of ones pants.
Each climber tried to maintain a
squatting position using his alpen-
stock as a brake. A little tilt
forward—zip—away the climbers
would go, down over the vast snow
field.

If the climber was lucky, he
didn't go down head first, stomach
to the sun, but if he was unlucky
—Oh well, he got to the bottom
in record time any way.

It was such fun and even though
all my poses were far from lady
like, still they were being done
by every one that day. I was for-
tunate that the seat of my hiking
trousers could take it. The time
I made down that snow field might
interest Howard Hughes—it was
certainly a non-stop flight. When
I could no longer slide, I perpen-
dicularized my horizontal and
hiked gaily into camp.

Each climber turned in his al-
penstock and hurried away to
have the itching grease paint re-
moved, by the ever ready, kind
and courteous women's auxiliary.
The masculine climbers objected to
the grease paint in stronger
terms than we girls did. Oh, well,
we are accustomed to more or less
paint, you know. After the climb-
ers were made presentable and
again were recognizable, we
were served with a most delecta-
ble dinner by the Auxiliary. It
goes without saying, that we ate
with the gusto of harvest hands.

So ended my first climb to the
top of Mt. Hood. It is a memory
now, to be treasured among my
many other happy experiences.
But I will have to say in justice
to my memories, the memories
connected with The Sherman
County Fair are tops where I am
concerned.

Virginia Murray.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF
Attorney At Law
Moro and Wasco

Umatilla Dam
Sill Hoped For

Interested persons of the Colum-
bia river valley are still working
to have the Umatilla project re-
accepted, by the government de-
spite the fact that the president
and Secretary Ickes seem to have
lost interest. Representatives and
senators of this area are working
for the project as well as private
citizens. Persons who wish to aid
the movement can be of service
by writing or telegraphing their
representatives and the president
urging immediate action so that
the dam may be started this year.

Cloudy Skies
Threaten Rain

Cloudiness came Wednesday
night after more than two weeks
of dry weather and clear skies and
a flash or two of lightning bright-
ened the sky. It meant little,
however, as the night was warm
and the wind died down before
midnight. Rain fell in parts of
the state bringing aid to fire
fighters. Clouds again Thursday
indicated that a thunder storm
might interrupt harvest with a
shower of rain.

Unemployment compensation is
based on work credits—not on
need.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Moro, Oregon
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday eve-
nings of each month.
Visiting members cor-
dially invited to meet
with us.
Searal Searcy, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall Tran-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.
Ralph E. Eakin, N. G.
Joe Truitt, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th T-
uesday of each month
Visiting members we
come.
Thelma Miller N.G.
Florence Johnston, Secy.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O.E.S.
Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second and
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
Invited
Kerrone Christianson W. M.
Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned has been ap-
pointed administrator of the part-
nership estate of J. C. Freeman
& Company composed of J. C.
Freeman and O. L. Belshe, de-
ceased. All persons having claims
against said estate are hereby re-
quired to present the same duly
verified to the undersigned, post
office address, Moro, Oregon, with-
in six months from the date of
the first publication of this notice,
to-wit: July 15, 1938.

D. L. BELSHE
Administrator.

GALLOWAY & KRIER 36-40
Attorneys for Administrators
The Dalles, Oregon

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the Coun-
ty Court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman County his final ac-
count and report as administrator
of the estate of Chester C. Med-
ler, deceased, and that Monday,
the 1st day of August, 1938, at
10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day,
at the court room, at the court-
house, in Moro, Sherman County,
Oregon, has been fixed by the
Court as the time and place for
hearing of objections to said final
account and report and for the
settlement of said estate.

O. G. Hilderbrand
Administrator.
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY

On Saturday, the 23rd day of
July, 1938, at the hour of ten o'
clock a. m. at the front door of
the Courthouse in Moro, in Sher-
man County, Oregon, I will sell
at public auction to the highest
bidder for cash, the following de-
scribed real property located in
Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of
Section Twenty and the North-
west Quarter of Section Twen-
ty-nine, all in Township Two,
North of Range Eighteen,
East of the Willamette Meri-
dian, containing 320 acres;
All situated in Sherman Coun-
ty, State of Oregon;
Together with the tenements,
hereditaments and appurte-
nances thereunto belonging or
in anywise appertaining.

Said sale is made under execu-
tion issued out of the Circuit
Court of the State of Oregon for
the County of Sherman to me di-
rected in the case of The Federal
Land Bank of Spokane, a corpora-
tion, plaintiff, vs. Alta Smith, a
widow; Donna Jene Smith, a minor;
Darlene Janice Smith, a minor;
Alta Smith as administratrix of
the estate of Ralph M. Smith, de-
ceased; the unknown heirs of
Ralph M. Smith, deceased; Wasco
National Farm Loan Association,
a corporation; and also all other
persons or parties unknown claim-
ing any right, title, estate, lien or
interest in the real estate describ-
ed in the complaint herein. De-
fendants.

C. C. WILSON
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
Maude Davis, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned, as Administratrix
of the Estate of Maude Davis, de-
ceased, has filed her final account
in the County Court of the State
of Oregon, for Sherman County,
and that Monday, the 8th day of
August, 1938, at the hour of 10
o'clock in the forenoon of said day
at the court room of said court
has been appointed by said Court
as the time and place for the hear-
ing of objections thereto and the
settlement thereof.

Dated and first published July
15, 1938.

Date of last publication, August
5, 1938.

Neoma E. Smith, Administratrix
Oren R. Richards, Attorney.
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Why Do People Buy
Where They Do?

Because of lower prices, better goods,
courteous service or habit?

The store that tells of its
prices, goods, and service, has
the best chance of getting
customers in the habit of coming
to it to trade.

Advertising In The
SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL

is the best means to
acquaint Sherman Countians
with your advantages.