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SCHOOLS

This week Sherman county teachers held a meeting in Moro and during the course of the evening there was some discussion of the relationship between teachers and parents. Two groups that have so much to do with the education of the young people who will take over the reins of government, business, and society in a few short years should be better acquainted with each other's aims.

Beyond an unfortunately formal teacher's reception at the beginning of each school year most of our communities do little to learn about the teachers. This has always been a bad situation and is getting worse. A few years ago the schools were expected to take charge of the minds of the children and spend the school day in training the youthful mentality. Now, because schoolmen in high places have worked to expand the school influence, the schools are training children in the physical and moral sphere as well as the mental.

Parents have abdicated as mentors of their children to a degree. Schools have taken on so much of the training of the young that they cannot do so thorough a job of the original part: mental training. There should be a line drawn between the responsibilities of the parents and the school so that each would know its work. Perhaps this could tacitly be done through informal meetings between teachers and the parents of the children. Not one meeting or two, but enough to assure an understanding between them.

Teachers are at a disadvantage in such meetings. Their continued job depends on the impression they make and they are therefore barred from offering criticism or from making suggestions that might not be favorably received. Parents might well listen to the teachers who could often tell of changes that might be made in home attitudes that would be beneficial to the children. After all, both are working for the same end, the welfare of the next generation, and there is probably more prejudice on the part of the parent than the teacher.

Nowadays it is as old fashioned to criticize the length of time spent on high school athletics as it is to call, "Get a horse" to a motorist with a flat tire. In fact automobiles and the theory that the schools were responsible for the physical well being of the youth came in about the same time. The truth of the matter is that school athletics do not tend to correct postures or develop good bodies. Athletics do give a correlation of mind and body that is very valuable. Schools, however, take credit for developing grace in youngsters when nature would have made them more graceful anyway.

Athletics do add an interest in remaining in school for many boys that would otherwise drop out. In addition they make it easier for the teachers for, inasmuch as the boys are going to remain to play games anyway, the teacher doesn't have to intrigue their interest in history, economics and English. As between parents and teachers the children are in somewhat the same position as if they were in a family where the father and mother did not speak. It would be a mighty worthwhile experiment if the communities in Sherman county would, during the present winter months, make a real and earnest effort to hold meetings with their school teachers; real meetings where both sides, metaphorically took their hair down and talked about the thing they are both most interested in: the education of Johnny, Jenny, Bill and Sue.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

This time of the year young ladies are hurrying about the state engaged in selling Christmas seals to as many as will buy. They are doing it because they feel that the sale of these seals will carry on the fight against a dangerous disease. From the sale these ladies get nothing but the knowledge of a good work well done.

One does not have to be very old to remember when one who had contracted tuberculosis was considered as one doomed to early and certain death. Talking to such a one was something like speaking to a man on whom sentence had been passed. It is not that way now, thanks to the fight against the disease that has been largely financed through the sale of these little stamps that are used to seal Christmas presents.

The fight on disease is perhaps the most civilized thing humans have done. It has been done with little cost to any individual. No one has a quota; he may buy as many as he can use. The money is spent for examinations to find out who has the disease in the early stages when it is easily stopped.

Last year Sherman county won the cup for being the first in the state in the seal sale. It is a matter of local pride that the county remain high in the column. It is, however, much more important that funds be raised to eradicate this one time "white plague" and have a healthier race.

The voice of the people evidently doesn't mean much to labor leaders of Oregon. The picketing bill was carried by a majority of around 50,000 and yet so anxious are the leaders to hold onto their places and their followers that they are fighting the law before it is even given a trial. Just what means the people will take to convince this gentry that rough stuff is not popular in Oregon cannot be known at present, but it doesn't seem likely that these leaders will be permitted to rule the state.

This is not the first generation to have a song about an old apple tree. About forty years ago the lyrical sang about an apple tree, too. Only the story told, although a bit melodramatic, was about youthful love disappointed by death making it a rather sad ballad which may have accounted for some of its popularity as evidenced by the large number of parodies on the song. This generation has a song about an old apple tree but it isn't about disappointed love. That is not the proper modifier at all. And if you want to explain the difference between grandmas and grand daughter: just listen to both songs.

We wonder if the world would stop turning if folks stopped worrying about where it is going.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Dec. 19, 1919. At a special meeting of the city council N. W. Thompson was named fuel administrator until the period of shortage was over. Those out side the city may buy a ton of coal and city residents a half a ton.

The Columbia river at Rufus was frozen over last week and people were walking across. It was 22 below zero there.

A special session of the legislature has been called to license automobile drivers to try to prevent so many accidents.

Ronald Payne and Lenora Ramsey, school reporters, told of a hard time party given by the high school boys in the opera house. From the Observer, Dec. 17, 1909.

H. H. Stuart was up from the railway camp on the Deschutes intending to return but a sudden illness kept him here. He says the magnitude of the work going on along both sides of the river is past all comprehension and that it will go on until the inland empire is pierced by two railway lines.

The Boardman school has closed until spring. Mrs. Minnie Biggestaff left for her home in Nevada after the 12th after a three weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Elcock. Mayor McKee and a full board of councilmen were re-elected in Wasco last week.

From the Observer, Dec. 15, 1899. For the first time since 1884 wool sold in Boston last week for \$1 per scoured pound.

Found: a wagon sheet, call at Observer office. At the last meeting of Aurora Lodge, K of P, at Wasco E. P. Orr, W. L. Gosser, H. H. White, C. J. Bright, D. S. Young, V. C. Brock, Henry Krause, L. R. Lucas, H. E. Beers and E. L. Weld were elected to office.

Sam McDonald is putting up tons of bacon, hams, lard, etc. Kent school directors granted right of way to the C. S. Ry. this week provided they put up a five wire fence and grade from the other side of the track.

Statehouse Gossip

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cessive speed is a major factor in practically all traffic fatalities. His recommendations to the legislature will also include the establishment of speed zones in which lower maximum speeds would be enforced.

In the early experience of this statewide traffic regulation a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour was fixed by statute. This was increased to 35 miles per hour in 1925 and so remained until the session of 1931 abandoned fixed speed maximums for the so-called basic rule which few people understood and which police have found to be almost impossible of enforcement.

Most states now operate under fixed maximum speeds ranging from as low as 25 miles an hour in Missouri to a high of 60 miles an hour in Colorado.

Snell will also recommend an amendment to the Oregon traffic law restoring compulsory dimming of headlights on meeting another car.

Delay in completing the stacks in the new library building has necessitated postponement of plans for the removal of the 390,000 volumes in the state library to the new building which it had been expected to start next week. Miss Harriott Long, state librarian, estimates that it will require 12 days working two shifts to make the transfer.

An increase of approximately \$4,000,000 in the assessed values of Oregon utilities is reported by the state tax commission. Power companies and steam railroads show the heaviest valuation increases with values of electric railroads and gas companies showing decreases.

The Oregon school census for 1937-38, totalling 269,063 children between the ages of four and 20 years, was the highest in the history of the state and 12,000 above the record of 10 years ago.

Institution heads who keep dogs as pets do so at their own risk. The board of control has announced that the state would not be responsible for any damage done by such pets. Suit was recently filed by a Portland woman against Linden McCullough, superintendent of the Oregon blind trade school, after being bitten by a dog on the school premises.

Revamping of Oregon's blue sky law is recommended by James Hazlett, state corporation commissioner, in his biennial report. Among amendments suggested by Hazlett is one giving commissioners authority to deny applications for the sale of securities which appear to him to present an unfair, unjust or inequitable investment.

The Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association has asked the Board of Control to make a study of the comparative costs of oil and hogged fuel for use in heating state buildings. The new heating plant now under construction will be equipped with oil burners although space will be provided for the storage of hogged fuel for use in an emergency. The board has agreed to make the required study.

New Manager at Sun Valley



W. M. Rogers, president of the Union Pacific railroad, has just announced the appointment of W. R. Rogers, above, as the new manager of Union Pacific properties and operations at Sun Valley, Idaho, succeeding K. M. Singer. General manager of the Utah parks hotels since Feb. 1, 1936, in which position he has established an enviable record, Mr. Rogers will continue in that position in addition to handling the all-year-round resort in Idaho's Sawtooth mountains joining the Union Pacific in 1920 as a hotel clerk at Green River, Wyo. Mr. Rogers has held various positions in Union Pacific properties at Rawlins, Cheyenne, Evanston, North Platte, Sidney, Omaha, Topeka, the Grand Canyon and the Utah parks. He is a native of Nortonville, Kansas.

TOPS IN 4-H SOCIAL PROGRESS CONTEST



Winners of highest national honors in the 4-H Social Progress Contest, members of the Willamette 4-H Club, near Eugene, and their leader, Mrs. Edna Michael, attended the National 4-H Congress in Chicago as guests of the Radio Corporation of America, sponsors of the contest. Next Summer other members of the club will receive a trip to the 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D. C. and to Radio City and the New York World's Fair as additional awards. Left to right are Frances Calef, Gerald Calef, Mrs. Michael, and Virginia Cox.

Wheat Used For Money In Oregon In 1847

In 1845 the legislature of the Provisional Government passed a law designed to make legal tender of a variety of commodities. This was, of course, in addition to regular United States monies, mention of which was a courtesy, since, as Nesmith and Crawford said, there was no actual coin in the country.

The legislature ordered that "available orders, wheat, hides, tallow, beef, pork, butter, lard, peas, lumber, or other articles of export of this territory shall at their current value be legal tender in payment of all demands in this territory, where no special contract has been made between the parties."

"Provided, the same be delivered at such points of the navigable streams, or such other places as may be established depots for such articles."

This law, however, did not receive the governor's approval. The next session he addressed his reason to the assembly, saying: "Wheat, in my opinion, should be the only article used in this country as legal tender in addition to gold and silver. It is at present the staple article of our country, can be procured by all the settlers in abundance, can be readily disposed of by the merchants and others, and is not a perishable article."

According to this suggestion the legislature did pass such a law. It was accepted as legal tender. Curious evidence of this remains in a promissory note given in October, 1846. It reads: "I promise to pay Alex. McKay 600 bushels of wheat in October, 1846 payable to the Hudson Bay Company. John McPherson." Across the back of the note is written: "Please pay the bearer Dec. 15, 1845, Alexander McKay."

During the next year this note passed from one person to another until it came into the possession of Sidney W. Moss who sued to collect on March 6, 1847. Although the record does not state the fact, he apparently obtained a judgment against McPherson and attempted to collect. The appraisers enumerated McPherson's property and set a value upon it, not in wheat, but in dollars and cents.

Advertisement for Pacific Power & Light Company featuring Santa Claus and electrical gifts. Text includes: 'SANTA SAYS "ELECTRIC" GIVING FITS IN BEST with MODERN LIVING', 'Give AND EXPECT Electrical Gifts', and a list of electrical appliances like Electric Range, Refrigerator, Radio, etc.

which Moss could not collect. It consisted of a silver watch, a wooden clock, a "rifle gun," and many cows and horses, but not one bushel of wheat.

The Washington newspaper correspondent was getting fed up on his daily routine. He planned a vacation and when he was asked where he was going he replied: "I'm gassing a big picture of President Roosevelt on the outside of my car; and I'm going to drive until somebody asks 'Who's that?' That's where I'll settle!"

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

In the Matter of the Estate of David S. Walters, deceased.

SS FINAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given, that Roy J. Baker, Administrator of the above entitled estate, has rendered, presented and filed his final account therein for settlement, and said Court has appointed Monday, February 6th, 1939 at the hour of two o'clock p. m. in the County Court room, of the County Court house, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, as a time and place for the hearing and final settlement of said account, and of any objections thereto.

Roy J. Baker, Administrator.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

No. 2481- NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

EDWARD E. MERGES, Plaintiff vs AGNES NYS, MARY A. HILTON, formerly Mary A. Edwards, and THOMAS SILVERTHORN, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court in the above cause, to me directed and dated the 7th day of December, 1938, in favor of Edward E. Merges, plaintiff, and against Agnes Nys, Mary A. Hilton, formerly Mary A. Edwards, and Thomas Silverthorn, defendants, for the sum of \$1500.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum from October 1, 1929, and the further sum of \$39.83 with interest thereon at 6% per annum from September 27, 1938, and the further sums of \$200.00 attorney's fees and \$57.15 costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the

Real Estate, to-wit: The following described real property situated in the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, to-wit: The Southwest quarter of Section Seventeen (17); the Southeast quarter of Section Eighteen (18); the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section Nineteen (19); the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty (20); all in Township Four (4) South, Range Fifteen (15) East, Willamette Meridian.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Saturday, the 14th day of January, 1939, at 11:00 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption), to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants, and each and all of them in the above entitled suit, had on the 18th day of November, 1928, the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date had in and to the above described property, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, December 10, 1938.

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C. C. WILSON, Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

All persons shall file their objections, if any, to the Final Account of the administratrix of the estate of Ralph M. Smith, deceased, on or before December 31, 1938, at two o'clock p. m., which is the time fixed by the County Court for settlement of said Final Account, and the County Court House in Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed for hearing said account.

Alta Smith, Administratrix.

Frank G. Dick, The Dalles, Oregon, Attorney for Administratrix.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

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Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Trap sent and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

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Thelma Miller, N.G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Advertisement for Gasco Briquets. Text includes: 'Buy Gasco Briquets NOW', 'The price will raise from \$15 to \$16 off truck after the first of the year.', 'Order from MORO LUMBER & FUEL YARD', 'M. G. Melzer, Mgr.'

Advertisement for An Oregon Bank Serving Oregon. Text includes: 'AN OREGON BANK SERVING OREGON', 'Bank Here By Mail', 'We provide Special Deposit Envelopes which enable you to deposit here quickly, easily, safely, from any distance. Write or call for complete details.', 'L. A. Littleton, Manager', 'C. A. Reynolds, Asst. Mgr.'

Advertisement for The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank. Text includes: 'The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank', 'Head Office, Portland, Oregon', 'MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION', 'C. A. Reynolds, Asst. Mgr.'