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REAPPORTIONMENT

While publicity about the move
to reapportion the state legisla-
tive districts so that each county
will have at least one representa-
tive was to a certain extent
caused by the otherwise dull legis-
lative week end, it is a problem
that will have to be solved not
later than the 1941 session.

The constitution of the state
requires that reapportionment be
done after each federal census is
taken and the next one will be
taken in 1940 as everyone knows.
If the usual method is used, and
used without political manipula-
tion, the population of the state
will be divided by the number of
members—sixty and districts hav-
ing that number of citizens will
have one member of the house. It
is presumed that around 20,000
will be needed.

To compare the proposed plan
to give each county at least one
representative with the rotten
borough system in England, makes
good reading, but shows a lack of
knowledge of the constitution of
the United States. When that
document was written the princi-
ple of having one house represent
the people, the other the states,
was established. The present pro-
posal follows the same policy by
having one house divided on a popu-
lation basis and the other on a
partial county representation basis.
If the constitution was changed
so that each county was given one
senator a direct comparison with
the federal constitution would be
made. It has been said that coun-
ty lines are purely artificial. They
are: so are state lines and so is
the line between the United States
and Canada and between Germany
and Switzerland.

The question the members of the
legislature will have to decide
and the question the people of
the state will have to decide if
the resolution gets on the ballot
is whether the remainder of the
state loses four members to east-
ern Oregon or nine—using Sena-
tor Kemm's estimate—to Multnomah
county. What do you think?

A TAXATION POLICY

Sometime, and it may not be far
away, Oregon is going to have to
overhaul its taxation policy.

Property taxation is now, as it
always has been the basis of our
taxation. It is the thing that
must carry the load when other
things fail. When income drops,
when they are few intangibles to
tax, when excise taxes and cor-
porations without profit it is the
real property, the farmer and
timberman, and stockman and
city building owner who has to
foot the bill unless taxes can be
reduced.

And even when taxes are re-
duced for a time they come bounc-
ing rapidly back because of the
demands made on the state by
groups of its citizens.

At this time the state is on the
verge of restoring the state tax
on property which has been held
in abeyance several years since
the economies of the worst de-
pression years. Relief will take
most of the increase, that is relief
and pensions, and there is no way
to stop it.

Many little changes can be made
in the tax laws to bring in a little
more money, say around a million.
Estimated needs have been set at
six times that sum. Then when the
funds are exhausted there will be
another property tax made by the
state when the state already has
the income tax and the other
indirect taxes for its use.

It is quite likely that some sort
of a gross income tax will be
passed this year but it should not
be passed unless it carries with it
a millage limit on property taxes
and at least half of the returns
from the new tax should be re-
turned to the counties for school
and relief purposes. It is doubt-
ful if the state should be asked to
take over all relief payments for

they should be administered as
close home as possible.

The property tax limit would
probably be set at around fifty
mills a figure too high to cut taxes
in this county where millages are
low, but taxes would be cut here
nevertheless by the sums return-
ed from the tax commission. Natu-
rally the method of assessment
would have to be retained to pre-
vent excessive figures being used
in an effort to increase tax reve-
nues. At present all property
must be taxed at 100 percent of
its true cash value and the state
is now faced with suits for over as-
sessment. It may be that as
much property is over assessed
than is under assessed, even tho'
the books indicate that the aver-
age assessment is around sixty
percent of cash value.

Whatever is to be the eventual
result it is certain that new means
of raising money will have to be
accepted by the public, the state
will have to stop spending money
for already establishing reasons, or
property will have to pay more.

If legislators would place qual-
ity ahead of quantity in the mat-
ter of introducing bills, to impress
people at home, it would simplify
matters a lot.

California has introduced as a
theme song for the President's
ball, "Brother, can you spare a
dime." A dollar would come
near being correct.

Who remembers the good old
days when all you expected from
the government was a free pack-
age of seeds.

In Other Days

From the Observer Jan. 19, 1900
Mike Rosendorf, a former Moro
merchant, suicided in Baker City
last week "for the benefit of his
family," after blowing in his last
dollar at poker and other athletic
sports.

Last Sunday Mrs. H. S. McDaniel
found a blooming pansy in her
flower garden. There were other
buds just ready to blossom, but
old Jack Frost took them in that
night.

Luke Moro Johnston, son of W.
B. Johnston, had his annual birth-
day Saturday. He was born in
Illinois but was named for his
future home in Sherman county.

Miss Pearl Dean has a fine
assortment of men's ties for sale.
From the Observer Jan. 21, 1910
Dr. O. J. Goffin's youngest
brother, Adolph, is up from Mar-
ion county on a visit for two or
three weeks. He is now at the
farm home with his sister and
brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Miller.

Born: January 10, to Mr. and
Mrs. A. G. Boesen, a ten pound
boy.

Miss Mildred Betts, The Dalles,
is taking a needed rest from tele-
phone work in the office there, by
visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr.
and Mrs. Maus in Moro.

A number of ladies were enter-
tained at Mrs. James Stewart's
Monday afternoon in honor of Miss
Ida Mowry who left Moro Tues-
day for The Dalles to enter the
field as nurse at the hospital in
that city.

People unborn in 1861-2 forget
that that winter the thermometer
in this part of Oregon ran to 40
degrees below for six weeks, and
a trip from Walka-Walla to The
Dalles consumed from 20 to 30
days of perilous travel.

From the Observer Jan. 23, 1920
J. M. Parry died in Portland at
2:30 Wednesday afternoon. The
funeral was held in that city Fri-
day, a large number of his friends
attending from this section.

Albert, 11 year old son of Joe
Folda was fatally burned at the
family home in Grass Valley
Thursday evening when starting a
fire with gasoline in place of ker-
osene as he thought. Mrs. Robert
Burns saw the boy run from the
house and went to his assistance,
putting her cloak about him and
smothering the flames.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Coe
at the home of H. M. Benson in
this city, a daughter on January
21. Dr. Gormley, of Wasco in
attendance.

Grass Valley Journal: Monday
Mr. L. Barnum and Mr. Rice sold
the Citizens Commercial Co. stock
of goods to P. N. Lemon of Grass
Valley. The CC Co. has been in
business about seventeen years.

Representative A. M. Wright,
one of the quietest members of the
session, has made but one speech,
in which he demonstrated that he
can trot his colleague Jim Stewart
a real heat when the exigencies
of the occasion require. He asked
for a road in Sherman county to
be added to the state road pro-
gram. He literally denuded the
old and famous bird of all her
tail feathers and convinced every
member that unless his road was
put on the program the sun would
fail to shine on the prettiest and
most productive piece of God's
green footstool which has been
left lying around loose.—Eugene
Register.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)
tion of this fund. They want the
legislature to keep hands off their
"grave boat" and any attempt to
upset it promises to be the signal
for a free-for-all fight.

Confirmation of the appointment
of Edgar W. Smith of Portland as
a member of the state board of
higher education has provided the
only controversial issue of the
legislative session to date. Smith's
confirmation is opposed by a num-
ber of senators. In fact the op-
position claims 13 votes or more
than enough to block confirmation
while Smith's supporters claim 23
votes or enough to confirm with
at least three to spare.

When the question of Smith's
confirmation came up during the
first week of the session it was
put over until Monday and made
a special order of business. At
that time instead of coming to a
vote the matter was referred to
a special committee of five mem-
bers for further consideration.

Two objections are raised to
Smith's confirmation. One of these
is his membership on the milk con-
trol board. Several senators who
otherwise will vote to confirm
Smith's appointment have indi-
cated that they will not support
him unless and until he relin-
quishes his milk board post. The
other objection is to Smith's ac-
tivity in affairs of the University
of Oregon. Partisans of the state
college fear that their interests
might be jeopardized by the pres-
ence of a university man on the
board.

Governor Sprague in a special
message to the House and Senate
Monday called attention to objec-
tions raised by the federal Social
Security Board to Oregon's defini-
tion of labor disputes as set forth
in the picketing bill approved by
the voters at the November elec-
tion. In an effort to overcome this
objection attorneys for the Unem-
ployment Compensation commis-
sion have drafted an amendment
to the compensation act in which
they attempt to set up a definition
of labor disputes in conformity
with the requirements of the fed-
eral board but applicable only to
the jobless insurance law. Attor-
neys for organized labor express
themselves as entirely dissatisfied
with the proposed amendment and
members of the legislature who
have studied the proposed amend-
ment frankly admit that they do
not know what its effects will be.

In order to get the amendment
under way however the senate
committee on revision of law has
agreed to bring it out in the form
of a bill and then to hold a num-
ber of hearings on the subject be-
fore the lawmakers are asked to
pass on the measure. T. Morris
Dunne, chairman of the Oregon
Unemployment compensation com-
mission told the senate committee
Monday that unless the Oregon
law was made to conform to the
federal requirements his commis-
sion would be compelled to close
all of its offices throughout Oregon
on February 1 for lack of funds
to pay administrative costs.

The Ellis-Wipperman bill to
abolish the state bakery board has
the bakery interests of the state
up in arms. A public hearing on
the measure has been scheduled
for next Tuesday night in the
hearing room of the new capitol.

Farmers and poultrymen might
find themselves seriously handi-
capped in the shipment of chickens
if a bill introduced by Senator Wal-
lace should receive legislative ap-
proval. The measure would require
a permit from the game commis-
sion in order to ship birds from
one county to another. Chickens,
it is explained, are classed as non-
game birds.

Four persons pleaded guilty to
charges of falsification of claims
for gasoline tax refunds between
December 21 and January 12 in
this state. The convictions were
obtained in Clackamas, Washing-
ton, Yamhill and Jackson counties.
All claims are closely watched by
the gasoline tax refund division
for fraudulent statements and de-
tection of falsification will lead to
immediate prosecution.

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



"We were on a three-lane highway in heavy traffic, and the dope thought I'd let him pass ME!"

Legislative Hi-Lights And Capitol Observations and Predictions

By Representative French.

First the legislature is criti-
cized because of a lack of bills
and before long it will be criticized
because it has too many of
them but this is the way many
things go.

Legislators come to Salem filled
with ideas but without having
them written out in proper form,
for presentation to the house or
senate. Therefore the first week
is spent in having the bills writ-
ten or in talking to possible sup-
porters about them.

Then the second week the flood
begins, to continue until the
committee on legislation and rules
stops it. This is the committee
that, after the passage of about
thirty days, has to decide whether
or not bills are necessary to the
peace and security of the state.
If not they stay in that committee.

While there are more bills, there
are fewer job hunters. Those
who were among the fortunate few
are now doing the jobs assigned
to them while the great majority
are back home telling neighbors
what a poor legislator they have
who cannot get them a job. No
record has been kept of it, but it
is probably true that more money
is actually expended each session
to obtain legislative jobs than the
state pays out in wages and sal-
aries. Some come from far dis-
tant places and stay several days,
with resultant expense, and get no
job or a few days of work at four
to five dollars per day.

This week the blackboard was
put up to direct committee mem-
bers where committees meet and
the grind of working over the
bills by committees is on.

Taxation is going to have a
large place in this legislature if
a prediction can be made at this
time. This sort of thing is gener-
ally worked out in committee
for much of it is too technical to
be done on the floor. Usually if
there is disagreement with a com-
mittee approved bill it is return-
ed for further consideration, for
it is a serious thing to beat a tax
bill. First; it cannot be introduc-
ed again; second, the money is
needed by some department of the
state.

There will be a fish bill. To
older legislators that is like say-
ing there will be a session of the
legislature. Some member will
have the job of discoursing on the
life story of the noble salmon and
predicting what will happen to the
species if the legislation pending
is passed. Another and equally
sincere member will predict equal-
ly dire consequences if it is de-
feated. And after it is over and
the newspapers have sent out the
speeches to the home districts,
the other members will vote as

they have pledged to do days be-
fore.

It is likely that there will be a
number of bills for readjustment
of county officials' salaries. The
committee handling this sort of
legislation usually adopts the pol-
icy that if the county court or a
group of substantial taxpayers
recommend the bill it will be favor-
ably acted upon. Otherwise
they can turn it down with the
celerity that is surprising.

It is expected that the long
looked for PUD law will be in
this week but the terms of it have
not been made known as yet. Re-
venue bonds are considered a cer-
tainly and some other changes in
the present law are also expected.

Bert Snyder of Lake county
this week delighted the members
from eastern Oregon by sending
out little bouquets composed of
sagebrush and juniper which were
worn proudly by the boys from the
country where those plants are
common.

Last week there was a rushing
about by everyone. This week
there is still rushing about but it
seems to have more direction, more
certainty of destination.

A conference was held over the
week end on the erosion bill and
many changes were made in it,
softening some of the provisions,
and giving less power to the
board.

The house begins to roll along
with much less evidence of fric-
tion, which was highly overplayed
away, and it seems now that a
rapidly working house may be
expected. Sessions are short each
morning and evening, but with
bills coming in rapidly it will not
be long until some of them are
on third reading and then the final
roll calls will begin and legisla-
tion will come out of the machine
like wheat—and chaff—from the
threshers.

Self Protection

A farmer and his wife walked
from their farm to the county
fair, his wife laden down with a
heavy lunch basket. Once arrived
at the fair, he considerably turned
to her and said:
"You'd better let me carry the
basket now Mary, we might get
separated in the crowd."

CHRONOLOGY

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ove-flow the barns.

Crop insurance delayed by lack
of information.

Plans for the annual library fes-
tival held at Wasco to raise funds
for the local library were in the
making.

October 7, 4-H Members—enter-
tained in Portland by the First
National Bank during the P. I.
were Anna Macnab, Rufus and

Marcus Eslinger, Grass Valley.
Fred Roedel comes from Missou-
ri to collect bank dividends.

October 14, Prize Winners—num-
erous at the Pacific International
in the 4-H club division.

October 21, Pierce Speaks—before
the Wasco Civic Club Monday
night.

Richard Sather, 25, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Sather of Kent,
died in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Eben Kee seriously injur-
ed Wednesday, when a horse she
was riding fell with her, breaking
her jaw in two places.

City of Moro sued on hotel
warrants.

Fourteen members of Woman's
club attended the district meeting
of Federated Women's club at
Fossil.

October 28, Sprague Speaks—be-
fore a large delegation of voters
gathered at the Moro Hotel Thurs-
day evening.

Wasco boy, Arthur A. Van Gil-
der, son of Harry Van Gilder, wins
acclaim in army as a sharpshoot-
er.

November 4, Legion Installs—new
officers for the Wasco, Moro, Kent,
and Antelope Posts and for the
Wasco, Moro, Kent Units, in the
Masonic hall at Moro, Saturday
night.

November 11, Mayors Elected—
for Grass Valley, Wasco and Moro
A. A. Dunlap, William Nisbet, and
Giles French, respectively.

Car crash on the Sherman High-
way south of Moro resulted in a
compound fracture of right leg
for Mrs. Kerr of Idaho, and slight
injuries for Mrs. A. A. Dunlap of
Grass Valley, and Mr. Kerr. Mr.
Dunlap escaped injury.

November 18, Accident, Injuries—
Harry Wayne Young of Grass Val-
ley when the car he was driving
crashed into the rear of the C. I.
Lafoon car stopped on the road
south of Grass Valley to permit
a California car, broken down, to
be turned around by the wrecker
to be towed back to town.

November 25, Dewey Burrell Found
—dead in Biggs canyon by the
state police.

Joe Mee loses case against the
State Accident Commission.

Achievement Day banquet held
for 4-H clubbers at Fraternity
hall in Wasco Saturday night.

Moro State Bank pay seventh
dividend of 5 per cent.

December 2, M. G. Melzer Buys—
the remaining stock from the Farm-
er's Elevator and Supply company
from the liquidator and will open
up for business immediately.

Budget for Sherman county
passed by committee with only one
change. An additional \$500 was
voted for the emergency fund,
which stood at \$5000.

December 9, New Officers Elected
—to direct AAA in county.

State officers held meeting in
Moro for the north part of the
fifth district of the American Leg-
ion, Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Hogue of Grass Val-
ley died Monday after a long ill-
ness.

Eastern Oregon Wheat League
held its annual meeting in The
Dalles last week end. H. D.
Pouffoot, of Wasco was elected
President for the coming year.

December 16, Teachers Dine—at
the Moro Women's club building,
organizing a county club, to aid
them in legislative matters as well
as local.

County wheat yield for 1938 es-
timated near 3,000,000 bushels, the
the government loan on which
nears the million dollar mark.

December 23, County AAA Officers
—elected for 1939 are Joe Peters
of Moro, chairman; Wallace May
of Grass Valley and Arthur Smith
of Wasco.

Wasco Civic club hears Millard
Rodman, area manager for Soil
Conservation Service.

Mrs. J. N. Stevenson, mother of
Mrs. M. E. McKee was buried in
The Dalles.

Miss Doris Thompson married
to Ray Siegenthaler of Portland.
Earl Gentry and Mrs. Josephine
Banum were married Christmas
eve in Portland.

"I know the weather's very queer."
The weather prophet sagely said:
"It has been now for many a year."
And then he wisely scratched his
head.

"But I'll just bet that it will vary
Before the first of February."

Read the ads in the Journal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN
UNITED STATES FEDERALITY
AND GUARANTY COMPANY,
a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. WARD
BEAUCHAMP, MYRTLE BEAU-
CHAMP, and ANAH V. BEAU-
CHAMP, Defendants.
SUMMONS
To Anah V. Beauchamp, defendant:
IN THE NAME OF THE
STATE OF OREGON. You are
hereby required to appear and
answer the complaint filed against
you in the above entitled action
within four (4) weeks from the
date of the first publication of this
summons, and if you fail so to
appear and answer, for want
thereof the plaintiff will take judg-
ment against you as prayed for
in its complaint in the sum of,

\$1900.00, together with the addi-
tional sum of \$190.00 as reasonable
attorney fees, and for its costs
and disbursements in the above
entitled cause, together with inter-
est as seven per cent (7%) per
annum on said sum of \$1900.00
from the 6th day of December
1938, the date of the filing of the
complaint herein, until paid.

This summons is served upon
you by publication under and by
virtue of an order of publication
duly made and entered by the Hon-
orable Carl Hendricks, Judge of
the Circuit Court of the State of
Oregon for the County of Sher-
man, on the 22nd day of Decem-
ber, 1938, requiring this summons
to be published in the Sherman
County Journal not less than once
a week for four consecutive weeks.

The date of the first publication
of this summons is December 30,
1938, and the date of the last
publication is January 27, 1939.

SHEPPARD & PHILLIPS
L. J. BALBACH.
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
1208 Public Service Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the Coun-
ty Court of the State of Oregon
for Sherman County her Final
Account and Report as adminis-
tratrix of the estate of J. A. Bar-
nett, deceased, and that Monday,
the 13th day of February, 1939,
at 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said
day, at the court room, in 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 Account and Report
and for the settlement of said
estate.

Mary F. Smith,
Administratrix.
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for administratrix. 10-14

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that
Curtis A. Tom, administrator of the
estate of George E. Wilkerson,
deceased, has filed in the Coun-
ty Court of Sherman County, Ore-
gon, his duly verified final account-
and that Monday, the 30th day of
January, 1939 at 10:00 A. M. in
the County Court Room in the
County Court House in Moro,
Sherman County, Oregon, has been
fixed as the time and place for the
hearing of objections to said ac-
count and the settlement thereof.

CURTIS A. TOM
Administrator
GALLOWAY & KRIER
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for said Estate 8-12

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
that Alice Belshe Lavender, Ad-
ministratrix of the Estate of Clay
Belshe, deceased, has filed in the
County Court of Sherman County,
Oregon, her Final Account, and
the Court has set the 8th
day of February, 1939, at the hour
of 10:00 a. m., in the County
Judge's office in the County Court
House at Moro, Sherman County,
Oregon, as the time and place for
the settlement of said accounting,
and for hearing objections to the
same, if any.

ALICE BELSHE LAVENDER,
Administratrix
J. TRACY BARTON,
THE DALLES, OREGON
Attorney for the Estate. 9-12

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is given that Saturday,
the 21st day of January, 1939, at
the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., and
the courtroom in the courthouse
at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed
as the time and place for the
hearing on the final report and
account of C. L. Pepper as ad-
ministrator of the estate of the
partnership of Bryant & Pepper,
and the settlement thereof.

C. L. Pepper, Administrator. 7-10

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday even-
ings of each month.
Visiting members cor-
dially invited to meet
with us.

A. B. Christianson 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.

Ve-non Miller, N. G.
Joe Truitt, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon
No. 2512
Meets Every Second and
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
Invited

Rose Amidon, W. M.
Ruth Sparring, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues-
day of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.

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

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