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IF IT WAS ON MARS

Were we to read that on Mars, in Minnesota or in the Willamette valley there were five little grade and high schools strung along a paved highway and that the patrons of each one were dissatisfied with their school because it was so restricted in subjects; and that it would be possible to teach the subjects wanted if the schools were larger with the federal government paying for much of the added instruction; and that there was little chance of the schools getting larger, but rather smaller, what would we say would be the obvious solution.

If further we were to read that the millages levied for the support of the schools varied from nothing for the transporting districts to nearly 13 mills; and if it were known that the people were all of the same racial and economic status would strengthen our first idea of a solution?

Sherman county schools have been decreasing in pupils for several years and in the meanwhile the ambitions of the parents for their children have been increasing. An effort has been made by many of the school boards to meet the demand for more varied subjects with the result that the fundamentals of a high school course have necessarily been neglected. This means that no one is satisfied with the schools; neither those who believe that training in the manual crafts is of most importance, nor those who hold that a high school is a place for education along basic lines.

There are those who have said that two-high schools in the county would solve the problem, but at best it would not make possible high schools large enough to obtain Smith-Hughes work.

There are now between 175 and 180 pupils in the five high schools of the county. That is a sufficient number to make a good sized high school that could be expected, if well managed, to offer the sort of courses the parents demand.

It has been suggested—and this is offered to give wider circulation to the idea—that the two end schools, Rufus and Kenn, transport all their children to Wasco and Grass Valley respectively and that three grade schools be maintained. The busses used would then be loaded with high school pupils who would be taken to some school in the central part of the county where a high school of adequate facilities be maintained. It should be far enough from Moro to make possible sufficient grounds and close enough to prevent additional transportation, unless other reasons made DeMoss Springs or some other point advisable.

Human nature being what it is there is violent opposition, or would be violent opposition, to such a plan. The same thing occurred when it was first proposed to transport rural children to the towns. The existence of a rural school was felt to be a community necessity. Gradually the welfare of the children overcame the natural prejudices.

The matter of business and trade naturally arises. All children would be in their own towns each day and anyway the amount of business done by school children cannot account for much of the total volume in the county.

Perhaps, if the situation was in some of the other places mentioned earlier in this editorial, we could instantly provide a solution. If so, what prevents finding one when it affects us? The one outlined above may not be the proper one. It is time, however, for some thought on the matter so that the proper solution may be found. Let those who have theories expound them in school meeting, grand meeting and in these columns.

MORE ABOUT TELEPHONES

A check on the telephones in the county although roughly made shows that there is about 425 subscribers in the county without

counting Kent where a private company handles the telephone service.

Rural users pay \$5 a year and are supposed to keep up their own lines. Town users are charged at the rate of \$30 per year unless they desire a more expensive phone. Income from this yearly charge to the company can be accurately estimated at \$6250 per year and toll charges undoubtedly make the total much higher.

Out of this the company pays labor, rent, taxes and upkeep of the offices and lines and it is doubtful if there is much profit from operations in this county, except the profit that comes from complete service all over the state and the additional business that accrues thereby. The fact that there are telephones in this county, and similar counties, makes telephones fore valuable in the populous places.

Under the proposed dial system the farmer lines will have to be kept in much better repair than at present which cannot be construed as a bad thing at all. The cost for new phones will be \$3 from each farmer for a total of \$750. The cost of new material and labor on the farm lines will be nearly \$5000 if the lines are put into good condition. The company, in turn, will invest many dollars in new equipment for each of the central offices.

The company may be expected to be making the change in order to eventually realize a profit from their investment here whereas they have not been doing so. There is no criticism of the company for this ambition.

This does, however, seem to be a good time for the people of the county to arrange for broader service, for the opportunity, to talk to more people. The company could make a saving by having one dial system central instead of three and if it could be persuaded to extend the farm lines to the central station the entire county would be a unit that would be able to attract many more customers who now consider phone service unnecessary.

The decision of the supreme court that changes the status of federal and state employees in regard to the income tax is one that has been awaited for some time and one that will be accorded hearty approval by the average citizen. For those not learned in the law it is difficult to see the reason why government employees should be exempt from paying some of the taxes they are delegated to spend. The possibility that when and if the issuance of tax exempt bonds comes before the court they will be ruled out as well is another matter that may bring joy to the hearts of the average citizen. While this would certainly cause higher interest rates on government bonds it would be an equalizer that would be considered in the public interest.

In Other Days

From the Observer April 2, 1920

L. L. Peetz is hauling lumber to build a six room house on the Todd farm bought last year.

The workmen began remodeling the Presbyterian manse Monday and when completed the church will have a modern house.

Arthur Foster, a farmer from North Dakota addressed two meetings in this county this week telling of the work of the non-partisan league.

From the Grass Valley Journal:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stradley have a new daughter at their home arriving March 29.

Many new cars have been bought recently and we notice the Nash, Maxwell, Buick, Franklin, Studebaker and Case.

This week surveyors have been running a line from Wasco to White River for the Sherman Electric company.

From the Observer, April 1, 1910

Kenneth, the picturesque home of I. P. Hardin will soon be rich in blossoms of the oncoming crop of fruit.

Frank Brown, F. E. Smith, I. D. Pike, J. M. Parry Jr and P. H. Buxton have been appointed census enumerators for this county.

F. R. Axtell and Miss Nora Eleck were married Easter Sunday at the home of the bride's parents with Judge George Mowry officiating.

From the Observer Mar. 30, 1900

The CS Ry has filed supplementary articles of incorporation for the extension of its lines through Prairie and Canyon cities to Ontario.

The thief who stole Smith Bros rig last week broke the double tree near The Dalles and turned the team loose on the range.

Tuesday's up train loaded a live horse on the pilot on the engine, but it died very soon after and had to be unloaded.

One of G. P. Higgingsham's four horse teams dashed through town on the 23rd without a driver. Neither team or wagon was seriously damaged.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)
 a combined tax levy of only 19.4 mills has the lowest levy of any incorporated city in Oregon it was revealed in a city tax summary just compiled by Walter E. Pearson, state treasurer.

Bay City in Tillamook county, on the other hand, has the highest combined tax levy in the state totalling 121.2 mills. Other high tax levies are shown as follows: Vale, Malheur county, 116.8 mills; Ontario, Malheur county, 114.8 mills; Warrenton, Clatsop county, 109.8 mills; Seaside, Clatsop county, 98.5 mills; and Milwaukie, Clackamas county, 96.3 mills.

One hundred and twenty-six Oregon cities show an increase in their combined tax levies over 1938 while only 67 cities show a lower combined levy this year than last.

Governor Sprague has issued a public statement urging the citizens of Oregon to join in the national observance of Army Day, April 6. In his statement the governor emphasizes the "need of the national defense and the importance of maintaining an army adequate for the needs of this nation, highly trained and properly equipped."

Attorney General Van Winkle has ruled that school boards have no authority to conduct educational or recreational tours financed out of school funds.

The San Francisco fair will bring the largest crop of tourists to Oregon in the history of the state in the opinion of Harold Sey, head of the state highway department's travel information bureau. The bureau has already had inquiries from 25,000 persons seeking information relative to recreational facilities and points of interest in the state.

The State Grange and the Oregon Federation of Labor have joined hands in an attack on the September primary bill. Preliminary petitions seeking a referendum of the legislative act were filed with Secretary of State Snell this week by Morton Tompkins in behalf of the two organizations.

The action of Governor Clarence D. Martin in signing Washington's "gin marriage" law places that state on a parity with Oregon with respect to its attempt to check hasty marriages according to Governor Sprague who expressed gratification that Oregon's forthright neighbor had taken this step. California has a similar law Governor Sprague said.

L. C. Stoll, training supervisor for the unemployment compensation commission has been named acting director of the Oregon employment service, succeeding Guy V. Lintner, resigned. Administrative offices of the employment service will be moved from Portland to Salem immediately.

Receptive

She was about ready to depart to attend a political meeting. "I'm not prejudiced at all," she told a friend. "I'm going with a perfectly open and unbiased mind to listen to what I'm convinced is pure rubbish."

That University of Oregon basketball team have won well deserved recognition in the south and east and are appropriately acclaimed at home, thereby reaping some of the fruits their hard work has entitled them. Lesser teams have tried as hard with nothing but scorn for their pains.

Read the Ads in the Journal

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.

A. B. Christianson W. M.
 C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.
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 Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Trained and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Vernon Miller, N. G.
 Joe Truitt, Secretary.

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 Moro, Oregon.
 Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

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

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 114
 Moro, Oregon.
 Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome.
 Rebekah Wilson, N.G.
 Florence Johnston, Secy.

Fox Farmer—Wins \$532,153 Suit—Tennis Queen



Returning from a sojourn of five months in the far north of Alaska, on Ushgat Island, which she leased from the government, Miss Kay Baker, West Virginia socialite, arrived in Seattle with 20 foxes that she had raised. Center inset: Margaret Ayer Barnes, Pulitzer prize winner in 1931, who with Edward Sheldon, bedridden writer, was awarded damages of \$532,153 for the plagiarism of their Broadway success, "Dishonored Lady." The court held that the movie, "Letty Linton," infringed on their play. At the right: Miss Marguerita Madden, 16, Boston, winner of the girls' national indoor tennis title in recent New York matches.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Twenty-three 4-H club members in Oregon will spend the first week in April at the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island as the result of having had their baby beeves selected for showing at the twelfth annual interstate junior livestock show.

The list includes 22 boys and one girl from Klamath, Jackson, Umatilla, Baker, Sherman and Malheur counties.

Their 27 head of baby beeves were selected from 60 raised by the club members during the past year and were judged by state 4-H club officials as being the best finished and ready for showing this spring. The remainder will, in most cases, be kept on feed and shown at county fairs and in the Pacific International next fall, says L. G. Allen, assistant state club leader.

The club stock from Oregon will compete with livestock from many parts of the United States, as it is estimated that some 4000 head of baby beeves, hogs and lambs will be shown. Oregon club members will have sleeping quarters in one of the large buildings on Treasure Island and will have passes to the exposition.

The Oregon group will be in charge of Fred Hill, assistant county agent, Baker; L. E. Francis and C. C. Jenkins, county club agents in Jackson and Klamath counties. Following are the Oregon exhibitors.

Klamath county—Bob Blickenstaff, Rosie Suty, Virgil Ratcliff, Norman Powers, Virgil Powers, Alvin Cheyne, Charles Cheyne, Walter Ritter, Joe Keller, Taylor High and Stanley Masten.

Sherman county—Robert King and Frank von Borstel.

Umatilla county—Kenneth Bessel, Charles Kik and Harry Lewis. Baker county—George Poulos, David Densley and Marvin Wellman.

Malheur county—Dewey Thomason.

On Summer Street, in Salem, there stands a stately sequoia more than four feet in diameter and over a hundred feet tall, that marks one of the smallest parks in the United States. The area of the park is ten by fifteen feet. It was created to protest a tree, which was planted by Danir Waldo, before Salem streets were laid out, more than sixty years ago. When the townsite was surveyed, Waldo refused to vacate the property unless the sequoia could be preserved. With the advent of the automobile, the tree was declared a menace to traffic. But a red signal light was installed upon the tree, and it was again saved.

SAFETY SONNETS



In the perpetual campaign to stamp out man-caused fires that burn over 40,000,000 acres annually, the United States Forest Service in cooperation with the state forestry agencies and organizations interested in conservation, will distribute in poster form nearly a million reproductions of the above painting by the famed illustrator, James Montgomery Flagg. The painting is the property of the American Forestry Association.

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Notice of Final Hearing.

All persons are hereby notified to file their objections if any, to the final account of the executor and executrix of the will of John Mathieson Sr., deceased, on or before April 14, 1939, at 10 o'clock a. m., which is the time fixed by the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon for the settlement of said final account. Margaret Leff, executrix. Hugh S. Mathieson, executor.

SUMMONS.

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

DAVID REID and LENORA REID, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, -vs- WALTER A. BURKHART, NELLIE A. CRAWFORD, FRANKLIN M. SIDES, and all of the unknown heirs of JOANNA E. SMITH, deceased, JANE DOE ROBERTS, surviving daughter of PICKERING T. ROBERTS, deceased (true name unknown), all of the unknown heirs of Pickering T. Roberts, deceased, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

TO WALTER A. BURKHART, NELLIE A. CRAWFORD, FRANKLIN M. SIDES, and all of the unknown heirs of JOANNA E. SMITH, deceased, JANE DOE ROBERTS, surviving daughter of PICKERING T. ROBERTS, deceased (true name unknown), all of the unknown heirs of Pickering T. Roberts, deceased, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are required to answer the complaint filed against you in the above cause on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; if you fail to answer, for want thereof, plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint; for a judgment against each of you that plaintiffs be adjudged and decreed that each and all of the defendants have no estate, right, title or interest whatsoever in or to the land herein described, and that the title thereof be adjudged free and clear of liens, interests and claims in favor of the plaintiffs and against all of the defendants. That the title to the above described land be quieted and that plaintiffs be declared to have a fee simple title therein and thereto. That each and all defendants be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting or claiming any right whatsoever in or to said land adverse to the plaintiffs and that plaintiffs be declared the sole and exclusive owners thereof and for the plaintiffs costs and disbursements and such other, further and additional relief as to the Court shall seem equitable. That a description of said land in which the plaintiffs are asking for the relief herein and in the complaint is situated in Sherman County, State of Oregon, and described as follows:

Southeast quarter of Section 2; South half of Section 1; Northeast quarter of Section 11; the Northwest quarter and the North half of the Southwest quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 12, all in Township 2 North Range 17 East W. M.

This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order of Hon. Carl Hendricks, Judge of said Court, made on the 13th day of March, 1939, which directs that this summons be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper published at Moro, Oregon, and that a copy of the complaint and summons be deposited in the United States postoffice at The Dalles, Oregon, with postage thereon prepaid, directed to Nellie A. Crawford at Red Oak, Missouri, and a copy of the summons and complaint be so deposited in the United States post-office at The Dalles, Oregon, with postage thereon prepaid, directed to Walter A. Burkhardt at Carthage, Missouri, and that a copy of the summons and complaint be deposited in the United States postoffice at The Dalles, Oregon, with postage thereon prepaid, directed to Franklin M. Sides at Carthage, Missouri, and that all of said copies of summons and complaint be certified to; that copy of summons and complaint be not deposited in the Post Office nor sent to the other defendants, as their whereabouts is unknown.

The first publication of this summons is March 16, 1939. FRANK G. DICK Attorney for Plaintiffs Post Office Address: The Dalles Oregon. 19-22