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CHURCH CONSOLIDATION

The unfortunate destruction of
the Grass Valley Baptist church
by fire is a loss to the community
for it lessens the number of build-
ings in the town and the property
thereof. It may possibly result,
however, in the development of a
community church spirit that will
bring some benefit to offset the loss.

Moro churchmen and other citi-
zens are apparently happy in the
community church movement and
ministers who have been here since
the churches were joined have been
better—and more frequently paid
than before which is no small item.

In November 1929 the present
editor of the Sherman County
Journal, then writing in the Grass
Valley Journal, had occasion to
editorialize on a contemplated
church consolidation as follows:
"Surely our church members are
not so far apart in belief that they
could not derive help from a man
of another creed than theirs. In
the first epistle to the Corinthians
the Apostle Paul commanded:
'Now I beseech you, brethren, by
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that ye all speak the same thing,
and that there be no division
among you; but that ye be perfectly
joined together in the same mind
and in the same judgment.'"

Since that time church consoli-
dations have been instituted in
many towns throughout the land
for economic conditions have not
been of the best. Such consoli-
dations make the ministry a more
secure profession and give the com-
munity a certain unity in spiritual
matters that is generally consid-
ered laudable.

FIRE PROTECTION

The report of the state fire mar-
shall for 1938 contains a copy of
the new rural fire protection law,
which permits rural areas to
organize to purchase equipment
for fire protection. (An accom-
panying letter gives the informa-
tion that less than five percent of
the fires in Oregon, excluding forest
fires, occur in rural areas. These
fires account for forty per cent of
the fire losses in Oregon.)

The almost total lack of fire pro-
tection in rural areas is clearly
indicated by the above statement.
It is reflected in the price of fire
insurance on farm buildings. When
one catches fire it is usually a
total loss.

In a wheat county there are
fires every year in the grain and
many of these could be kept to a
small area by proper equipment
that could be brought to the scene
when there is the most danger
from fires there are good roads to
travel over and even in this sparsely
settled country a truck can go a
considerable distance and save a
wheat crop or a farm building.

The old fire protection area law
was considered so cumbersome
that it was held to be unworkable
and was therefore unused. The
new law is simpler in operation
and much study and care went in-
to its writing. It is probably not
perfect but certainly a workable
district could be formed under it.

Property valuations are so high
in this county per capita and in
proportion to the number of build-
ings that a ridiculously low millage
would raise enough money for a
well equipped fire truck, with ade-
quate water tank, chemical and
booster pump and hose. This could
be used for grain fires or building
fires and would undoubtedly save
its cost many times over in re-
duced fire insurance premiums.

TAXES WILL BE LOWER

Financial statements of the tax-
ing units in Sherman county in-
dicate that those for whom the
receipt of the annual property
tax notice is a day of gloom may
expect relief in the near future.

The county will this July be
able to pay all of its outstanding
bonds and still have some funds
remaining—some very substan-

tial funds, in fact. The payment
of this remaining \$91,000 will put
the county in the debt free class.
There may be a special tax for
the pair of county roads, which
are in bad shape, but the county's
tax base will not be high enough
to make county taxes large for a
number of years.

The school districts are gener-
ally in better shape, financially,
than for many years. Wasco is
entirely out of debt and has a
surplus on hand. Last year its
levy was small and will probably
remain so for a long enough per-
iod to lower the base considerably
making it impossible to raise a
large sum by the regular school
tax.

The Moro district has but \$3000
in bonds left and if its budget is
approved for this year, it will
probably have a series of years
in which it cannot levy much mon-
ey. In fact, the trouble some dis-
tricts may encounter, is in levying
so much that a surplus has been
or will be built up so that the base
is seriously lowered.

Rufus, Grass Valley and Kent
are likewise in better shape than
for a number of years.

The cities are getting out of
debt. Wasco is paying its bonds
regularly; Moro is now ahead of
its bond payments, but neither can
expect taxes to be much lower
than the 15 mills now levied until
bonds are further reduced. Grass
Valley is out of debt except for
some warrants and what is spent
drilling a new well. Rural school
districts are now levying very
small millages and in some cases
are building up a surplus from
county and state funds while lay-
ing no taxes whatever on the tax-
payers.

Sherman county has never been
taxed as heavy as other parts of
the state and even this favorable
position should be improved in
the near future.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 11, 1920
T. E. Hulery and W. F. Hulery
and family left early Thursday
by motor for Portland where T. E.
and W. F. will ride the Shriner
goat while Mrs. W. F. visits with
her parents at Salem.

The local ball team met defeat
at Dufur Sunday afternoon by a
score of 12 to 10. From the start
off until well into the last period
Moro held the big end of an 8 to
6 score, but finally passed the
prize to Dufur.

O. A. Ramsey returned home
Wednesday from The Dalles where
he had submitted to an operation
two weeks ago.

Harry Blackwood has bought
the Frantz property, located near
the court house, from J. M. Eddy.

Tuesday evening fire at Wasco
destroyed a kitchen cabinet and
new wall paper just applied to the
kitchen walls of the Hart home.
The family had just bought the
property and were fixing it up
preliminary to moving in.

From the Grass Valley Journal,
June 11, 1920
At Moro Monday we were in-
formed by Judge McKee that ac-
tive work would commence on the
Market Road in this city the latter
part of this month and completed
before fall. This road will be made
in the southern part of town for
a distance of about five or six
blocks to where the road leads to
Kent and Rutledge sections, from
there the street leading west to
the main road leading southwest
will be put in good order.

The heavy rains of Sunday even-
ing and the greater part of
Monday and in the evening, was
just about right and makes the
farmer and the other fellow feel
just about like a millionaire.

Dave McKelvey and his niece
were in The Dalles Saturday on
land business.

Joe Newcomb and family spent
Sunday at the Elliott home in the
Mokland neighborhood.

From the Observer June 10, 1916
Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Silvers,
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee and
son Elmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.
Norcross and daughter Jessie, Mr.
and Mrs. C. L. Ireland and Miss
Emma Peetz all of this city and
vicinity, are taking in the Rose
Carnival at Portland this week.

Ben Messinger has a beauty of
an express wagon now for his
city delivery.

George Mowry, junior member
of the law firm of Wilson & Mow-
ry, was a passenger to Shaniko on
legal business Tuesday.

The ball game at Cliffs, Rufus
vs Cliffs, was a very close game,
8 to 9 in favor of Cliffs.

Ellsworth Woods and Miss Eva
Norecross, Leslie L. Bell and Miss
Martha Hein, Omer Sayers and
Miss Edith Thompson were mar-
ried this week.

From the Observer June 8, 1900
Horace Strong's strawberry
patch about a mile below Moro, has
done well this year, the plants
producing equally well with Hood
River.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)

Gasoline taxes provided \$95,495,887.76 of the department's
huge fund. Motor vehicle license
fees supplied another \$64,773,648.91.
More than \$50,000,000 have
been raised for road purposes
through the sale of bonds and the
federal government has supplied
\$15,665,367.14 in aid and grants.

Other principal revenue sources
are listed as follows: 1 mill road
tax, \$2,429,480.91; 1 mill market
road tax, \$12,864,982.12; coopera-
tive aid from counties, \$8,463,771.95;
bus and truck fees, \$5,297,121.82.

In the past 26 years \$210,650,223.80
has gone into road con-
struction, maintenance and admin-
istrative expenses; \$37,808,250 has
gone toward retiring bonds; \$26,239,812.12 represents interest pay-
ments to bond holders; \$2,899,535.83
has been transferred to the state
police fund and \$10,595,193.33 has
been apportioned to the several
counties.

E. G. Ziegler of Hood River has
been named by Governor Sprague
as a member of the advisory board
for the state employment service.
Most of the board members are
Portland residents. Ziegler will
represent canning and packing
interests.

One of the first orders issued by
O. R. Bean after taking over his
new duties as public utilities com-
missioner forbids employees of the
commission to party with or re-
ceive gifts from representatives of
utilities coming under the com-
mission's jurisdiction.

Eleven Oregon counties have
experienced no traffic fatalities so
far this year according to re-
ports compiled by Secretary of
State Snell. They include Benton,
Cook, Gilliam, Harney, Jefferson,
Josephine, Sherman, Wallowa,
Wasco and Wheeler.

Reappointment of John C.
Veatch as a member of the state
fish commission is freely predict-
ed in capitol circles. Veatch, a
democrat, was appointed to the
fish commission by Governor Mar-
tin in 1935. His term expired on
June 1.

Dr. H. G. Miller who became
superintendent of Fairview Home,
the state institution for feeble
minded persons, last week, was for
four years a member of the medi-
cal staff at the state hospital for
insane.

Fewer Pedestrians Killed In April

While April pedestrian deaths
showed a sharp decrease from the
March toll, total pedestrian deaths
for the first quarter of 1939 were
17 percent above the total for the
first quarter of 1938, indicating
the need for an intensive cam-
paign to cut down these accidents
in all parts of the state, Earl
Snell, secretary of state, warned
today.

Three pedestrians were killed
in April of 1939, five less than the
March total of eight, figures com-
piled by the safety division of Mr.
Snell's office showed. Seventy-six
pedestrians were injured last
month, compared to 104 in March
and 85 in April a year ago. Of the
total pedestrian accidents during
the first quarter of this year, 8.5
percent resulted in fatalities com-
pared to 6.8 percent for the same
period a year ago.

Twenty percent of pedestrians
involved in accidents in April this
year were jaywalking, or crossing
between intersections, the figures
showed.

"The practice of jaywalking
consistently takes the heaviest toll
of pedestrians," Snell declared. "In
view of this fact all those interest-
ed in the safety movement should
continue to stress the danger of
crossing streets at points other
than marked or unmarked cross-
walks where the person on foot has
the right of way."

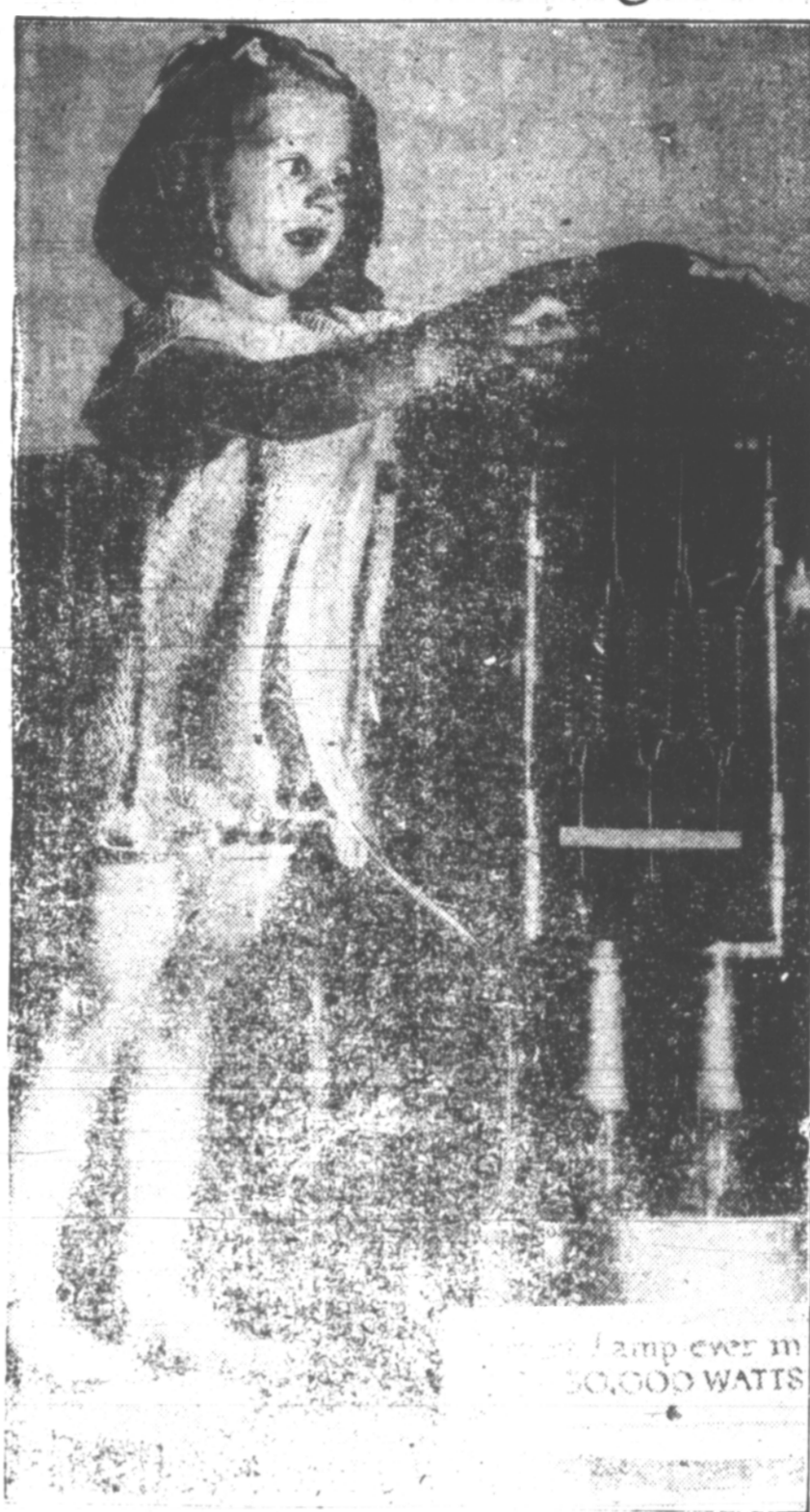
All told, 48 percent of those
pedestrians involved in accidents
during the first quarter of this
year were at fault, the figures re-
vealed. Jaywalking, crossing cross-
ing streets against signals, walk-
ing with traffic on highways, walk-
ing into the sides of cars, crossing
intersections diagonally, stepping
from behind parked cars and work-
ing on their cars in the roadway
constituted these faults.

John Fulton, democrat, was
elected Judge of Sherman County
in the recent election over C. C.
Kuney.

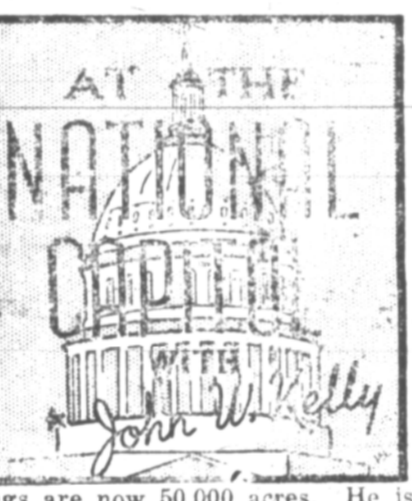
Miss Daye Anderson closed her
excellent address Saturday even-
ing with the words, "Give the
women the ballot and she will
purify your elections."

N. W. Thompson, who was at
deaths' door with pneumonia a last
week, is now on the road to recov-
ery.

Oooh! What A Light!



Light comes in good watts



ings are now 60,000 acres. He is
said to have paid 25 cents an acre
for his latest purchase. Politicians
say that if Roosevelt is again nomi-
nated his running mate will be
Jim Farley, or someone Farley
wants.

It is supposed to be a great
secret, but President Roosevelt is
to make one of his most important
talks (international), when he
visits the fair at San Francisco.
Technicians have received orders
to install the necessary parapher-
nalia to enable the broadcast to
be heard around the world.

Members of the Oregon-Wash-
ington delegations (each one voted
for the Townsend bill), are of the
opinion that the Townsend clubs
will be active in the elections next
year, regardless of amendments
to the social security act intended
to placate advocates of old-age
assistance. House leaders, democ-
ratic and republican, conspired to
defeat the bill by bringing it on the
floor under a gag rule which pro-
hibited any amendments. The 11th
hour appearance of the bill (differ-
ent from earlier proposals), was
given as an excuse for opposing
it. Had amendments been permit-
ted, several of the more glaring
defects could have been remedied
and a satisfactory measure whip-
ped into shape which would have
made it difficult for the die-hard
opponents to vote against the bill.
About 40 members who were ex-
pected to give it their support went
against it. More votes were cast
on roll call on this issue than on
any other proposal that has been
before the house during this con-
gressional session. Had the bill
passed it would give those eligi-
ble approximately \$60 a month.
The bill did not provide for \$200
a month.

Yellow Line Outlasts White

Why does Oregon use yellow
paint instead of white in marking
its highways? Because the pig-
ment in the yellow paint outlasts
white, is the answer supplied by
R. H. Ballock, state highway en-
gineer. Center striping of Oreg-
on's highways is now done with
a machine at a cost of \$30 a mile
as compared to \$70 a mile a few
years ago when the stripe was
painted on by hand.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, by vir-
tue of an order of the County
Court made on the third day of
July, 1939, I will, on and after the
7th day of July, 1939, sell at pri-
vate sale, all of the undivided one-
fifth interest of Charlotte
Fleming Pearson, deceased, in the
following property, situate in
Sherman County, State of Oregon,
to-wit:

The North half of the NE1/4
and the N1/2 of the NW1/4
of Section 15; the S1/2 and the
NE1/4 of Section 10, all in Town-
ship 2 North of Range 17
East W. M.

The sale will be made for cash,
if purchasers can be found desir-
ing to buy for cash, otherwise one-
half cash and the balance to be
payable within three years, bear-
ing interest at 6%, secured by a
first mortgage upon said property.
Bids will be received by Joseph
L. Brackett as administrator, at
the office of Frank G. Dick, attor-
ney at law, Room 20 Vogt Block,
The Dalles, Oregon, and at the
residence of Herman H. Brackett
on his farm between Rufus and
Wasco, Oregon, in Sherman Coun-
ty.

Joseph L. Brackett,
Administrator
Frank G. Dick
The Dalles, Oregon,
Attorney.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On Saturday, the 17th day of
June, 1939, 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:

Lot four and the Southeast
Quarter of the Southwest
Quarter and the South Half of
the Southeast Quarter of Sec-
tion Eighteen, Township One
South, Range Seventeen, East
of the Willamette Meridian,

save and except the right of
ways for the Columbia South-
ern Railway and the Sherman
Highway as now located over
above described land; also ex-
cept the following described
tract:

Commencing 264 feet west of
the southeast corner of the
Norwest Quarter of the South-
east Quarter of Section 18,
running thence due south 10
rods; thence due west 20 rods;

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Advertisement for Hotel Multnomah, Portland, Oregon. Features include: Convenient Location, Coffee Shop - Buffet Tavern, Dining and Banquet Rooms, Famous Fine Food, Modern Apartments, Garage Opposite. 500 Rooms - Sensible Rates.

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The East Half of the South-
east Quarter of Section Twen-
ty-one and the Southwest
Quarter of Section Twenty-
two, Township One South,
Range Seventeen, East of the
Willamette Meridian, contain-
ing 240 acres, more or less,

Together with the tenements,
hereditaments and appurtenances
thereunto belonging or in anywise
appertaining.

Said sale is made under the ex-
ecution issued out of the Circuit
Court of the State of Oregon for
Sherman County to me directed in
the case of The State Land Board
of the State of Oregon, Plaintiff
vs. Wilbert J. Martin, and Eliza
E. Martin, husband and wife; Le-
roy H. Martin, a widower; Harvey
U. Martin and Lilah Martin, hus-
band and wife; Julius Martin and
Virginia Martin, husband and wife;
Ray Martin, a single man; May
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and husband; Fred G. Hammon,
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man; Roy M. Benson and Perry
Benson, husband and wife; Clara
F. Odell and Irvie Odell, wife and
husband; James F. Benson and
Ruth Benson, husband and wife;
Dell E. Benson and Vanita Benson,
husband and wife; Jennie O. Hill
and William Hill, wife and hus-
band; William F. Coe and Jane
Doe Coe, husband and wife; Vern
R. Coe and Bernice Coe, husband
and wife; Mildred E. Burris and
Ray Burris, wife and husband;
C. L. Pepper, administrator with the
will annexed of the estate of
Etta A. Coe, deceased; The Fed-
eral Land Bank of Spokane, a cor-
poration; Sherman County, a mun-
icipal corporation; the unknown
heirs of Dwight R. Martin, de-
ceased; the unknown heirs of
Ira Martin, deceased; the unknown
heirs of Etta A. Coe, deceased;
H. U. Martin, administrator of the
estate of Dwight R. Martin, de-
ceased; and also all other person-
or parties unknown claiming any
right, title, estate, lien or interest
in the real estate described in the
complaint herein, and Lewis Mc-
Kee and Horace McKee, co-part-
ners doing business under the firm
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C. C. WILSON,
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of the Willamette Meridian,
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Defendants.

C. C. WILSON,
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Large advertisement for Union Pacific featuring the slogan 'Plan to take this Vacation of a Lifetime'. It includes details about '2 World's Fairs', 'On ONE Round-Trip Ticket as low as \$90 IN COACH', and '3 famous trains east'. It also lists local agents in Moro, Oregon.