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OF SMALL TOWNS

Next year the federal government
will make another count of
towns in the United States and it
is entirely probable that it will
be found that small towns have again
dropped in population as they
have been doing since 1920. As
for all other things there is a
reason for this. It is centraliza-

tion made possible through better
roads.
No one ever did have to live in
a small town. Those who did so,
and do so, stay there because they
like it or can live more comfortably
there. Reasons for living in
small towns are many and are
sufficient that many persons will
always prefer them to cities. In
fact quite a number of city residents
recall their small town days
with longing.

Economic reasons drive people
to the cities and over those the
small town has endeavored to ex-
ercise no control. If they are to
continue they must begin to take
stock of themselves and find their
proper sphere of activity.

Of course, any town exists merely
for the purpose of serving the
producers who live in its commu-
nity. If it can do that well it will
remain; if it cannot it will decline
until it becomes a ghost town.
There are enough examples about
to verify the statement.

Some serious thought on the
part of small town citizens about
what they might do to make them-
selves indispensable to the commu-
nity would beyond doubt repay
each town well. This might well
begin by a survey of the commu-
nity, its resources and those that
may be brought to it, and the best
means of using them properly.
Effort might also be well expen-
ded in trying to find out why and
how it was failing to meet the
requirements of the community.

If business men knew the an-
swer to the two questions: "Why
I trade in Blankville" and "Why
I do not trade in Blankville" they
would have prepared for the first
step toward a better job of serv-
ing their community and keeping
the town from decline.

THE WAR

Back in 1917 there was an ex-
pression about being too proud to
fight, now it seems that the Euro-
pean nations are afraid to fight.

This is the queerest war ever.
Literally millions of men are
lined up across the Saar basin
equipped with big guns, little
guns, anti-aircraft guns, rifles, gas
masks, tanks and all the modern
man killing arms designed by the
armament makers and it would be
better than an even bet that they
don't kill as many men per day
as do the automobiles in America.

The real war is economic and
diplomatic. There is a good chance
that it will remain so until the
end. The embroiled nations can-
not afford to fight; they are afraid
of Russia and enforced commu-
nism that would put an effectual
end to every aristocrat and bour-
geois in western Europe. It would
put them under dictatorship of
Stalin who, in the name of the
common people, would raise up his
own ruling class—and probably
kill them off when they became
well known.

Stalin has taken the larger part
of Poland that Germany spent an
admitted 15,000 soldiers to cap-
ture, has practically taken Latvia,
Estonia and Lithuania and is
sending Germans home from those
states, is now after Finland which
will give them a hold on the Baltic
which Germany has kept them
from for generations. The next
step may well be the Balkans if
Turkey can be swung into line and
then what is to become of the
dream of world domination held by
the western and central European
powers now lined up in battle
array?

Germany may be able to starve
the English by sinking merchant
ships—or more likely—England's
navy may blockade Germany into
starved submission, but in either
case the peoples of the warring
nations are going to be ready for

a change in policy in government
before it is over.

The allies, it seems to us who
do not like dictatorships, are
fighting on the side of personal
freedom for individuals. The so-
cial troubles that always follow
war may make it impossible to
have any kind of government but
totalitarian, however, if the strug-
gle goes on for a long period.

Instead of being concerned over
the slowness with which the con-
gress is amending the neutrality
act, we may be doing the world a
favor by hesitation. Undoubtedly
the warring nations are watching
us and waiting to see what we will
do and holding back to keep our
good will. If they hold back until
winter there will be months in
which to come to some agreement
whereas, had our decision been
made a month ago, the actual
fighting would have begun.

SIZE OF FARMS

There is worry in Washington
around the Department of Agri-
culture building about the fact
that much of the good wheat land
of the northwest is getting into
the hands of so few operators.
And, it is rumored that the gov-
ernment may do something about
it.

That fact has been something
of a worry to folks closer to the
scene than the government officials
for several years but nothing has
ever been done about it—and prob-
ably nothing will after all. It is
true that the wheat farmers who
have large holdings and large out-
fits make much more money than
do the average farmers of the
United States. That is not a bad
feature of it, however. If diversifi-
cation was possible in this
semi-arid country, smaller hold-
ings would be possible and profit-
able but as it is even the govern-
ment could hardly make a man
successful on a quarter section.

A well handled section in this
county does seem to produce as
much of the good things of life
as do the larger farms if the rec-
ords of the few farmers who have
been content with a section are to
be believed. Even that much would
be a large farm for the east and
south.

This county would be able to
support almost twice as many peo-
ple if farms averaged a section
instead of around 1100 acres as at
present and the young people
would not have to go to the cities
to swell unemployment lists. If
the government is thinking of a
moderate reduction in the size of
farms something might be done.

Greater interest in football here-
abouts is evident since the two
Oregon teams have put the vaunt-
ed California footballists to rout.
A large crowd is certain to watch
them whenever they play in Ore-
gon. We must come to the real-
ization that the material was there
nearly every year if it could be
trained and coached for winning
football. Both Oliver and Stiner
seem to know the weaknesses of
opponents and be able to use it
to their advantage.

In Other Days

From the Observer Oct. 21, 1910.
Miss Lottie Covey arrived last
week to teach the Erskine school,
which opened in the new building
Monday.

F. L. Kee, who has been farm-
ing the Wilbur Cooper farm, has
taken the R. J. Ginn farm, occu-
pied last year by E. A. Moretz.

Officers elected for the ensuing
term of the Ladies Aid were Mrs.
O. A. Ramsey, president; Mrs. C.
F. Coe, vice president; Mrs. Don
Wheat, secretary; Mrs. Jas. Stew-
art, treasurer.

From the Observer Oct. 19, 1900.
Mr. Peabody is hauling lumber
for his new Moro residence. He
has retired from farming and sold
his Bigelow farm to W. Cooper.

The Masonic fraternity, think-
ing of creating a Blue Lodge in
Moro, will hold their preliminary
meeting Saturday evening.

Miss Ethel Adams, daughter of
Rev. Adams, once of the Moro U.
B. church, is a guest of Miss
Jennie McCallum. Miss Ethel
notifies a great change wrought
in Moro since four years ago.

C. E. Morris, late of Klickitat,
has joined the force of workmen
at the City Foundry and moved
his family to Moro.

From the Observer Oct. 22, 1920.
Lester Heath of Albany will
move to the Dr. Taylor ranch
south of Grass Valley.

From the Observer Oct. 22, 1920.
In spite of extremely cold
weather, the county fair was well
attended. In all 4226 paid ad-
mission at the gate.

A quiet wedding took place at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Elliot on the 20th, when their
daughter, Anna Lucetta was mar-
ried to Mr. Charles Andrew Ad-
lard of Condon. Rev. E. E. Mc-
Vicker officiated.

About 11 p. m. Friday during
fair week fire caught under the
fireplace in the new Moro Hotel
lobby and caused a little damage
to the ceiling of the basement.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)

The fire admirers of the former
governor. The Salem Capitol
Journal expressed editorially the
view that the plaque should be
placed in a more conspicuous spot.
The opposition returned with the
statement that the basement had
been intended for use as an art
gallery, but the Martin admirers
pointed out that at present the
plaque would hang by itself and
until the time when enough art ob-
jects have been presented to make
the basement a real art gallery
the Martin plaque should be placed
where all could see it.

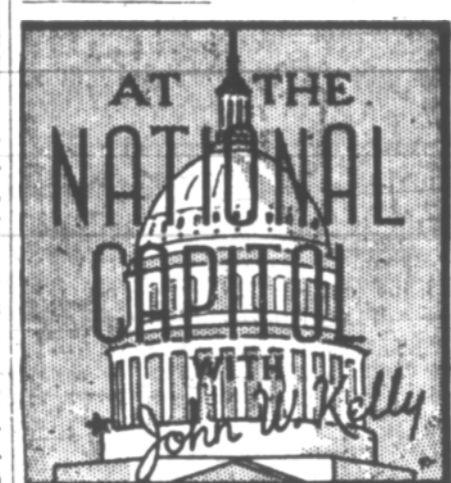
Rex Putnam, state superintend-
ent of public instruction, announc-
ed that the Works Progress Ad-
ministration had approved of a
grant of \$45,444 from Federal
funds to carry out a survey of
school building adequacy in the
state of Oregon. The survey will
give employment to nearly 50
workers who will study the exist-
ing schools and determine the
types best adapted to Oregon
needs. Results of the survey will
be made available to local and
county school officials.

An attempt to form a Charles
L. McNary for president club as
a charitable organization bogged
down in the attorney general's
office this week. Lloyd R. Smith,
recently appointed corporation
commissioner, had his doubts
about the authenticity of the club's
claim to being a charitable organi-
zation. Smith took the articles
of incorporation to the attorney
general's office, and assistant at-
torney general Rex Kimmel wrote
the opinion that the club was not
charitable at all.

Kimmel said he saw no reason
why the club could not incorporate
but it could not be defined as
charitable, a definition which is
applied only to religious and ben-
evolent societies.

Secretary of State Earl Snell
announced that drawings for the
first 100 of Oregon's blue and white
1940 license plates will be held at
the state capitol on November 22.
Distribution of next year's plates
will begin the same day although
motorists will not be permitted
to use them until December 15.
The first consignment of the new
plates arrived at Salem this week.

Opinions written by attorney
general I. H. Van Winkle this
week included one which states that
municipalities which reject partici-
pation in peoples' utility districts
are required, nevertheless, to pay
their share of election costs. In
another opinion Van Winkle said
the Clatsop county court has power
to buy a county law library which
would be maintained by fees charg-
ed the persons who use it. Van
Winkle also ruled in the contro-
versial upland bird hunting situa-
tion that the season, fixed by the
last legislature, was from October
15 to 31, "the hunting synopsis
for 1939 to the contrary notwith-
standing."



tendency in Oregon and Washing-
ton to center wheat holdings in a
few hands. The farm operations
are becoming larger and more ma-
chinery is used and fewer workers
employed. With mechanized farm-
ing, production is increased and
so is unemployment. This is the
subject of a private round-table
discussion by high agricultural
officials.

A man claiming to be a former
school teacher of Portland, Oregon
is being tried for throwing a rock
through a window of the U. S.
treasury. He said he wished to
show his resentment at the unem-
ployment situation.

Each of the postmasters from
Oregon and Washington who at-
tended the national postmasters'
convention received a personal
hand shake from Jim Farley. What
astonished most of them was his
ability to call them by their first
name. Each will receive a brief
friendly note from the postmaster
general, signed "Jim" in green
ink.

Farm hands, who are not under
the wage-hour act, have the high-
est pay in Oregon and Washing-
ton of any section of the United
States, California has about the
same level.

Poor material in the base and in-
sufficient insulation were suspected
as the cause.

Head Brewing Industry Program
Planned in the Public Interest



Newly elected officers of the United Brewers Industrial Foundation, who will direct the industry's public service program. Left to right: Rudolph J. Schaefer, Treasurer; Carl W. Badenhausen, Chairman; A. Kirschstein, Second Vice-Chairman; and S. E. Abrams, First Vice-Chairman.

GRATIFIED by public endorse-
ment of its policies, the United
Brewers Industrial Foundation at
its Convention in New York City en-
thusiastically voted continuation of
its program to align the brewing in-
dustry with the public interest.

New officers were selected to
carry on the advertising, research
and industry self-regulation activi-
ties inaugurated by their successors
as a means of interpreting the in-
dustry to the public and the public
to the industry.

Carl W. Badenhausen, of Newark,
N. J., was named Chairman of the
Foundation for the coming year.
Other officers elected were S. E.
Abrams, Milwaukee, Wis., First Vice
Chairman; A. Kirschstein, Wau-
kesha, Wis., Second Vice Chairman;
and Rudolph J. Schaefer, Brooklyn,
N. Y., Treasurer.

brewers and allied industry repre-
sentatives from all parts of the
United States participated in the
discussion. They approved reports
from nine states in which the indus-
try is carrying on a program cooper-
ation with law enforcement officials
to "clean-up or close-up" the small
minority of establishments in which
objectionable conditions surround
the sale of beer.

"The Foundation program and ob-
jectives" should be sufficient evi-
dence that the brewing industry in
this country has recognized its so-
cial responsibilities," Mr. Baden-
hausen said in assuming his office.
"The faithful discharge of those re-
sponsibilities means the preserva-
tion for the country of an industry
which has made substantial tax con-
tributions, created employment, and
stimulated local business every
where."

Even Good Tires
May Skid On
Icy Roads

Recent tests conducted by en-
gineers connected with the Nation-
al Safety Council revealed it is
possible to place too much con-
fidence in tires with good tread on
slippery, icy roads, Earl Snell,
secretary of state, said today in
warning motorists against high
speeds during the winter months.

"Drivers cannot afford to over-
estimate the protection offered by
good tread or even chains," Snell
declared. "On slippery roads,
particularly on icy surfaces, the
good tread gives no more friction
than a poorer tread on a dry sur-
face. In fact, engineers found
that on ice, the best of tread gave
no more traction than smooth
tires."

Snell urged drivers to drive
slower when there is danger of
encountering slippery roads rather
than to depend on good tires to
prevent accidents. Many expert
drivers, he said, shift into second
when driving over icy roads. The
lower gear equalizes the braking
power on the rear wheels, using
the compression of the motor rather
than the mechanical brakes to
hold back a car. In starting on
icy surfaces, good drivers recom-
mend starting in high gear as low
or second may cause the rear
wheels to spin and slide the car
off the road.

Drivers sometimes encounter
short stretches of highway more
slippery than the remainder of
the road and speeding cars hitting
these slippery portions often go
into a skid and land in a ditch, ac-
cident reports show. It is for this
reason that the careful driver
keeps his cruising speed down dur-
ing the wet winter months, the
secretary of state declared.

During the last three months
of 1938 there were 3,913 automo-
bile accidents on wet, icy or snowy
roads, 29 of them resulting in
fatalities. In 34 percent of the
fatal accidents, skidding was list-
ed as a factor.

"Make allowances for skidding
before the car starts to slide and
you will have fewer accidents,"
Snell declared.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the County
Court of the State of Oregon for
Sherman County his Final
Report and Account as Adminis-
trator of the estate of Elizabeth
Fuller, deceased, and that Mon-
day, November 13, 1939, at ten
o'clock a. m., of said day, at the
County Courtroom, in the Court-
house, at Moro, Oregon, have been
fixed by the Court as the time and
place for hearing of objections to
said Final Report and Account and
the settlement of said estate.

David Reid
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Administrator.

Bishop Succumbs



George Cardinal Mundelein, head
of the Roman Catholic archdiocese
of Chicago, strenuous foe of Hitler-
ism and the only cardinal ever ap-
pointed in this country west of the
Atlantic seaboard, pictured in Chi-
cago shortly before his recent death.

A Verse For Today . . . If ye keep
my commandments, ye shall abide
in my love; even as I have kept
my Father's commandments, and
abide in his love.—John 15:10.

Evolution

Judge—Your profession?
Witness—Agricultural expert.
Judge—What was your father?
Witness—A farmer.
Judge—And your grandfather?
Witness—A peasant.

NOTICE OF FINAL SET-
TLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That the undersigned, Henrich
Patjens, Executor of the Estate
of Julius R. Rubberg, deceased,
has filed in the County Court of
the State of Oregon, his final ac-
count, and that Monday, Novem-
ber 20th, 1939, at 10:00 a. m. has
been fixed by said Court as the

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78. O. E. S.

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. 116

Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues-
day of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.
Rebekah Wilson, N.G.
Florence Johnston, Secy.

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 Trai-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.
Vernon Miller, N. G.
Joe Truitt, Secretary.

time for hearing objections to said
report and settlement thereof.
HENRICH PATJENS
Executor
Oct. 19, 1939.
Gavin & Gavin,
Attorneys for Estate. 50-1

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR SHER-
MAN COUNTY.
SS. SUMMONS

Roy J. Baker, Plaintiff vs Anna
Schwister Hull, and her husband
John Doe Hull, and to the un-
known heirs of said Anna Schwis-
ter Hull and John Doe Hull, or
either of them. Also all other
persons or parties, unknown,
claiming any right, title, estate,
debt or interest in the real estate
described in the complaint here-
in. Herman Reckman, deceased,
Dick Reckman, as his heir, and to
any other unknown heirs of Her-
man Reckman, deceased, Defen-
dants.

To Anna Schwister Hull, and to
her husband John Doe Hull, and
to the unknown heirs,
Also all other persons, or parties,
unknown claiming any right, title,
estate, lien, or interest in the real
estate described in the complaint
herein. Herman Reckman, de-
ceased and to his unknown heirs,
Defendants.

In the name of the State of Ore-
gon, you are hereby required to
appear and answer the complaint
filed against you in the above en-
titled suit and Court, on or before
the last day of publication hereof
being October 27th, 1939, and if
you fail so to appear and answer
for want thereof the Plaintiff will
apply to the Court for the relief
prayed for in his complaint, name-
ly: For a decree of this Court
decreeing the Plaintiff's claim an-
nounced to the real property here-
inafter described, adverse and
prior to any claim of the defen-
dants, or any person claiming
through or under them, or either
of them: That Plaintiff be decreed
to be the absolute and fee simpl-
owner of said real property de-
scribed as, Block 13, and the East
half of Block 14 of Rollins, 2nd
Addition Revised, to Grass Valley,
Oregon. And also of that certain
piece or parcel of land of three
acres or more or less and adjoining
hereto, situated in the SW
1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 26 in Tp. 2 S. R. 11
E. W.M. bounded on the South
Market street, of said Add., on the
West by the Common Section line
between Sec. 26 and 27 of said
Twp. and Range, on the North by
land heretofore Deeded to Geo. B.

Bourhill, and on the East by the
Columbia Southern Railway Right
of Way.

This Summons is served upon
you, pursuant to an order, by the
Hon. Carl Hendricks, Judge of the
above entitled Court, which was
made on September 18th, 1939, re-
quiring that the summons be pub-
lished in a newspaper of general
circulation in Sherman County,
Oregon, to wit: In the Sherman
County Journal, a newspaper of
general circulation, printed and
published in Sherman County, Ore-
gon, for five successive, consecu-
tive weeks. Date of first publica-
tion September 29th, 1939, and
last publication October 27th, 1939.
R. J. Baker
Attorney for Plaintiff Residing at
Irishman, Oregon.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
Martha Evans Vinton, Deceased.
ADJUTANT.
To William Walker; Gay Vinton
and Mary Vinton, his wife: Ger-
alaine Douglas and Edward Douglas
her husband; the unknown heirs
of Edward Rollins deceased; Clar-
ence Rutledge and to all other
heirs or devisees of Martha Evans
Vinton who are unknown: GREET-
ING:

IN THE NAME OF THE
STATE OF OREGON, You
and each of you are hereby cited and
required to appear in the County
Court of the State of Oregon, for
the County of Sherman at the
Court Room thereof at Moro, in
the County of Sherman within 28
days from the date of the first
publication of this citation then
and there to show cause if any
you have, why E. L. Vinton, Ad-
ministrator of the Estate of Mar-
tha Evans Vinton, Deceased, shall
not sell the following described
real property belonging to said
estate: Lots 7 and 8 of Block 8
of Errol Heights, Multnomah
County, Oregon, at private sale
without notice and in a summary
manner to pay the claims against
said estate and the expenses of
administration.

WITNESS, The Hon. Geo. A.
Potter, Judge of the County Court
of the State of Oregon for the
County of Sherman, with the seal
of said Court, affixed this 18th
day of September, 1939.
ATTEST: Joe Truitt, Clerk
Date of the First Publication
hereof September 29, 1939.

City of Moro Budget

This original estimate is made in compliance with section 231-
A of the laws of 1921 and shows in parallel columns the unit cost of
the several services, materials and supplies for the three fiscal
years next preceding the current year, the expenditures and the
budget allowance for the first six months of the current year and
the expenditures of the current year.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE AND ACCOUNTING SHEET

Table with columns for years 1939, 1938, 1937, 1936 and 1935. Rows include GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT, WATER FUND, MISCELLANEOUS, DEBT SERVICE, and various sub-items like Recorder Salary, Treasurer Salary, etc.

I, Charles Ruggles, do hereby certify that the above estimated
expenditures for the year 1939 was prepared by me and that the
expenditures and budget allowance for the first six months of the
current year, and the expenditures for the fiscal years preceding
the current year as shown above, have been compiled from the rec-
ords in my charge, and to the best of my knowledge and belief are
true and correct copies thereof.

Charles Ruggles, City Recorder.

Notice of the estimated expenses and receipts and the proposed
tax levy for the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, for the
year 1939.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance to a legislative Act
approved by the Governor, February 19th, 1931, that on November
7th the Budget Committee of the City of Moro, Sherman County,
Oregon, will be in session at the City Hall at the hour of 7:30 o'c-
lock p. m. and that any taxpayer of the City of Moro will be heard
in favor of or against the proposed tax levy as hereinafter itemized.

Table with columns for ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES and ESTIMATED RECEIPTS. Rows include GENERAL FUND, WATER FUND, MISCELLANEOUS, and DEBT SERVICE.

John Foss, Chairman of Budget Committee. Dated at Moro, Ore-
gon, October 3, 1939.
S. W. Searcy, Secretary of Budget Committee. Date set for the
Hearing on the Budget November 7, 1939.