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FORTY-ONE BILLIONS

For the family head who is wondering what his bank account will look like at the end of December, and contemplates making a loan for Christmas, the state of the nation's debt will be something of a solace. No matter what he does he can never—bankers being what they are—achieve the state of practical insolvency of the federal government and, too, no matter how much he decides to borrow, it would be infinitesimal compared to the \$41,350,716,450.28 the government owes.

Perhaps the average citizen is more given to borrowing because he feels unable to do anything about the rising tide of federal debt that threatens to engulf him no matter how thrifty he may handle his own affairs. The situation is a bit reminding of the story of the hard working farmer whose family was growing each year with a persistence and regularity that appalled him for a period after each arrival. One morning his neighbor observed him at the barn dressed in his best clothes, a suit he seldom found occasion serious enough to wear. The neighbor inquired why he was dressed in his Sunday suit. He replied, "My wife had twins last night. There ain't no use tryin' to save."

WHEAT LEAGUE

This week end the wheat farmers of eastern Oregon, perpetually embattled, gather in Condon to talk over their problems and either do something about it themselves or resolve to have some one else do it for them.

They follow the most democratic process. Anyone can join, anyone can attend any committee meeting and take part in it by proposing ideas or opposing any previously proposed.

Looking back over the fifteen year period the league has been in operation will show that many of the things proposed have been put into effect in one way or another.

This is true not only of the farming methods that have been proposed and the planting of fewer varieties of wheat but of the organizations for weed control, and more lately for soil erosion control. Marketing has made great strides during this period and the wheat league has had its part therein. In 1924 there was little attention paid to the protein content of wheat and now the protein percentage is known to every farmer on every lot of wheat.

Legislatively the league has started many ideas on the way to enactment. Major exceptions to enactment of their recommendations has been the sales tax but it is the only important measure that has not been accepted generally. More recent is the success of the labor bill the league advocated.

The resolutions of the league in 1938 regarding the formation of PUD districts was adopted by the legislature, its plan for the disposal of highway funds among the several counties was followed in general, its recommendations for more stringent tax collections is bearing fruit and its stand for no increased real property taxes has undoubtedly tended to hold down such levies in the past ten years.

The meetings are always among the most sedate and serious of any held in the state. A great deal of work is done in the two days and it is done thoughtfully and carefully. Few resolutions are passed without long debate which brings to light the differing points of view of the question.

All wheat farmers might well attend for in these days when public problems have so much bearing on the farmer's income he should be informed.

ITS RAINIER

Somewhat, or something or just time, has softened up Tacoma. Least wise the announcement has been made that hereafter the mountain that sits in that city's back yard will be called Rainier even in Tacoma where men's eyes

have been blackened and ladies have been socially ostracized for speaking the name Rainier.

It ends the era of great hope for Tacoma, but it does clear the geographical atmosphere. Also it opens the door for better feeling between Tacoma and Seattle whose rivalry has done nothing to promote the growth of either.

It is fortunate that his quarrel between the Washington towns has ended thus and its ending brings to mind another dispute between cities that is retained in anecdote. Minneapolis and St. Paul, so the story goes, had considered getting together and making one city of the two. A meeting was called of the prominent business men who met in a huge banquet hall and with food and drink pledged their friendship until a late hour.

It appeared that all the details of combining the two cities had been ironed out except that of a name. A speaker from Minneapolis obtained the floor and after recounting the glory of the name he was to propose and its recognition in song and story he mentioned the name "Minnehaha" for the new city to be. And he elaborated, "The Minne will stand for Minneapolis, and the Ha Ha for St. Paul."

We commend Tacoma on a happier ending for the Washington feud.

GOOD SPEECH

The speech of Thomas E. Dewey of New York in Minneapolis Wednesday night contained an idea that might in the near future be most valuable. In his criticism of the new deal party he held it guilty of giving the nation a defeatism complex that had hampered its development.

He referred to the oft made statements that this country had too many manufacturing plants, and too much of every thing and that it would have to go back to smaller production of goods and services. He cited examples in past times when this same sentiment had been expressed.

It may be possible that lack of confidence caused by the pessimism of the new deal has brought about the retardation of industry and made unemployment our main problem and that even the farmer's position could be bettered if we stopped feeling that we had too much of everything. There's a thought in it.

One may well wonder whether to be sorry for the Finns or the Russians if the news accounts are to be taken as true.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 10, 1920 Sherman county loses a good booster through the moving of Wirth Tate and family from Rufus to Yankton, Oregon near Astoria.

Attorney, Bright was found dead in his back office early Tuesday morning after a search of several hours when he failed to return. It is thought that the direct cause was an attack of apoplexy. Mr. Bright was early identified with the history of Sherman county, residing at Wasco, where in 1888, he established the first newspaper, the present Sherman County Observer, which he soon sold.

Ben Shull has purchased the flat just north of the Hay Canyon warehouses and has gone to Portland to buy pipe with which to run his irrigation work.

From the Observer, Dec. 7, 1909. Dad Carl Peetz carries a kangaroo point in his pocket now for rheumatism. It came from South America.

Antelope had had another shooting fracas which came near resulting in the death of Mr. Finlayson. The wounded man was removed to The Dalles where he was put under care of Dr. Geisendorfer. The bullet was located by means of an x-ray.

W. B. McCoy is moving into Hoover's new brick building on First street.

From the Observer Dec. 9, 1910 Arthur Phillips has got the documents in bank at last to complete the last link in the Sherman and Gilliam counties joint road and is now looking for men to put it through.

Saturday, December 17th A. H. Barnum and L. La Peetz will sell 15 head of registered Berkshire swine at auction, at the Blue Barn in this city.

Judge Butler was not able to hold court at Condon this week in consequence of an attack of the measles.

From the Observer Dec. 10, 1920 The Bazaar last Friday evening held by the ladies M. E. Aid was very much of a success as something over \$200 was raised.

Marshall Stow found a new city ordinance last Friday when he killed a beef within the city limits, and Recorder Pike assessed him \$10 fine.

There was about one inch of snow on the ground Wednesday morning.

Statehouse Gossip

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A 90-acre island in the lower Columbia river has just been "discovered" by the state land board. Of course the island has been there all the time and, other residents of the state know of its existence for it has been in cultivation for the past 20 years or more, but the Land Board had no record of its existence and has never received any revenue from it. Now it will be leased and the rental turned into the common school fund.

Farmers are being urged by John Cooter, farm placement officer with the state employment service, to do as much of their work as possible during the slack winter months. The business revival, Cooter points out, is causing a shortage of help heretofore available for work on the farm.

Forest Grove, Heppner and Stayton are among the Oregon towns which have enjoyed a reduction in fire insurance rates during the past year, according to Hugh Earle, state insurance commissioner. The rate reductions followed reductions in losses from fires in the several cities, Earle explained.

Salaries earned by state officials and employees will be subject to the federal income tax for the first time in history. A recent ruling of the United States supreme court opened the way not only to the taxation of state employees by the federal government but of the taxation of federal employees by state governments. Department heads are now engaged in making out payrolls for submission to the federal income tax department.

State Insurance Commissioner Earle has refused to license between 70 and 80 local dealers of the General Motors corporation as insurance agents on the ground that their principal business would consist of the insurance of their own property. The automobile dealers sought licenses as agents of the Motor Insurance corporation, a subsidiary of General Motors, organized for the purpose of insuring new automobiles sold by General Motors Dealers. Under the proposed plan the automobile dealers were to write the insurance at co called board rates but were to keep the commissions themselves. The State Association of Insurance agents and a number of independent agents filed protests against the granting of the applications.

A move is on foot here to persuade Governor Sprague to declare the Saturdays immediately preceding Christmas and New Years as legal holidays. Inasmuch as these two holidays fall on Monday this year the plan would provide a three-day holiday. Workers in public offices and banks would be the principal beneficiaries of such a plan. Inasmuch as state and county employees already have Saturday afternoons off it is doubtful if the governor will accede to the request.

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(Continued from page one) ment \$8,600. Puget Sound and Columbia river mills telegraphed the navy department and senatorial delegations urging wood and called attention to the trusses of wood in the International Livestock Exposition building in Portland as an example of efficiency. The hanger at Tongue Point will cost \$233,000.

Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation will be in the market soon for surpluses of several foods in the northwest. On the list of items to be purchased, later to be distributed to needy and low income families, are dried prunes, fresh apples and pears and dried onions. If there is a surplus of butter and eggs they also may be purchased. In the past six weeks 80 carloads of onions have been bought by this agency in Malheur county, Oregon, and dozens of carloads from western Idaho. An agent is investigating the onion situation in Marion county. A possible purchase of flour from millers processing Inland Empire wheat is announced.

Next month every business concern will be visited by census enumerators. This census is distinct from the nose counting of the entire population which will start several months later.

Glamour Girl—Royal Evacuees—Heroine



It takes all kinds of glamour to make a world—and these four not-so-very-old persons pictured here have contributed their variety. Left: Mary Steele of New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Steele and probable successor to Brenda Frazier as No. 1 glamour girl, as she appeared at the opening of the national horse show in New York. Center: Royal evacuees from London are Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra, children of the Duke and Duchess of Kent. The prince is England's pet glamour boy. Right: Elinor Randolph, 15, Clarksburg, W. Va., who won a \$500 scholarship when she saved a little girl friend from drowning.

H. H. Christensen Buried Here

Herman Hans Christensen was born near Moro, Oregon on May 26, 1896, the son of the late John Christensen and Mrs. Daisy Christensen (now Mrs. R. C. Byers). He grew up on the farm near Moro and attended the Public Schools there. He married Miss Carrie Casperson at Eugene on September 11, 1918. To this union there was born one son Kenneth. After farming for awhile in Sherman county he moved to Hermiston about eleven years ago, and a little later to Brownsville, Oregon near which place he has been farming the last ten years. An accident some weeks ago developed infection from the effects of which he passed away at a Eugene hospital on Wednesday morning, November 22 at the age of 43 years and a half.

Mr. Christensen joined the Methodist Church in Moro in his early married and was very active and loyal to it while here. In Brownsville he joined the Free Methodist Church where he showed a similar activity and interest up to the time of his death. He was sincere in his religious convictions and found satisfaction in his church life above everything else. In addition to his immediate family he is survived by his mother, a sister, Mrs. Clarence Sparling; a brother, Arthur Christensen, all of Moro; a sister, Evelyn Christensen and a half-sister, Miss Marjorie Byers, both of Portland. Funeral services were held from the Moro Community Church on Friday, November 24, with Rev. Henry G. Hanson officiating and with interment at the Moro I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton sang two duets and Mr. T. H. Fraser sang a solo. The pall bearers were Horace McKee, Truman Strong, Seral Searcy, Melvin Schadewitz, and Harry Kirsman.

Unemployment Com. May Need Help

Salem, Ore., Dec. 8.—If you have a good education and experience in personal training, vocational guidance or teaching, a \$2,700 job may be awaiting you with the Unemployment Compensation Committee in Salem.

Announcement of the written tests January 7, 1940, in Portland, Salem, Klamath Falls and Le Grande was made yesterday by the board of examiners, composed of Mr. John K. Honey, C. W. Pecore and Paul E. Gurske. Applications are being made to Prof. William Griffith, supervisor, at 701 Spalding building, Portland.

Applicants must have been Oregon residents for six months and have at least a high school diploma with various combinations of further education and experience. The person chosen will be responsible for the commission's personnel program—now handled by two employees—and a periodic service rating system. The salary range extends to \$3,300 a year.

Excessive speed and failure to give the right-of-way resulted in 52 percent of the fatal crashes reported in Oregon, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today. Eleven of the fatal accidents listed excessive speed as a contributing factor while two listed lack of right-of-way.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco

Water Sellers Make Little In Oregon

Water costs so little in Oregon that only four private utilities, furnishing water service, have operating revenues in excess of \$10,000, said Ormand R. Bean, State Utilities Commissioner, Friday.

Sixty-four private utilities, whose operating revenues are less than \$10,000 furnish water service in various small communities within the state, stated Bean in a report to Governor Sprague.

The gross revenue received by the 64 small water utilities represents only approximately 21 percent of the gross revenue of all private utility operations within the state of Oregon, indicating that the four larger utilities serving 12 communities receive approximately 79 percent of the gross operating revenues from private water utility operations.

A review of the individual performance of many of these smaller water utilities shows that they are operating practically without profit to the owners, and, in many instances, the operations show an actual loss. Gross operating revenues for the smaller water utilities operating in the State of Oregon amounted to \$128,910. Taxes, the largest single item of expense, amounted to \$10,288.78. The net operating income for these utilities was \$10,355, or an average per company for the year 1938 of approximately \$162.00.

Intersections were the scenes of most traffic accidents during the month of October, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today. In fact fatalities resulted from injuries on straight pieces of road. Forty-five percent of the total traffic mishaps for the month occurred at intersections, but only three resulted in deaths. There were 12 fatal accidents on straight roads.

Read the ads in the Journal

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

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. Christensen W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

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

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

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

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

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Christmas Plans At Community Church

Plans have been laid for a happy practical Christmas for this community. The Sunday School will have a "White Gift for the King" observance on Sunday morning, December 17. Every body is invited to bring fruit or other food stuffs, cast off but usable clothing, shoes, etc., all wrapped in white for that day. These will be used in the county wherever the need is greatest. On December 21, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, a Vesper Christmas Tree Service with program will be rendered. A special offering will be taken at that time for the benevolent work of the church.

On Sunday evening, December 17 a whole evening of Christmas music will be put on by the Senior Choir of the church. The Junior choir will also have a couple of numbers. On Sunday morning, December 24, the Christmas sermon will be preached by the pastor on the theme "The Word Made Flesh" and the choir will render appropriate selections. This will set Sunday evening (Christmas eve) free so people may enjoy that in their homes and with their families. It is hoped that the entire community will make it a point to enjoy all these programs.

CHURCHES

Community Presbyterian Church Sunday, Dec. 10, 10 a. m., Sunday School. Classes for all ages - Chester Smith, Supt. 11 a. m., Morning Worship - "The Bible, the Guide to Abundant Living," second in a series on the uses of the Bible. Special music by the choir. 6:30 P. M. meeting by the young people of the church. 7:00 - Evening worship led by the Junior choir in music. Message by the pastor on the subject, "The Use of Reminders." Wednesday, December 13, Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Edith Burnet at 2:00. A varied program will be presented of interest to all comers.

Henry G. Hanson, Pastor.

Grass Valley Baptist Church 10 a. m., Bible School. We came back up last Sunday so come and help us go "over the top" to 88. 11 a. m., Morning Worship with "Israel In Sin Sees a Brazen Serpent," the fifth in the pre-Christmas series. 6:30 p. m. B.Y. P.U. with Lois Coyner as leader. 7:30 p. m., Young People's night with the theme "The Home of Continued Blessing." All day Tuesday will be held the city election for the purpose of ratifying the action of the city council of Grass Valley in presenting our church with building lots. 2 p. m. Wednesday, the Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. William Schilling.

Gerald C. Dryden, Pastor.

BANK by MAIL

The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank Head Office, Portland, Oregon MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Tracking Down Tuberculosis Germs



College student receiving tuberculin test as part of routine physical examination. College students belong to the age group most frequently attacked by tuberculosis. Tuberculosis associations, by means of Christmas Seals, are teaching how the disease may be prevented and cured.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

General Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 8, 1939. NOTICE is hereby given that Clarence S. Carlisle, of Miller, Oregon, who, on May 11, 1938, made Homestead Entry, Sec. 2289, R. S. No. 030256, for SW 1 NE 1/4 NW 1 SE 1, Section 34, Township 2 N., Range 15 E., W. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before The Register of the District Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 19th day of December, 1939.

Claimant names as witnesses: E. L. Jordan, Don Miller, Dorthea Adams, all of Miller, Oregon; A. M. Rogers, of Celilo, Oregon. Sherman County Journal, Moro, Oregon. W. F. Jackson Register.

THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of M. F. DUNCAN, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of M. F. Duncan, deceased, by an order dated the 13th day of July, 1938, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to Administratrix at Potter's Store, Klondike, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1939.

AGNES P. DUNCAN, Administratrix. PAUL W. CHILDERS, Attorney for Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Walter A. May, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the last will and testament of Walter A. May, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: December 8, 1939.

Paul May.

Geo. G. Updegraff Attorney for Executor 5-8

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