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BETTER CONNECTIONS

The rather unfortunate occurance of New Year's Day regarding light and power for this county and entire district has brought to mind again the suggestion that this area should have more than one connection with a power plant large enough to serve it.

The trouble started between The Dalles and Hood River when ice ice froze onto the wires, breaking them down. For this trouble no blame rests on the company and considerable praise must be given for the speedy job of restoring service. That part of it was alright.

While the main source of current was off the White River plant was used to permit partial service to The Dalles. There is some criticism about this from some quarters but when it is considered that that city has four hospitals and other institutions needing light more seriously than does this part of the area there can be but little objection to the course taken by the company.

None of the foregoing, however, excuses the fact that there is but one connection for this area with a source of power. Surely if a line could be connected to the Morrow county end of this Sherman section so that we could draw from Pendleton, Walla Walla or wherever their juice comes from it would save us from such troubles. And we think it would have other advantages to the company as well.

DEPORTING BRIDGES

Judge Landis, with a gentle nod
Made Bridges out a little God,
He whitewashed him with words profound
Madam won't have to burn her Brdges down. C.H.

Without comment on the advisability of deporting Harry Bridges from this country to his native Australia it is possible to have a few words to say about the statement of Dean James Landis of the Harvard Law school who acted as special examiner for the labor department in the case.

Mr. Landis' statement reviews the testimony of many of the witnesses opposed to Bridges and puts it aside. For instance: "Milner's testimony in this proceeding is deserving of little, if any, credence." Of Keegan's, "Not only was Keegan's respect for an oath negligible, but he was again and again faced with testimony so variant from that which he had given that he was forced either to alter his original story or to make its hollowness patent by the crudeness of his subsequent explanations—" Bridges, himself, was praised for his liberal ideas and his tolerant attitude toward communists as union members.

The rules of conduct of a special examiner, if indeed, there be any code of ethics for this new breed of new deal judge, are not known. It may be perfectly in the new deal mode for one who is acting as examiner to deride the testimony of witnesses on one side and refuse to take seriously their sworn word, but it hardly meets with ordinary ideals of judicial propriety.

Whether Bridges is to be deported or not is a question we have always been willing to leave to proper judicial procedure. If, however, those who testify against him are to be held up to public scorn as unreliable by the very examiner who admitted their testimony, it is going to be hard to find out the guilt of Mr. Bridges, if any.

It is reported, probably not offically, that if England sends troops to the ad of Finland, Gertroops to the aid of Finland, Gerthe report be true, it seems almost certain that England will dispatch a few men just to see what will happen. Developments are such that Mr. Hitler appears to need his army at home and certainly the German people would not take very kindly to sending soldiers away while the enemy was at the borders.

BY THEIR FRUITS

It has been said that as men grow older they almost invariably become autobiographical and come to talking of their past achievements in a boastful manner. We quote from the president's speech:

"Doctrines which set group against group, faith against faith, race against race, class against class, fanning the fires of hatred in men too despondent, too desperate to think for themselves, were used as rabble rousing slogans on which dictators would ride to power."

"Overstatement, bitterness, vituperation and the beating of drums, have contributed mightily to ill feeling and wars between nations. If these neccessary and unpleasant actions are harmful in the international field, they are also hurtful in the domestic score."

Can anyone think of anyone right now who has done more to foster these things, who has any more surely set class against class, and used men too despondent too desperate to further political ends? And for overstatement and vituperation and the beating of drums look at the spoken record of the 1932 and 1936 campaigns.

We did have our 1939 sleet with a bit of a hangover into 1940 just as some of our citizens.

Portlanders are buying the food stamps rapidly it is said. Well a dollars worth of food for four bits is a good enough deal even in the days when people have been led to expect something for nothing.

It is now stated "on good authority" that Sit Down Murphy will be named to the supreme bench. Well that's a good place to sit down.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Jan. 7, 1910

Moro is about to lose its city engineer, Mr. Olds having bought the store, stock and good will of the Wilcox business at Grass Valley.

James Tomlin has four pair of full blooded English grey hounds for sale at reasonable prices.

Wheat in almost every part of the county is yet under snow. An inch or two was added Sunday night and in the absence of wind spread evenly over the fields.

L. L. Peetz' Farmer ball was a successful social event and all had a good time.

In answer to an inquiry. The days lengthen after the holidays so that people may work a little longer and square up their holiday bills.

From the Observer, Jan. 5, 1900

Creditors of the Sherman County Bank have named L. Clark, W. S. Barzee and C. J. Bright to arrange for some plan of settlement.

Wm. Henrichs our new county clerk is now quite at home in his office at the courthouse.

Miss Maud Rust and Frank Watson were married in Wasco Christmas day.

The city has a good pest house now and a strong jail. If the small pox ever should visit Moro it would find our city dads prepared to fight it.

City Marshall N. W. Thompson has received his clean bill of health and the red rag should be removed from several front doors in Moro.

County court will meet for the first time in the new court house on Wednesday, January 10, 1900. There will be no public audience.

Grass Valley Journal, Jan. 2, 19220

There was a good time down at the Auditorium last Friday evening when the Hunt club losing side under Captain Davis entertained the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCarty were passengers on the train Wednesday, homeward bound.

Glenn Fairchilds has sold his ranch to Ed Mays and he is also moving to Tygh Valley and will start a barber shop and pool hall.

From the Observer, Jan. 2, 1920.

C. R. Morrison and wife spent New Years at the home of his father, J. B. Morrison near Arlington.

J. F. Noonan has bought the old H. S. Strong residence and will move it to Moro early in the spring.

The electric lighting system in Moro for the last several weeks has been so consistently and regularly irregular that it is hard for anyone depending on it either for light or power to calcuate with certainty whether it will be on or not. We have been told by city officials that the cost in wages is over $200 per month, more than any other time in history.

Read the ads in the Journal.

Statehouse Gossip

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to collect $289.75 in gasoline tax refunds by arbitrarily deducting the amount from a check sent the state in payment of grazing fees State Treasurer Pearson sent the check right back with a vigorous protest. In the first place Pearson points out, there is serious question as to the validity of the claim of the federal government for gasoline tax refunds inasmuch as the gasoline on which the tax was paid was used in privately owned automobiles operated in government service and on which the government was paying mileage. In the second place, Pearson explains, there is no connection whatever between the gasoline tax funds against which the claim of the federal government lies, if any, and the grazing fees which go to the several counties containing grazing areas and not to the state at all. Pearson has asked Senator Chas. L. McNary to carry his protest to the comptroller general of the United States.

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Administration supporters are experiencing considerable difficulty in justifying the employment of Captain Leo G. Devany as director of aeronautics in view of the recent action of Governor Sprague in ousting the old board of aeronautice when they defied his demand that the post, then occupied by Allen Greenwood, a Democrat, be abolished as a sinecure.

Members of the new aeronautics board explain that Devaney will be a "director" of aeronautics and not an "inspector" as was Greenwood. His entire time will be devoted to promoting the aviation industry in Oregon. "Inspection" of planes for which state licenses are sought will be handled by federally certified mechanics and at the expense of the owner of the plane. Devaney's employment, it is further explained, is only for a probationary period of 90-days. His retention following the end of that period will depend upon results. Furthermore the new "director" of aeronautics will receive a salary of only $200 a month for full time work, as compared to the $350 received by Greenwood.

Governor Sprague himself had no comment to make upon Devaney's employment except to explain that he had asked his new board to investigate the need of a dirgctor of aeronautics and that he was willing to bow to their judgment.

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The State Unemployment Commission has fixed the "adequate reserve" for the jobless insurance fund at $6,000,000. This figure represents a compromise between the $3,500,000 urged by employer-contributors to the fund and the $12,000,000 to $18,000,000 maximum insisted upon by employee-beneficiaries. The "adequate reserve" which is subject to change up or down at the discretion of the commission, will be used as a guage in determining the approach of emergency conditions justifying a readjustment of benefit payments to temporarily unemployed workers.

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Fifteen Oregon counties share in the allocation of $17,250 of state funds for predatory animal control during 1940, just announced by J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture. The largest amount $2000 goes to Grant county. Other counties sharing in the allocation include: Sherman county $600; Wasco, $1000; Wheeler, $1000; Malheur, $750; and Marion, $500. The allocation is based upon the necessity for control work in each of the counties and upon county cooperation in the work.

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The proposed improvement of Front street in Portland will cost between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000 according to estimates now being prepared by engineers of the state highway department. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer describes the proposed improvement as Portland's "most desirable immediate need."

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Reaching an all time high of $66,062,810 on January 1, 1928, Oregon's bonded debt load is now down to $38,706,085, according to State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson. Offsetting assets of approximately $20,000,000 reduce the state's net outstanding debt to only $18,500,000. These assets include cash in sinking funds, mortgages given to secure soldiers' bonus loans and property taken over by the state to protect its interest in defaulted loans.

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The state tax commission started the new year by mailing out income tax blanks to the 150,000 individuals and corporations whose earnings during the past year are subject to taxation. Returns on 1939 incomes are to be filed with the Tax Commission by April 1.

Brubaker in the New Yorker: Finland's stubborn fight against the Soviet forces conforms to the traditional definition of news: Little Red Ridinghood bites wolf.

Princeton's Grid Hero Goes Home

Dop Herring, young Princeton football hero who lost his left leg as the result of an injury in the Harvard game this fall, is shown in a Princeton, N. J., hospital just before going home to his family. Cheerful as always, Don sees a good future ahead for a man with one leg "who can take it." The leg was amputated several weeks ago after doctors fought a losing battle to save it.

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and Washington.

Offered for the Congressional Record shortly will be a list of scores of items which have been placed on the embargo list by Britain and France, although they are in the reciprocal trade agreements between the United States and those nations. Included will be such Pacific Northwest products as apples, pears, prunes, wool, salmon. A British buying commission is now in the national capital arranging for using American vessels (changing registry to British Columbia) to transport several million feet of lmber to England. The lumber is to be supplied by British Columbia mills.

Latest discovery by the department of agriculture scientists is a spray which will prevent apples from dropping before harvest. They claim that the fruit acquires a finer flavor from the spray.

Oil Land Judge

The problem of legal compensation to United States and other foreign oil companies for lands seized by the Mexican government now rests with Judge Ponciano Hernandez, who will appoint an appraiser to evaluate oil properties.

Hood River Had First PUDistrict

Believe it or not, but the Hood River valley was the birthplace of rural electrification in the United States, according to a report made by Everett Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering at Oregon State college.

Davis found that the first strictly rural electric distribution line in the United States was built in 1906 and was two miles long, connecting five Hood River valley farms.

Today Oregon is still a leader in rural electrification with more than 53 per cent of all farms in the state electrified. Three years ago only 32 per cent of the farms were served by electricity. Latest figures show upwards of 7000 miles of rural line serving more than 33,000 rural customers in this state.

The Rural Electrification administration has assisted in extending rural service within the last year or so, says Davis. Four projects are either under construction or have been recently completed, to serve about 1300 farmers. Extending lines in populous farming districts if fairly simple, but in sparcely settled regons like the Eastern Oregon wheat country, distribution lines are so costly as to be prohibitive under present conditions in many localities.

Travel on Oregon highways and streets during the month of November this year totaled 228,339,678 miles, on the basis of gasoline consumed and figuring an average of 13 miles to the gallon. This figure has been adopted as the standard mileage rate by the National Safety Council. Last November mileage totaled 197,681,016 miles.

Undecided

The family planned a picnic for the next day and Bobby was asked by his mother to see what the paper predicted for the weather.

After searching the paper he said: "Well, they haven't decided yet. It says here, 'Weather for Wednesday, unsettled."

Daily Quotation

He that plants thorns must never expect to gather roses.—Philpay.

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.

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Joe Truitt, Secretary.

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Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

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Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tuesday of each month. Visiting members welcome.
W. B. Rice, N. G.
Florence Johnston, Sec

Railroad Race Up Deschutes Remembered

Throughout central Oregon are several once populous towns, now virtually deserted founded on vain prospects of unbounded prosperity to be brought about by the completion of two railroads built into that section by the rivals, J. J. Hill and E. H. Harriman. The story of that spectacular race to penetrate the largest area in the United States then without railroad facilities, is one of the most dramatic in the history of central Oregon. It had its beginning when Harriman learned of Hill's plan to build the Oregon Trunk line to central Oregon by way of the Deschutes Canyon. Immediately Harriman launched plans to build the Deschutes Railroad as a competing line along the opposite bank of the Deschutes River.

During the early stages of the conflict utmost secrecy was maintained. Not until after actual construction work had begun in August, 1909, was it generally known that the Hill interests were backing the Oregon Trunk line. The rival construction crews, each employing about 2500 men, worked night and day, separated from each other only by the narrow river bed. Hundreds of teams, steam shovels and every other other facility for railroad construction were used to rush the work. Sometimes the workers, taking the cue from their empoyers, resorted to obstructionist tactics. Men were injured or killed by boulders and earth, inexplicably sliding. Dynamite was planted and exploded so as to hinder the work. The officers of the law were helpless to prevent disorder. However, the major fights were waged by the contractors and lawyers of the rival companies.

In the wild race the opposing powers bought farms, closed public roads and virtually ruled the countryside. They fought in the courts over locations for the two grades along narrow passes where there was hardly room for one. Finally at a point where it was impossible to find more than one grade out of the canyon, Hill decided to arbitrate. An agreement was reached whereby Hill would build as far as Bend and permit Harriman to run his line over Hills 42-mile track from Metolius. On October 1, 1911, Hill drove the golden spike and appropriate ceremonies marked the completion of the Oregon Trunk line to Bend.

It was expected that the railroad would extend south from Bend to California. However, the two builders turned their attention elsewhere, and the line from central Oregon to California was not completed until 1931.

November Traffic Deaths Decrease

Oregon's traffic death rate for the month of November this year showed a decrease of 24.3 percent from the rate for the same month last year, it was revealed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

The rate this November was miles traveled, while the rate last 14.9 persons klled per 100,000,000 November was 19.7. The improvement, Snell said, was due to two things: first, the reduction in the actual number of persons killed this November compared to last November and secondly, the sharp increase in travel this year.

A total of 35 persons killed was the toll for traffic this November as against 39 for the corresponding month last year. While deaths were fewer, travel increased by 15.5 percent as shown by gasoline consumption figures. This increase, was one of the greatest recorded for any one month during the history of the state, Snell declared.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY.
SS FINAL NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of W. B. Wilcox, Jr., Deceased.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given, that Pauline F. Wilcox, administratrix, of said estate has rendered, presented and filed her final account therein for settlement, and the Court has appointed Monday the 5th day of February, 1940 at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., in the County Court Room of the County Court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon as a time and place for the hearing and final settlement of said account and of hearing any objections thereto.

Pauline F. Wilcox,
Administratrix.

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

Raymond L. Elliiott, as Receiver of the First National Bank of The Dalles, Oregon. Plaintiff.
vs.
Mary Chisholm, Margaret Chisholm, Annie Laurie Chisholm, and Collin G. Chisholm, and to all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

To Mary Chisholm, Margaret Chisholm, Annie Laurie Chisholm, and Collin G. Chisholm, and to all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

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 suit within ten days from the date of service of this Summons upon you, if served within this County; or if served within any other County in the State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this Summons upon you; and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, namely: That the plaintiff be declared and adjudged to be the owner of the land described as:

E½NW¼, W½NE¼, NE1-4-NE¼ Section 16; SE1-4SE1-4 Section 21; NE1-4SW1-4 Section 26; NW¼SW¼ Section 27; SE1-4NE1-4, NE¼SE¼, S½SE-1-4 Section 28; N½N½ Section 33, except about 33 acres lying west of the County Road in the NW¼NW¼ of Section 33 as described in a deed recorded in Book V of Sherman County Deed Records at page 98 thereof; SE1-4NW1-4 Section 35; E½SW¼ Section 35; all of Section 36; Township 4 South, Range 18, E.W.M.; Lot 4 in Section 31 Township 4 South, Range 19, E.W.M.; Lots 3 and 4, Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 19, E.W.M.; Lot 1, the W½NE¼, E½NW¼, Section 1, NE1-4NW1-4 Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 18 E.W.M.,

free from all claims of the defendants of all persons whomsoever, and that the cloud upon the title of such land arising by reason of the losing of the order of sale and notice of sale above referred to be removed by order of this Court, declaring title in fee simple to be in the plaintiff herein, and that the defendants and all persons be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim in and to said land, adverse to the plaintiff and for such other relief as to this Honorable Court may seem meet.

GAVIN & GAVIN
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Residence and Post office address, The Dalles, Oregon.

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

In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Estate of Edith Reid, an Insane Person.

CITATION

To Edith Reid, the above named insane person, and to all persons interested in the estate within the State of Oregon of the said Edith Reid, an insane person, other than Emma Reid, Charles W. Reid and Laura Noel Oro, the petitioners for the appointment of a guardian of said estate of said insane person.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear before the above entitled court within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this citation as hereinafter stated, to show cause, if any exists, why the prayer of the petitioners for the appointment of David Reid, as guardian of the estate within the State of Oregon for Edith Reid, an insane person should not be granted.

Service of this citation is made upon you by publication in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Sherman County, Oregon, once a week for four consecutive and successive weeks by virtue of an order made and entered in said court and proceeding on the 12th day of December, 1939, said period of publication being the period prescribed by said order.

The date of the first publication of this citation is December 15th, 1939, and the date of the last publication is January 5th, 1940.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court affixed this 12th day of December, 1939.

Joe Truitt, Clerk
of the County Court
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Petitioners.
(County Court Seal)