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**EXPERIMENT STATION VALUE**

The president's budget, it has belatedly been announced, calls for a reduction in the appropriation for experiment stations in Oregon so large as to seriously handicap the work, if passed. The local station would lose \$2600 and the Pendleton station \$4700. This cut hits the Oregon stations working with dry land agriculture most severely.

There has been a call for economy in federal government expenditures and the call must be heeded unless we are to go on to impossible financing schemes. The objection to this cut is not that it saves money but that it curtails the expenditure for something that has already proved its worth and leaves in the budget many things that are experimental. That attitude has been too common in the past few years.

The federal appropriation for experimental work on dry land agriculture and cereal crops and diseases—the budget items that affect the Moro and Pendleton stations—is \$777,949, according to the information we have. This is a sum that would hardly build a wing on a bombing plane or put walnut furniture in the captain's cabin of a first class battleship. Surely the preservation of experimental work to insure production on this nation's dry land is of value to the national defense program—and that whether we are to go to war or to remain at peace.

There can be no doubt that the production of wheat, which is probably the most important food crop of the United States, has been most materially increased in the Columbia basin because of the experiment stations here and at Pendleton. New wheats have been developed and there is no need to even mention them for all farmers know them and are growing them. What, for instance, would have been the income of this county in several of the past fifteen years without Federation wheat?

The cost of producing wheat has been reduced through the station's experiments. We used to plow ten inches deep, used to disc before plowing, used to harrow wheat in the spring, used to have more smut—and wheat more susceptible to smut—and because of carefully carried out experiments we now use different tillage methods and produce wheat cheaper. And, with the government taking responsibility for the income of the farmer, this has been of direct benefit to the government.

There will be a protest go to Washington from all over the Columbia basin, from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, over this anticipated cut. And it will be possible for everyone to have a share in it.

**NO PRIVATE COURTS**  
 The Eastern Oregon Wheat League, pursuant to a resolution passed at its recent meeting, has asked Wayne Morse to permit the league to be heard in labor dispute hearings that have to do with the shipping problem inasmuch as the members of the league are forced to pay the bills for shipping.

In his talk before the assembled editors of the state at Eugene last Friday night Mr. Morse stated that it was impossible for him to grant the request, even if he wished to do so. He gave as his reason that the labor arbitration courts were private courts, established for one purpose of hearing the arguments of labor and their employers and that there was no place for the public or representatives of any portion of it.

Mr. Morse's answer seems reasonable and is probably the correct answer under the law.

This being so, the law should be changed. Just what sort of a position is this country getting into when we have private courts in the first place? Suppose that in the end they lead to private agreements and we have to go through a repetition of private agreements between all sorts of people and corporations that are sanctioned by law.

cases in due course. The established courts do well enough for most of us and there is little complaint about the justice dispensed. It seems that we are getting into a bad state when we find it necessary for political or other reasons, to set up private courts for any ordinary group.

**GROUND HOG DAY**

Now again comes the day for the ground-hog, an animal that is always the fore runner of spring, never, so it is said, by more than six weeks.

In some ways spring really begins with ground-hog day for then we—unwitting followers of superstition all—consider the winter nearly passed when the Aardvark's presence indicates that spring has arrived or his absence shows that winter will remain but a short period longer.

On ground-hog day we naturally review in our minds the job we intended to get done during the "nowy months" and, no doubt, find many of them still undone. Naturally then, if we have machinery to overhaul, feed to grind, buildings to repair or other winter time chores to do we must be about it soon after the marmot gives his warning. For in the short space of a month and a half, if in fact, there be any time at all, we must be up and doing the spring time tasks.

In this climate we can expect five days in February almost every year despite the warnings of the ground-hog and while the weather may be generally rough and unpleasant we constantly expect sunny days and thawing temperatures and plan on them. Spring, we reason, is nearly here and in a few days some one is going to bring in the first buttercup of the year and winter will definitely be over.

While it is still winter and work is not pressing the force of this newspaper would like to have subscribers and others come in some Thursday and watch the process of putting out the Sherman County Journal. Many have done so at one time and another and most have found it interesting. The machinery even interests those who ordinarily do not care to watch it. We would like to have you come in.

Secretary Wallace chides Democratic congressmen about the proposed cuts in the agricultural budget saying that they will be defeated if there is a cut. It would sound better if the appropriation was urged because of the need of it and the economic justice of it.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer Feb. 4, 1921

The Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers association was incorporated here last Saturday. Phases of the contract were explained at an all day meeting. Meetings have been held all over the county previously.

W. N. Jones was up from Rufus last week. He says that there is now gravel on the Columbia highway from Rufus to the Deschutes and that the contractor expects to have gravel clear to The Dalles by the time the two tunnels are finished.

A meeting to discuss plans for financing the hotel property was called by secretary W. C. Bryant for Feb. 5th.

An open house reception was held at the newly completed L. L. Peetz cabin on the Metolius.

From the Observer Feb. 3, 1911

Max Bull has bought the confectionery store from Wm. Rudolf although Mr. Rudolf keeps the skating rink and opera house.

George Miller and Miss Jennie Watkins were married in Moro Sunday evening, Rev. A. J. Adams officiating.

George Berrian and Cap Rutledge have erected a hot house on the tract below town and are preparing to raise vegetables this spring.

Hugh Shull of Kent is now the owner of the Hal Morrow place in the Gorman district and Mr. Morrow has moved to the Shull place south of Kent. The deal was made through W. B. McCoy.

W. A. Wallan is to be the new cashier in the W. W. M. bank and may be county treasurer as well. He succeeds Capt. Stanley.

Grass Valley Journal, Feb. 4, 1921

M. B. O'Brien returned from Portland Sunday where he attended the state hardware convention.

Mrs. Jasper Dugger was buried here last Monday after her death near Boring.

A bill to raise the salaries of district attorneys has been introduced. It would raise the Sherman county attorney from \$1000 to \$1500.

The United States shipping board advertises in this issue for bids on a number of wooden ships that are for sale.

**Statehouse Gossip**

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 far received no intimation as to what the Board intends to do to do about his job.

The State Land Board has decided to accept an offer from the U. S. Biological Survey of \$2 an acre for school lands located within the Hart Mountain antelope refuge in Lake county. The 14,165 acres involved in the deal will yield the school fund \$28,330 which the board expects to invest in bonds or first mortgage loans at a substantial increase in yield over the three cents per acre now received for the use of this land for grazing purposes.

An emergency appropriation to finance Oregon's participation in the San Francisco fair this year is entirely up to the State Emergency Board according to Attorney General Van Winkle. The attorney general in an opinion to Governor Sprague this week ruled that it was entirely within the authority of the Emergency Board to determine whether the situation represented an emergency justifying the expenditure of state funds.

Residents of Oregon spent a total of \$8,380,515.93 for alcoholic liquors during the year ending June 30, last, according to the annual report of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. That amount represented an increase of \$303,588.83 over the business of the state's liquor monopoly during the previous year. The increase is accounted for by higher liquor prices rather than a larger volume of business. Net revenues of the Liquor commission for the year amounted to \$2,564,861.03.

Oregon utilities including railroads, trucks and buses paid fees totalling \$1,336,576 into the coffers of the state during 1939, it was reported this week by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. The growth of this department as a revenue producing agency is shown in a comparison with fees collected during 1933 totalling only \$313,080.

**GRAIN MARKET**

**DECLINES STEADILY**

Domestic grain markets declined during the week ending January 26, influenced principally by a dull domestic and export demand for current market offerings, states the Agricultural Marketing Service in the Weekly Grain Market Review. Lower foreign markets, especially at Buenos Aires, estimates of an increased world supply of wheat in July and small North American exports, were additional weakening influences. Feed grains also were barely steady to slightly lower in the principal markets.

Stocks of wheat in interior mills, elevators and warehouses January 1, were somewhat smaller than last year and totaled 128,846,000 bushels compared with 137,097,000 bushels in these positions January 1, 1939. With the exception of January 1, 1939, the present stocks and the largest for any January 1, in the six years for which records are available. In Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Oklahoma and Texas, where considerable amounts of wheat under Government loans are stored in these positions, January 1, stocks were highest on record for this date.

Combining stocks of wheat in interior mills, elevators and warehouses with those on farms and in terminal markets on the first of January, 1940, gives a total supply, outside of merchant mills, of 500,673,000 bushels compared with 545,933,000 bushels in these positions a year ago. Of the nearly 308,000,000 bushels remaining on farms and in country mills and elevators at the first of January, about 129,000,000 bushels are Hard Red Winter; 65,000,000 bushels of Soft Red Winter; 98,000,000 bushels Hard Red Spring; 28,000,000 bushels durum; and 48,000,000 bushels White Wheat.

**Would Deny Vote**



Aged persons, "in their second childhood," should be denied the right to vote, according to Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins University. His reason: Too many votes for old age pension plans.

**Teamsters Union Buys Hood River Apples**



Phil Brady, president of the Teamsters Joint Council of Oregon, is shown signing the check to pay for the purchase of a car load of Hood River Apples purchased by the Teamsters Unions and distributed to charitable institutions and schools. Others in the picture are from left to right: Jack Schlaht, A. O. Garrison, J. G. Page, James Klahre, M. E. Steele and William Ritchey. Klahre is manager of the Hood River Apples Growers Association, the others are members of the Teamsters Joint Council Executive Board.

**Experiment Station At College Changed**

A visitor to the experiment station at Corvallis 12 years ago would have found less than an acre of irrigated pasture on the station farms. Today there are approximately 75 acres of such pastures, used by three different departments of the experiment station both for experimental purposes and for low-cost production of feed for station livestock.

This expansion in irrigated pasture acreage at the experiment station has been closely paralleled on farms throughout the state, as a result of the success of this venture has been carried far and wide by the extension service and by the farmers themselves.

Financial gain through the development of irrigated pastures is emphasized in a recent bulletin entitled "The Value of Irrigated Pastures for Dairy Cattle," which gives the detailed results with the use of irrigated pastures on the station farm. The five year average yield from fertilized, irrigated pasture was equivalent to 6.4 tons of alfalfa hay, or 284 bushels of oats per acre.

Use of fertilizer on irrigated pasture has been found to be absolutely essential for most profitable returns. The yields on areas fertilized with 300 pounds of 16 per cent superphosphate per acre is 75 per cent greater than on areas not fertilized. The fertilizer experiments were carried out on a pasture of a little less than nine acres. Even with two acres left unfertilized, the area supplied 65 per cent of the nutrient requirements of more than 12 cows daily, which had an average production of 40 pounds of milk figured at 4 per cent butterfat.

**RUSSIAN VERSION**

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)  
 In the picturesque Russian version of this Finnish trouble, it is the innocent wolf who cries, "Why Red Riding Hood, what long teeth you have!"

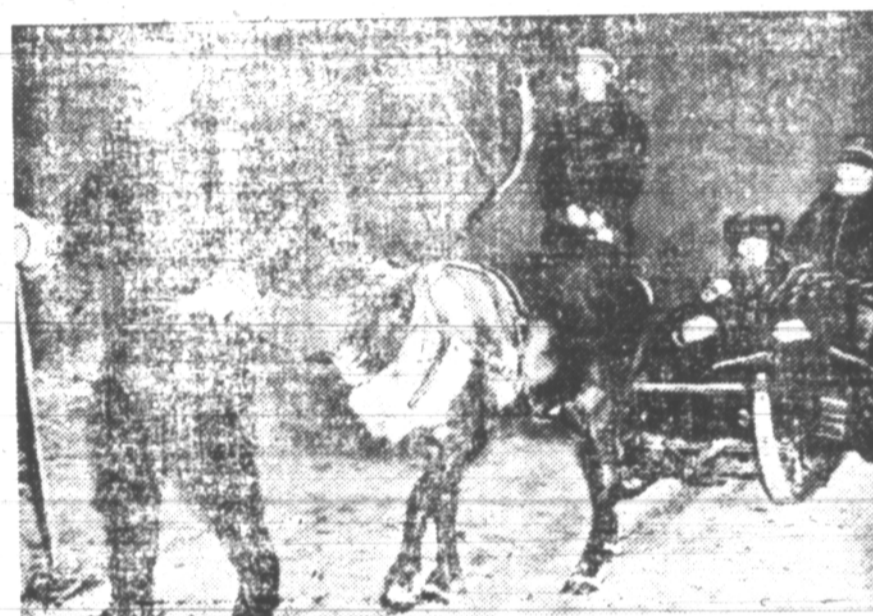
Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.  
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 C. V. Bellnap, Secy.

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 Vernon Miller, Sec.

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 Naomi Van Gilder, W. M.  
 Ruth Sparling, Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome.  
 Anna Davis, N. G.  
 Florence Johnston, Sec.

**Finland's Reindeer Play Grim Role in War**



Usually cast in the role of aide to Santa Claus, the reindeer has proved his worth in the Finnish-Soviet war. Here a family of Finnish refugees uses a sled and the family reindeer to transport its belongings to a place of safety during one of the air raids staged by the invaders on Finnish towns and villages.

**Like Father, Like Son? Definitely Not!**



George Young, ace marathon swimmer of years ago, waited 12 years to get the \$25,000 cash prize he earned by winning the 36-mile Catalina Island swim in 1922. He was a lad of 17 at the time, and was given the money when he reached 30. George and his wife, residents of Canada, turn "thumbs down" on a swimming career for George Jr., who practices his strokes on the piano stool. The \$25,000 is all he and his wife have left from swimming careers which won them \$125,000.

**Her Privilege!**

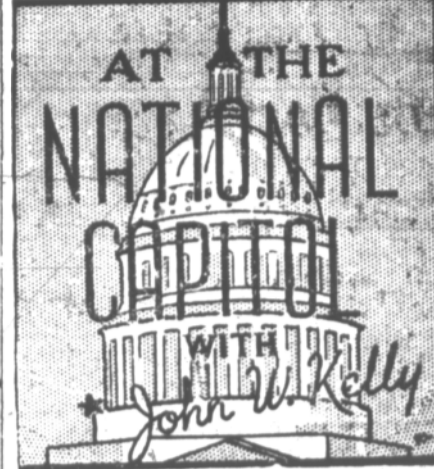
A little girl was sitting in church watching a wedding, suddenly exclaimed: "Mummy, has the lady changed her mind?"

"Why, what do you mean?" the mother asked.

"Why," replied the child, "she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another."

If your wife laughs at your jokes, you may be sure you have some good ones—or else you have a mighty good wife.

The Russians stick to their story that they are not at war with Finland. Maybe the good little neighbor is just helping. Stalin burge his army.



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 park service (one under department of agriculture, other under department of interior) and disagreement among three Oregon communities. Similar plan proposed by the late Nick Sinnott, congressman, and senator McNary 21 years ago was abandoned because of the dissensions.

As predicted, in this column several months ago, the president would cut appropriations for CCC camps. Unless congress restores the cut (not expected), about 200 camps must be dropped and this means elimination of approximately five camps in Washington and five in Oregon. What is alarming various communities in the Pacific northwest is that their particular camps will be eliminated, and telegrams of protest are arriving daily. These camps have left millions of dollars in the two states and enrollees have performed valuable services.

Rep. Walter M. Pierce has warned that trade treaty policy will be defeated unless most favored nation clause is eliminated, excise taxes are not tampered with, and treaties must be ratified by the senate. Practically every member west of the Mississippi river is opposed to some features of the existing law.

**4-H Leaders Meet To Tell Experiences**

Close to 200 volunteer 4-H club leaders participated in the sixth annual leaders' conference at Oregon State college. Many of those attending pronounced the three day training period the best in the history of this movement. Some were attending their third such conference.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, charged those who participated with the responsibility of seeing that as many others as possible obtain the benefit of the information they gained at the school.

In a concluding address to the conference, Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the state system, assured the volunteer leaders that they are considered as being essentially auxiliary members of the extension staff of the college. He also said that the 4-H club work bridges the gap in American education caused by the failure to develop a comprehensive vocational education program. He said that the 4-H club ideals parallel closely the objectives of education in a democracy.

A small town is the one where they don't wonder how much money a man makes. Everybody knows.

**GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF**  
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 Moro and Wasco

**NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING**

Rosa A. Miller, administratrix of the estate of Joseph J. Miller, deceased, has filed with the Clerk of the County Court for Sherman County, Oregon, her final account, and that Monday, 19th day of February, 1940, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., in the County Court Room, in the County Court House, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any there be to said final account and settlement thereof.

Rosa M. Miller, Administratrix. GALLOWAY & KRIER The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Administratrix.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Catherine Johnson, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed executors of the estate of Catherine Johnson, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: January 19, 1940.  
 J. T. Johnson  
 A. S. Johnson  
 Executors.  
 Date of last publication February 16, 1940.

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