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NEW STORAGE PLAN

It is very apparent that the success of the projected elevator in The Dalles, to be jointly owned by grain growers organizations of the two counties, depends ultimately on whether The Dalles is to become a seaport or not.

A saving of around a cent a bushel might be made in freight rates by shipping our wheat by rail or truck and barge to tide-water, but from this would have to be deducted the cost of owning and operating the new elevator so the saving would not be clear although it might possibly justify its existence even on that saving.

With only one ship making the trip up the Columbia to The Dalles, and that in an experimental capacity, it is impossible to figure what the cost would be and there fore what the freight rate would be for ships coming to The Dalles. It is hard to believe that ships would venture the river for a load at the same rate as they would charge from the comparative safety of down river ports. That is the assumption, nevertheless.

The elevator would of necessity contain many different kinds of wheat which would complicate the job of making up a complete cargo for a large ship unless it were possible to load small parcels.

The annual bill for shipping wheat from this county is around \$140,000 which is large and any successful method of reducing it might be met with great pleasure on the part of the farmers. There are other complicating matters, however.

It is an axiom that in the transportation business especially, competition holds down the rates. We have now both rail and truck transportation and may soon have practical use of the river. That is of advantage. If we should lose the railroad in this county we will have lost one competing factor that is most valuable.

This year the railroad will have to pay \$26,250 in taxes in this county and that is only a part of its expense for train crews, maintenance of way, etc. No one of the other forms of transportation spends so much in this county or contributes toward the payment of taxes in so large amounts.

It is too early to estimate the effect the move may have on the towns of the county. At the present time it appears that no serious effects will develop. Yet it is possible to start a proposition that might lower the value of the land if the towns—centers of social, business and school life—were further reduced in size, and if taxable property be removed from the county.

All these questions connected with the future of the county and all who reside and own property in it, have been before the three boards of directors and have certainly been considered by them.

LAMBING HANDS

They are drifting through the town these days when the snow starts to melt off the hills and the air holds the balmy touch of spring. We mean that homeless disheveled group of men who come to the sheep camps each year to help with the lambing. Many of them are good workers once they are away from their winter habitations; some of them will stay for a couple of months before the longing for a town overcomes their desire for more money.

They are broke at this time of year and they stand on the side walks of our little towns waiting for some kind faced, happy or generous looking man to pass by. They want a bit of coffee, or some food and their appearance so strengthens their statement that they are often aided.

Where or how they spend the winter only they could tell. It is not in surroundings where cleanliness is made a major virtue. They wear all the clothes they possess, for it is easier to carry

clothes on than off. Days must be spent in getting to the lambing jobs, days of waiting in a chill wind for a ride, days of doing without food when handouts are hard to get. Yet, every year they come. The old time harvester is gone, there are no more tramp printers, but the sheep men can still depend on his lambing crew to come, one by one, over the horizon some dusk in early spring with a hunger that is apparently untouched since its departure the April before.

THE BALL MONEY

There was some natural concern here about the use to which the money raised by the president's infantile paralysis ball was put. From Dr. Poley we have received the report of the foundation giving its expenses and receipts since its founding January 3, 1938 to September 30, 1939, which gives the financial data desired.

Receipts have been \$1,610,378.14 from the balls in 1938 and 1939 although the 1938 receipts were much greater because all the money went to the national fund. In the twenty one months covered by the report \$61,267.95 has been spent for salaries, travel, printing, postage, etc.

Grants to various institutions for work on infantile paralysis have been made totalling \$463,972.67 which leaves over a million dollars on hand. The University of California medical school has received a grant of \$5,000 and it has been approved for an additional grant of \$15,000. This is the only far western hospital or research agency aided so far.

The half of the receipts that is kept in this county is in the local bank. Nothing was expended of the 1938 funds.

GAMBLING THE TAXES AWAY

According to the director of the Front Door Ballot Box being conducted in Portland, residents of that city, by a small percentage, favor gambling if it could be used to reduce property taxes.

This leads to the conclusion that the old time Puritan ideals, nav, suffered serious deterioration, of that taxes have become an onerous burden to a majority of the people.

The generation that is now passing its heyday insists that there is less evidence of the old time virtues now than in its day and it may be true. Yet permitted gambling has ever been frowned upon by a large number of Americans. It is certain that the growth of the tax bill has had much to do with the proposed slacking of morals.

Certainly the shadow of high taxes is having its effect on the nation as the job of paying off the forty-two billion dollars of national debt becomes more of a certainty. When we start to pay off that sum there will probably be less gambling and a lot more work.

While the school board of The Dalles is wondering how it is to continue the education of the high school pupils in that city without a high school building and with grade schools crowded, the directors of the northern districts of this county might come to their rescue and offer the unused space in the Rufus and Wasco buildings to the neighboring city.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Feb. 8, 1921
Cora Stewart entertained the basket ball girls, Frances Anderson and her friend, Irene Kendall from the U of O last Thursday.

The auto of Judge E. D. McKee was rammed into by another car in Portland Thursday morning. A. M. Wright and J. M. Wilson also passengers, were shaken up but no one was seriously injured.

Mrs. W. D. Lewis and young daughter from Portland accompanied by Miss Violet Gill are visiting with Mrs. Lewis' sister, Mrs. O. A. Ramsey.

From the Observer, Feb. 10, 1911
L. H. Martin, David Maxwell, J. B. Holman and Ray Benson have each ordered a Moscow harvester for the 1911 harvest.

R. C. Atwood was up from Wasco Saturday in his 1911 Cadillac accompanied by Messrs. E. D. McKee, Ernie Wells and Postmaster Tate. The day was lovely and the scenery inspiring.

Statehouse Gossip

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Oregon Liquor Control commission this week. Sprague denied that the conference had touched upon the question of higher liquor prices and indicated that no such move was in prospect.

Vocational education courses will be made available to inmates of the Oregon penitentiary in the near future, according to Warden George Alexander. As soon as the new dining room and hospital, now under construction are completed the quarters now being used for these two purposes will be available for school purposes, Alexander said.

State Budget Director David Eccles is now engaged upon a standardization of state salaries which, he declares, will effect a substantial saving in costs. Although state salaries were standardized only a few years ago Eccles says that he has discovered many glaring inequalities in the pay of state employees.

Although a total of 362,849.65 barrels of beer were consumed in Oregon during 1939, according to records of the Liquor Control commission, this volume was nearly 52,000 barrels below the high mark of 404,538.75 barrels set in 1936.

At 31 gallons to the barrel the 1939 consumption boils down to 10,938,339 gallons of the amber brew or more than 110,000,000 ten-cent glasses. This represents a per capita consumption of more than 100 glasses.

From the peak of 404,538 barrels in 1936 beer consumption in Oregon declined to 382,453 barrels in 1937, and then still further to 346,578 barrels in 1938. This decline in the popularity of beer is generally ascribed as due to the fact that the novelty of the experience has worn off for members of the younger generation who constituted a large portion of beer parlor patrons in the years immediately following repeal of prohibition.

Ernest Fatland, Condon legislator and heir apparent to the Oregon throne since the resignation of senate president Robert M. Duncan of Burns, will have his first opportunity to officiate as governor Saturday when Governor Sprague goes to Seattle to deliver a Lincoln day address. Speaker Fatland is expected to come to Salem to avail himself of the opportunity.

Three convictions have already been secured by the State Unemployment compensation commission in its drive against abuse of the jobless insurance fund. In all three convictions workers were found guilty of receiving unemployment compensation checks while drawing pay on other jobs.

One person out of every four in the state 65 years of age or over were receiving old age pensions in September when the pension rolls hit their peak, it was revealed in reports of the State Welfare commission.

The reserve in Oregon's unemployment compensation fund passed the \$9,000,000 mark on February 1 to hit a new high mark in the commission's experience. This figure is 50 percent above the "adequate reserve" established by the commission in December. Benefits paid out by the commission to temporarily unemployed Oregon workers during the past two years totalled \$10,124,649 the commission reported.

If the automobile business is any criterion residents of Oregon were far more prosperous in 1939 than they were in 1938. Sales of new cars and trucks last year totalled 31,641 compared to only 23,192 during the previous year, according to figures compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

California is Oregon's best butter customer. Reports compiled by the state department of agriculture show that approximately 10,000,000 pounds of this dairy product are shipped to the southern state each year.

Who Pays Taxes

Table showing tax distribution: Total value \$8,990,154.00, Local value \$7,313,990.00, Public Service value \$1,676,164.00. Breakdown by property type and tax type.

Abstract of Taxes Payable in 1940 On the Assessment Rolls of 1939

Table for Special School Tax showing District, Value, Levy, Tax, Total Levy. Includes districts like Biglow, Rufus, Emigrant Springs, etc.

Non-high School District Fund levy is 1.5 mills and applies to all school districts except 3, 3A, 7, 9, 17 and 23: Valuation \$4,425,323; Tax \$6,637.98

Table for Special City Tax showing City, Value, Levy, Tax, Total Levy. Includes Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley.

Table for General Road District Tax and General Fund showing Dist., Value, Levy, Tax, Department, Mills. Includes 2W, 3M, 4G districts.

Average consolidated levy for county 16.68 mills

Total valuation of taxable property in Sherman County \$8,990,154.00 The levy for the General Fund is 7.1 mills, producing 63,830.09

Table showing tax breakdown: State Tax, Market Road, Bridges, Emergency Fund, Road Machinery, etc.

Table showing Grand Total Tax 149,876.56 and Advance Tax \$123.18 and rebates \$ 3.81 credited.

I, Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor of Sherman County, Oregon, hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of January, 1940. Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor.

Valuation and Tax Comparisons

Table comparing State and County taxes for years 1926-1939, showing Valuation, State Tax, and County Tax.

There was no state tax for state purposes on the 1931, 1937 and 1938 rolls; a nominal amount in 1939.

Summary of Assessment Roll, Sherman County, 1939

Table showing Classification of property, Number, Value, Unit Value. Includes Acres of all land, Acres of tillable lands, etc.

Still Life Study



A familiar figure on the desert near Phoenix, Ariz., is Bob Zuppke, veteran University of Illinois football coach, who spends much of his time reproducing desert scenes on canvas.

Many Hurt When Careless

Forty-two percent of the pedestrian fatalities of 1939 involved persons committing some obviously imprudent action at the time of the accident, says the secretary of state.

These unsafe actions included jaywalking, crossing intersections against traffic signals or diagonally, crossing major highways without taking adequate precautions, walking with traffic instead of facing it on highways, stepping off curbs without first looking both ways, walking into the side of passing cars, stepping out into the street from between parked cars or playing in the road.

Forty nine percent of the pedestrian fatalities occurred while persons were crossing streets or highways. This figure indicates the necessity of taking every precaution when starting across a busy street, Snell declared.

A common error made by pedestrians is to start across a street without looking for cars before stepping off the curb. Studies of pedestrian accidents have shown that nearly half the pedestrian killed are struck before they are more than three steps away from the curb, indicating that they do not look for cars coming from their left before stepping into the street.

He urged persons to look to the left before stepping off curbs and then look to the right before reaching the center of the street. Illustrating the danger of walking along the highways with traffic instead of facing it, Snell figures showed that 14 persons were killed while walking on the right side of the highway against six deaths while walking on the left side. Jaywalking or crossing streets between intersections took 13 lives during the year.

Read the Ads in the Journal

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Peter J. Peters, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed administrator of the estate of Peter J. Peters, deceased at the office of T. Lester Johnson attorney at law, Moro, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: February 9, 1940.

Herman D. Peters Administrator Date of last publication March 1 1940. z 14-17

Eureka Lodge No. 121, A-F & A-N

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

E. Amidon, 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. Trainers and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Orlo Martin, N.G. Vernon Miller, Sec.

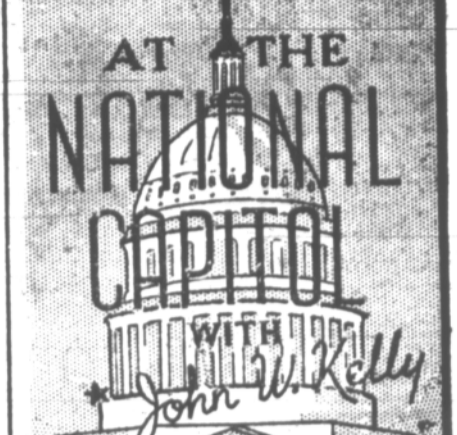
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Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome. Anna Davis, N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.



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In its economy streak the house of representatives took from the agricultural appropriation bill \$27,000,000 to finance purchase of farms by tenants. For fiscal year 1940 there were 929 applications from Washington state for such loans and only 27 were made. In the first two years of the act 728 applications were filed from Washington and 24 were approved. Oregon applicants for 1940 were 274 with 17 loans, and in the first two years of the act 194 applications came from this state and 15 were allowed. Bulk of the loans approved were to share crop pers in southern states, such as Mississippi, where 656 were allowed in fiscal year 1940 and 630 in the first two years.

Members of the senate are being begged to restore cuts made by the house and while the senate is "favorable to the idea on many items, it doubts whether the house would accept a senate bill carrying the restorations. The house has limited the navy program to two years and refused to increase the navy yard at Bremerton or at Mare Island. Almost every appropriation in which the northwest is interested has been reduced in the house.

Read the ads in the Journal.

Advertisement for GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF, Attorney At Law, Moro and Wasco.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN in the matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH DAVIS, deceased.

ORDER FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Neoma E. Smith, administratrix of the estate of said deceased, having filed with the clerk of this court her final report and account with said estate and made application to the court for an order fixing and appointing a time and place for the settlement of said final account and for hearing objections thereto, if any there be.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the 11 day of March, 1940 at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time, and the courtroom of this court as the place, for the settlement of said final account; and it is further ORDERED that notice of the time and place so fixed and appointed be published in the SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL, a newspaper printed, published and of general circulation in Sherman County, Oregon, for 4 successive weeks in five successive issues of said paper.

Dated this 2 day of February, 1940. George A. Potter, Judge

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 9:00 a. m., in the County Court Room, 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.