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The discussions go on around the stove and out on the streets as the ever mounting spring time sun warms up the south side of the buildings. And often there is comment on \$42,000,000,000 (forty-two billion dollars) and many still say \$42,000,000 (forty-two million dollars) for one word rolls as freely off the tongue as the other and both are entirely incomprehensible to the average mortal who can deal in hundreds, thousands and ten thousands with ease.

What is this sum we have permitted ourselves to be saddled with—this forty two billion dollars? The whole country is valued at about three times that for tax purposes for one thing.

If you counted a hundred dollars a minute—and your tongue would get a bit thick at that rate—day and night it would take the best part of a hundred years to count it.

If in gold, even at the present fictitious value of \$35 per ounce, it would weigh 375,000 tons. The debt is almost ten times the total value of gold ever coined in the United States.

When the farm census was taken in 1935 it was found that the value of all farm lands, including buildings, in the United States was \$32,858,844,012 or about ten billion dollars less than the national debt and the average value was over \$30 per acre, too.

The total valuation of the state of Oregon for 1938 was \$900,721,213.06, lock, stock and barrel—farm, factory and utility. Not enough to pay a year's interest on the national debt.

Sherman county, and a good little county it is, would pay the interest for only a few hours over two days.

And still we can't conceive of forty-two billion dollars. No generation can ever comprehend it for no one generation can ever pay it. This generation in seven reckless years has borrowed the most of it and spent it. And now we may wonder what our grand children will say when they look back on our times. Won't they think that grandpa and grandma should have had a good time spending all that dough? But we didn't.

ANOTHER MANUFACTURING PLANT

News that Bonneville authorities have signed to sell electricity to another manufacturer will be most cheering to residents of this county where the feeling has generally prevailed that Bonneville power should largely be used for industrial development.

The coming of this plant also confirms the stories told by residents of Columbia county that there is iron there in commercial quantities. Now it is to be developed with the aid of Bonneville power. That is but one of the valuable things Bonneville can do for Oregon.

There is doubt in the minds of many citizens in this part of the Columbia basin whether Bonneville power can economically be made available to farm residents here, because of the long distance between homes. Even if it were possible the saving would be very slight.

The increase that might be made in the incomes of farmers in this region by aiding development of natural resources in the state, however, is great. When industrialization is complete the demand for farm products, wheat, stock, eggs, fresh meat will be enough greater than our age long problem of what to do with our surpluses may be largely solved.

The two contracts, the Bonneville administration has made with manufacturers are among the most important developments made in the northwest in recent times. More will be better yet.

Mayor Joe Carson of Portland is one Democrat who knows what he wants to do about a third term. And does it in time, too.

FREIGHT RATE CUT

If the newly ordered freight rate on wheat goes into effect within a week or so without difficulty some sort of a record will have been broken. Heretofore a freight rate reduction has been the result of argument, hearings, threats, and sometimes legal action of one kind or another.

This rate drop, while some reduction has been discussed for some time, has come rather suddenly, very suddenly compared to past experience. New developments, have probably had some effect on the attitude of the railroads, but it also seems reasonable to give their management a bit of credit for a better understanding of the situation than previously was the case.

Anyway, put the credit where you will, the reduction will be most happily received in this county.

LATE SNOW

Perhaps there will be certain pessimists about Sherman county weather who will say that a snowfall on Washington's birthday is not late. It may be so. Certainly we may expect flurries of snow until April when some chilly Chinook brings a few flakes to torment the field worker and make us better enjoy the bright days by providing a bit of contrast.

Last week, when the February sun was doing its very best, unhampered by clouds or fog, there was much talk of field work. Farmers were ready with their hoes and drills to put in a belated crop. A good rain drove the idea out of their heads. Now, when they were waiting for the frosty nights to be gone, comes this late snow, wet as rain itself, to farther delay the planting.

There is an old saying hereabouts to the effect that you can always wait for a rain. As for planting wheat one always can—as one always must—for rainy days do not count as time lost. Yet, but let the ground dry until the hill tops are light colored and we will be at the planting.

Ore cannot help but wonder if, in the minds of labor men, there is not often some unexpressed pleasure that the labor bill passed last November. Work has been more steady; there have been fewer labor disturbances and labor has gained a great deal in public support during the fifteen months since that election. Labor leaders have begun to explain their problems to the public and the public generally has been glad to learn. Labor is learning that the public must be considered and the public is learning that labor must be considered. Both are helped.

In Other Days

From the Observer Feb 24, 1911 In honor of the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hockman gathered at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Lee, Tuesday evening February 16th, where the evening was quickly spent with laughter and jest. Among those present were: Messrs. James and Messrs. J. C. McKean, Don Wheat, W. H. Ragsdale, B. F. Pectz, N. P. Hansen, O. L. Belshee, T. C. Lee, J. P. Strahl, A. J. Adams, F. E. Fagan, Mrs. J. C. Freeman, Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. Jas. Woods, Mrs. W. D. Wallan, Mrs. W. H. Richards, Mrs. M. A. Bull, Mrs. W. H. Strong, Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, Mrs. C. L. Ireland, Mr. Edgar Miller and Miss Evelyn Ragsdale. Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, J. Clark Teal has sold his wheat farm in this county to R. C. Byers and will move to Clark county, Washington.

Grass Valley Journal Feb. 25, 1921 Margaret O'Leary is one of only three honor students at Mt. Angel Academy. Mr. and Mrs. John O'Dell now have a home of their own in The Dalles, having bought the H. U. Martin residence. Born: At Medford, Oregon Feb. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm Vawter, a son, Mrs. Vawter was formerly Miss Leta Garrett of Grass Valley. A gay party of friends and relatives of J. H. Wilson loaded in header boxes and drove out to surprise Jake on his 44th birthday and also wedding anniversary.

From the Observer Feb. 25, 1921. A total rainfall of 1.70 for the month of February is the report of D. E. Stephens. The total for January was 1.74. J. M. Eddy is again on the job as mail carrier on the local rural route. He reports that on Monday succeeding the 18 hour snow fall his car bucked drifts that were an average of one to four feet and about as endless as the 30 mile route.

Andy Sandvig was one of those from Wasco who attended the Washington birthday mask ball given Tuesday in Moro.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one) trict are eligible to vote at a PUD election.

State police made 372 arrests of motorists for drunken driving during 1939, according to the annual report of State Police Superintendent Chas. P. Pray. Arrests by state police for all traffic law violations during the year totalled 10,907 while 103,906 other offending motorists were released with warnings. Fines imposed against motorists haled into court by the state police aggregated \$84,047 with jail sentences aggregating 21,070 days.

Governor Sprague came near being an unwilling passenger on the Southern Pacific 'cascade' Saturday morning. Oregon's chief executive had just entered the drawing room occupied by Governor Olson of California to greet the visiting dignitary on his way to fill a speaking engagement in Portland when the train started. The governor made a dash for the exit but the train had travelled a full two blocks before it was brought to a stop to permit Oregon's governor to alight. It was indeed a case of 'hello' and 'good-bye'.

Nothing daunted by President Roosevelt's refusal to indicate his attitude toward a third term the Oregon Commonwealth Federation this week filed nominating petitions with Secretary of State Snell insuring Roosevelt's name a place on the Democratic primary ballot next May unless the president in the meantime intervenes to withdraw the filing. The petitions which were filed by David Epps, president and Monroe Sweetland, secretary of the Federation contained 1200 signatures secured in seven Oregon counties.

Jobless insurance paid to unemployed Oregon workers during 1939 aggregated only \$3,554,535, or only slightly more than half the amount paid out for unemployment compensation in Oregon during 1938, according to a report by the Unemployment Compensation Commission. Indicative of the substantial gain in industrial activity in this state lumber and logging workers drew only \$978,378 in benefits during 1939 as compared to \$2,348,467 in 1938.

The federal comptroller has taken a \$289.75 gasoline tax refund out of the hide of the eastern Oregon public lands counties. When Governor Sprague at the conclusion of the last legislative session vetoed a bill providing for the refund the comptroller merely withheld the amount from a check which he sent to state treasurer Pearson in payment of Oregon's share of grazing fees under the Taylor grazing act. Pearson protested against the comptroller's high handed method and sent the check, with the protest, back through United States Senator McNary. This week McNary returned the check to Pearson with the information that Oregon's only recourse is thru the courts, a recourse that would probably cost the state more than is involved in the controversy. State officials question the validity of the federal claim inasmuch as the gasoline tax was paid on gasoline going into privately owned automobiles operated by federal employees who were being reimbursed on a mileage basis. Pearson protested the deduction from the grazing fee check on the ground that there was no connection between the tax fund.

Electric energy consumed in lighting the state capitol and the new library building and operating the two elevators costs the state nearly \$1000 a month. The total juice bill for those two buildings for 1939 was \$11,431.54. It was revealed this week. The electric bill for the new capitol alone exceeded \$600 a month during the summer months immediately following the opening of the building until the wattage in the hundreds of lights in the building was reduced from 600 as specified to 300 which is now found to be entirely adequate.

The state emergency board is expected to meet within the next two weeks to consider an appropriation to finance the Oregon exhibit at the Golden Gate exposition this year. Tentative estimates prepared by the state budget department provide for an appropriation of \$10,000 out of the emergency fund with the state highway department making up the necessary balance out of its travel promotion fund.

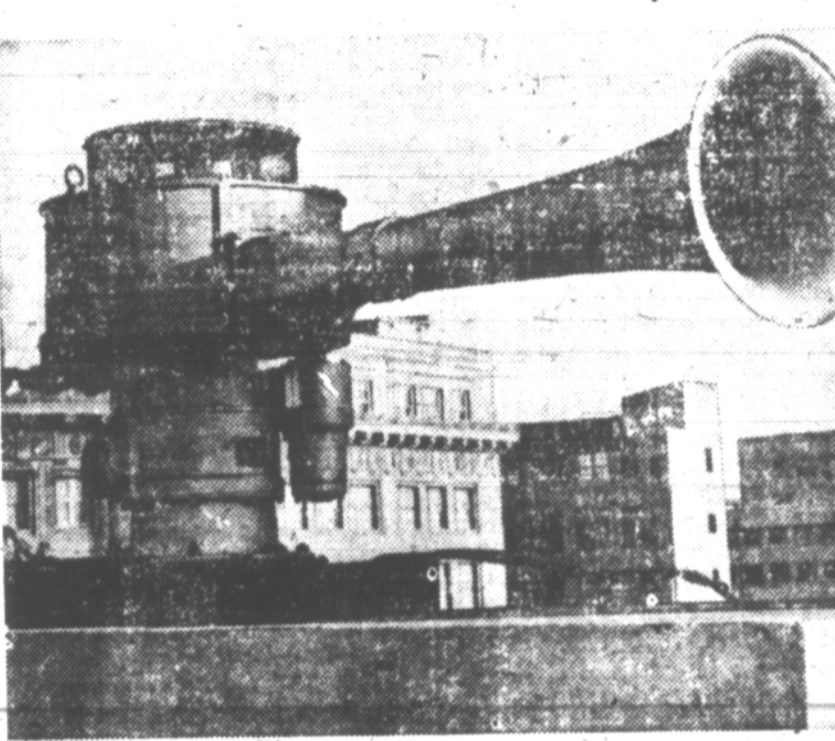
J. H. VanWinkle has announced his determination to seek another term as attorney general. So far no other Republican candidate has appeared, Ralph Moody who was mentioned in this connection having denied any ambition in that direction.

City of Flint Crew in Home Waters



Members of the crew of the City of Flint turn thumbs down on the banner with the pinwheel cross. The City of Flint arrived in Baltimore, Md., recently after an epic cruise which lasted 114 days. This Nazi flag was hoisted by the German prize crew put aboard to take the ship to Germany after its capture by a sea raider. The ship was later freed by Norway.

Worse Than Bombs? Yes, Says Doctor



Raucous, brass-voiced air raid sirens, like this one in Sydney, Australia, are blamed by Dr. Edward Toulouse, president of the French league of mental hygiene, for a rise in mental disorders. Dr. Toulouse, adviser to the French ministry of public health, advocates softer-voiced alarms lest France become a nation of nervous wrecks. Effects of the present sirens, he says, are worse than bombing.

Kent Folks Have Land Bank Ready To Help Farmers

A greater degree of security for distressed farm owners is the aim of a program of increased cooperation between the Federal Land Bank of Spokane and the Farm Security Administration, E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the land bank, said this week.

For some time the land bank and the Farm Security Administration have had a working agreement covering the handling of cases where both institutions are interested. This agreement is now being expanded and clarified, through conferences between bank officials and Walter A. Duffy, Portland, regional director of the Farm Security Administration.

Out of our joint efforts we are carrying forward a program under which worthy farm families that have any reasonable chance to make a go of it on their farms will be given every opportunity to succeed, Ehrhardt said.

This is a program that is not only fair to the debtor, but to the creditors as well. It enables the land bank borrower to maintain his equity, re-establishes his prospects of eventual ownership of his farm, free of debt, and at the same time maintains the integrity of the bank's investment.

Eighty per cent or more of the farm families that are members of the land bank system are keeping their loans in good standing. If conditions become no worse than they have been in the past two or three years, they should be able eventually to work themselves out of debt without outside help. It is our aim to assist as many as possible of the remaining 20 per cent to get in the position where they, also, can work themselves out of debt and be self-sustaining on farms of their own.

Higher Rank Connoisseur: "I have a Sargent painting in my home." Friend: "That's nothing. I have a general housecleaning in mine."

KENT REBEKAH NEWS

The Past Noble Grands club of Kent Rebekah Lodge met with Mrs. Elner Helyer Wednesday, February 21, and enjoyed a potluck luncheon. On account of the floor of Rebekah Hall being unfinished, it was decided to postpone the card party originally scheduled for February 29, until the last Saturday night in March.

JACK MILNE JR. AIDING PORT OF THE DALLES

When Jack Milne Jr., en route through the Inland Empire to conduct a campaign of education for the Port of The Dalles and to solicit a tonnage of the 1940 wool clip, reaches Moro, the transportation savings he will be able to offer will in a measure take the sting out of a proposed 22 per cent increase being asked by intercoastal ship operators, who move Inland Empire wool, in large part, for Pacific coast ports to the North Atlantic seaboard. The Port of The Dalles has gained readjusted rates that will enable woolgrowers of the interior, who move their tonnage to The Dalles by motor truck and transfer it to Columbia river craft, to save from 50 cents to \$1 per ton.

Bicycle Riders Often Make Traffic Errors

In 78 percent of the fatal accidents involving motor vehicles and bicycles during the year 1939 the bicycle riders were engaged in some imprudent action at the time the accident occurred, it was revealed today by the secretary of state.

These unsafe actions included riding two or more abreast, riding double on one bicycle, cutting across the path of traffic suddenly, failing to observe traffic signals and signs, hitching rides on moving vehicles and riding on the wrong side of the street.

"Every person who rides a bicycle should remember that in the eyes of the Oregon law, bicycles are regarded as vehicles and as such are subject to the same traffic regulations as other vehicles," Snell declared. "This means that bicycle riders must stop at stop signs, observe traffic and right of way laws that apply to traffic control.

Young bicycle riders frequently forget to give proper arm signals when making turns and they often ride several abreast, thus causing the riders to be out in the path of the faster moving automobile traffic. These practices must be eliminated if we are to reduce the bicycle toll."

Looks to 1940



Anxious to Please

Diner: "Two eggs, please. Don't fry them a second after the white is cooked. Don't turn them over. Not too much fat. Just a small pinch of salt on each. No pepper. . . . Well, what are you waiting for?" Waiter: "The hen's name is Betty. Is that all right, sir?" Kentish Mercury.

Read the ads in the Journal

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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

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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 Administrator of the estate of Harriet Root, deceased, and that Saturday, March 23, 1940 at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Court room, in the Courthouse, 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. G. Herbert Root

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 be, 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

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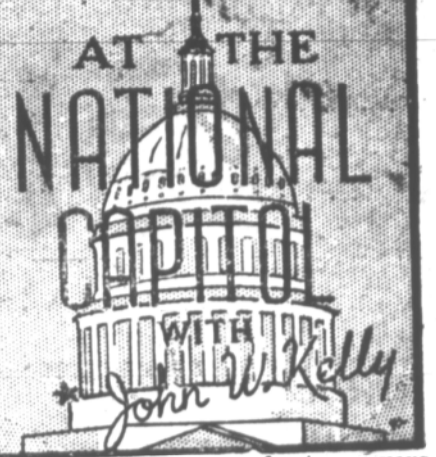
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consists of 14,000 walnut growers in California, Oregon and Washington with a farm value crop (1939) of \$11,240,000; western Washington vegetables 1300 growers, crop \$1,150,000; Oregon cauliflower 300 growers, crop \$90,000; Oregon and Washington fresh prunes 600 growers, crop \$380,000; Oregon, Washington, California hop growers, crop \$5,550,000; same states fall and winter pear growers 3,000, crop value \$1,600,000.

In the national capital there is a firm conviction among 90% that Roosevelt will be nominated for a third term with the best chance of any Democrat to be elected. There is more doubt about electing Roosevelt than there is about his nomination.

Vice-president Garner is determined to prevent Mr. Roosevelt's nomination (he made Roosevelt's nomination possible in 1932), and if he cannot win himself he will throw his delegates to someone like Farley or Montana's Wheeler, but not to Cordell Hull.

Inside groups of the White House circle are looking to the Commonwealth Federation in Washington and Oregon to look after Roosevelt's interests in the Pacific northwest.

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