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FREIGHT RATE

This week the news has been
received that the proposed reduced
rate on wool through The Dalles
had been postponed for ninety
days. The rate on petroleum
products that was applied for last
November has recently suffered the
same fate. We cannot help but
wonder what will happen to the
soon to be filed rate on wheat
that will cut the freight 1.8 cents
per bushel from Shaniko branch
points.

Farmers will now have to pay
more for the gasoline and diesel
oil used this spring because the
rate on those products was not al-
lowed in time. Wool growers will
pay a larger sum than necessary
to get their wool to market. If
our 3 cent cut is postponed for
ninety days the 1939 crop will be
shipped out at the old rate. The
producer will be forced to pay
more for freight than some haul-
ers are willing to take for trans-
portation.

The reduced rate on this branch
if it could be put into effect im-
mediately after the statutory ten
days after filing, would save farm-
ers in this county between \$10,
000 and \$12,000. Over an entire
crop year it will mean between
\$20,000 and \$25,000. That is money
paid directly to the farmer. It is
immediately reflected in the price
of his product. It is real money.

The reason these two rates have
been held up is that, in the case
of the petroleum rate, the Inland
Empire Waterways association
asked for delay and the teamsters'
union and others, sympathetic to
them, have protested; the wool
rate is delayed because of a pro-
test by the Pacific Inland Tariff
bureau, an organization of 200
trucks.

As for the Inland Empire Water
ways association, this county ap-
propriated \$500 a year for it for
several years in the hope it would
bring us lower freight rates. It
has now protested against a lower
rate.

We feel safe in assuming that
when the railroads or the port of
The Dalles ask for a lower rate
they feel able to perform the ser-
vice at the price specified. Any
higher rate charged, or permitted
to be charged by the utility com-
missioner, must be considered a
subsidy paid to the type of trans-
portation gaining the advantage
by protest.

The argument is made that the
state should not permit one type
of transportation to lower rates
in order to run out another. As
long as we have highways al-
ready built and as long as trucks
are manufactured we will have
truck operation available. If the
boats and the rails hauled for
nothing for ten years, we could
get truck operation in a week af-
ter rates were raised too high ag-
ain.

The interest this country has in
the three methods of transporta-
tion is that they offer competi-
tion so that rates may be lowered.
It seems that lately the competi-
tion among them is to prevent
the lowering of rates. That should
not be permitted to continue.

It is certainly to the interest of
the state that its producers move
their needed gas and oil at the low-
est figure anyone will haul it.
Surely the wool growers are en-
titled to the lowest rate available.
And, while it is too early for any-
one to protest the new wheat rate,
we are entitled to have it go
through immediately and without
interference by those retained to
administer the law in the interest
of the public.

A CHANGE NEEDED

Those most competent to figure
the probable millage for school
purposes if the proposed county
school law be adopted have com-
puted it to be 5.2 mills if no sav-
ings are made in administration.
Some will certainly be made, but
they can hardly be accurately es-
timated at this time.

Large land owners living in ru-
ral districts have held a certain
advantage in tax payments for
school purposes for many years.
Naturally they wish to retain this

advantage. In many cases it may
overcome their desire, as either
parents or citizens, for better
schools.

If they are in the majority the
plan will fail and the county will
go on with a school system that
has no defense among educators
or high or low degree.

It is hoped that enough explana-
tion will be made before the vote
is taken so that every elector will
understand the county school law
and vote his or her preference for
it or the retention of the present
system. Surely it has been said
enough times that no particular
type of school consolidation is be-
ing voted on at this election.

The present school system is
burdensomely expensive. Its costs
are excessive. Only the fact that
this county has a greater valua-
tion of taxable property per school
child than any other county makes
it possible at all.

The county actually spent \$99,
357.02 in the 1938-39 school year
to educate 452 children. Even de-
ducting the debt service the cost
was \$92,279.02. The average cost
without debt service was \$205.06
per child, grade and high school.

The average cost in the state of
Oregon, according to the state
superintendent's report for 1937-38
is \$95.02.

In that report Sherman county's
average cost is given as \$217.75
which is \$50.63 higher than any
other in the state.

Klamath county and Crook coun-
ty, both having the county sys-
tem, have costs per pupil of \$114.
84 for Klamath and \$91.51 for
Crook. They are certainly counties
in which the population is scat-
tered as widely as in Sherman.

If one might for the moment
disregard the educational advan-
tages that might be obtained from
a different school system and look
merely at the financial side, he
must be impressed with the plain
fact that Sherman county schools
are more expensive than necessary.

If we could prove, or even feel,
that our children were getting
more than twice the education in
this county the expenditure of our
money might be justified. Yet, it
is hard to find a parent who is
satisfied that the schools are aver-
age. If we were able to bring
our costs down to even \$150 per
pupil per year, which would still
make us third high in the state, we
could make a saving that would
cut the estimated 5.2 mills most
materially.

IT ALWAYS RAINS

Certainly this paper could not
be published this particular week
in this particular year without
containing therein a paean of gra-
titude for the moisture that has
descended on this county during
the month just passed.

Since December first, after a
fall so dry that the third month
thereof, November, broke a thirty
year record for dryness with a
minuscule three hundredths of an
inch of rainfall, barely more than
a wet wind might produce, the
country in the words of the old
country in the words of the old
timers, many now gone, who al-
ways insisted, in drouth, hail or
pestilence, that Sherman county
always came back.

December's rain was greater
than the average for that month.
January also exceeded the normal
and now February, with a normal
of 1.16 and a high of 2.43 sets a
new record. As November ended
a three months dry spell with a
few records for drouth, so Febru-
ary ends a three month wet spell
with a new record, two and a
half times the normal precipita-
tion for that month.

These pages can but feebly echo
the words of joy that are spoken
of so magnificent a demonstration
of affection by Mother Nature. No
one can put into words the under-
current of satisfaction that wells
up from each and every one in
the county.

But a quarter of our acres were
sown in the fall and the wheat so
planted did not sprout but laid
there without encouragement. It is
just now peeping from the earth.
Nineteen-forty will be a year of
spring grain, and while the sub-
soil is still not wet there should
be enough moisture—a normal
season following—to insure a
crop, a good crop.

And the old timers are right
again, as they have been so often
before—"Sherman county never
turns you down".

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)
ving only the annexation of ad-
ditional territory by the Tillamook
peoples utility district.

In all of its reports the Hydro-
electric commission has confined
itself to a statement of engineer-
ing facts with the comment that
the proposed projects could be op-
erated at a profit under certain
assumed conditions. These condi-
tions include the acquisition of the
transmission and distribution
lines of the private utilities at
their book value plus a small ad-
ditional amount to cover material
supplies and working capital and
in most cases, the purchase of
electricity from the Bonneville
project. In only one instance, that
in Clackamas county, does the
commission hold out any hope for
immediate rate reductions thru
public ownership.

Estimated to raise \$2,900,000
a year through fees and licenses
a measure legalizing various gam-
bling devices is being initiated
by the Oregon Merchants Legis-
lative League. The measure would
legalize punch boards, pinball
games and bank nights but not
slot machines. A portion of the
revenues thus raised would go to
the schools but the major share
would go to the counties to finance
old age pension and relief
payments.

The state board of control is
considering the advisability of em-
ploying a full time state archi-
tect. The suggestion was advan-
ced by Governor Sprague at a
meeting of the board this week.
Similar proposals have been con-
sidered by the board under pre-
vious administrations.

Curio collectors have been car-
rying away all kind of trophies
from the new state capitol ever
since that building was opened
to the public but a nocturnal vis-
itor this week set an all-time re-
cord by carting away a large man
hole cover from one of the open-
ings to the tunnel that carries
the steam pipes, electric conduits
and other adjuncts to the various
state buildings.

In Other Days

Grass Valley Journal, Mar. 4, 1921
Kent items: Another of those
jolly parties Saturday night at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt
Simon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Givens
went to Portland Wednesday. Mrs.
Givens expects to submit to an
operation there.

Grass Valley should have a good
ball team this year with plenty
of material on hand.

C. B. Olds is in charge of the
meat market and Henry Hising
of Metolius will help with the
outside work.

From the Observer, Mar. 3, 1911
Roy Powell has taken an alfalfa
farm near Prineville and will
become a resident of Crook county
from Erskineville and A. B. Mathews
from the Meloy farm in their
sleighs Saturday.

Charles Bullard and F. C. Schu-
macher reported their fall sown
wheat up nicely almost good for
pasture and stouling. We hope the
snow covered it Saturday night
safely against the cold snap that
set in against us Saturday night.

Roy Vintin is having a very se-
rious sick spell and has been re-
moved from the farm to Grass
Valley for treatment.

From the Observer, Mar. 4, 1921
Miss Itha Garrett, in charge of
the Grass Valley telephone office
was visiting in Moro Tuesday, a
guest of Miss Idabelle Urquhart,
agent for the telephone company
at this place.

Archie Blue and Francis Boyer
spent Sunday at the Moro hotel.

Mrs. Roy Dean arrived last week
from Portland to be with her hus-
band. They are making their home
at the Moro Hotel. Mr. Dean is
assistant manager of the Sherman
Electric company, with offices in
this city.

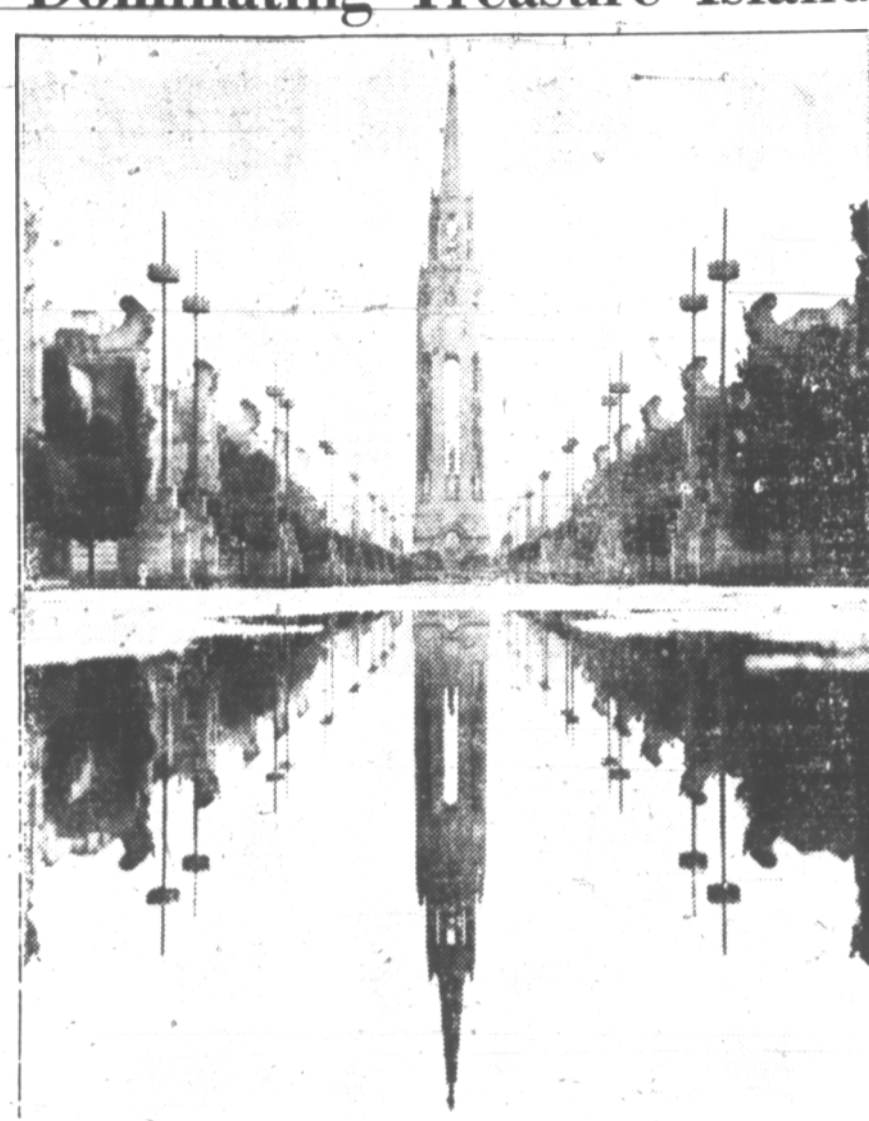
Visitors at the Moro Hotel last
Sunday included the Misses Ruth
Akers, Iva Brock, Bernice Smith,
May Brock, Dorothy Barnett, Bes-
sie Lemley, Claudine Brock, Helen
Barnett and Laura Sijles from our
sister city of Wasco.

Two drivers involved in fatal
accidents during January and 190
involved in other accidents were
residents of Oregon but held no
driver's license, figures on the
January accident summary reveal
ed today.

Of the 20 vehicles involved in
fatal accidents in Oregon in Janu-
ary, 17 were proceeding straight
ahead at the time of the accident
and one each was making a right
turn, a left turn and overtaking.

Daylight accidents accounted
for only 16 percent of the fatal
accidents in January, the remain-
der occurring in early dusk or af-
ter dark, the secretary of state
said today. Nine of the 18 fatal-
ities occurred after dark at points
where there were no street lights.

Dominating Treasure Island



Trick photography and a small pool of water combined to make possible this novel view of the famous 400-foot Tower of the Sun, famed landmark of Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, which will open its gates on May 25 for an entirely new and beautiful edition of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Sherman County Pomona Grange Will Hear Fred Peterson

Sherman County Pomona grange
will meet at Kent Saturday, March
2. Fred Peterson of Klamath
Falls will speak on the County
Unit system in the afternoon dur-
ing lecturer's hour, which will be
open to the public.

Gus Schilling was transacting
business in The Dalles Wednes-
day and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs.
Pete Smith, Mrs. R. P. Barnett and
Mrs. Carl Schadewitz were shop-
ping in The Dalles Friday.

Roy and Milton Fauske from
The Dalles came to Kent Sunday.
They have employment at the John
Wilson and Walter Buyers ranches.

Mrs. W. B. Wilson is recovering
from an appendicitis operation in
the Mid-Columbia hospital in the
Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Miller of
Moro were visitors at the home of
Louis Sather Friday.

Nan Smith was a week end vis-
itor at Dufur.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purchase
and Mrs. John Wilson were calling
briefly in The Dalles Saturday.

James Wilson is staying with
his grandmother, Mrs. Alfred Ly-
ons while his mother is confined in
the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell
and daughter, Juanita, and son
Robert of Hermiston were visit-
ing relatives here over the week
end.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter,
Nellie, attended the birthday party
for Mrs. C. B. Doyle at Grass
Valley Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Millard Thompson return-
ed to her home at Antelope Wed-
nesday after visiting with her
mother, Mrs. Gus Schilling.

Helen and Lester Wilson were
shopping in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justesen of
Pendleton and Mrs. Harry Juste-
sen and son Eddie of Walla Walla
were overnight visitors at the
Fred Justesen home here Sunday
night.

Joe Almahd of Portland was
calling on friends at Kent Friday.

Aimand will be remembered here
as a former Union oil salesman.
Mr. Almahd now has a position
with the US engineers in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Amick were
dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson
home Sunday.

Wilbur Haggerty got his truck
home from The Dalles Monday.

Lillian Schassen and Evelyn
Davis of The Dalles were week
end visitors at the J. L. Davis
home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schilling were
dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max
Pisumke Saturday evening.

Kent Home Economics club spon-
sored a card party Saturday even-
ing with ten tables in play. Supper
was served at midnight.

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Lounsbury Appointed UP Traffic Manager

Portland, Ore., Feb. 29—Har-
vey E. Lounsbury, assistant traf-
fic manager of the Union Pacific
railroad, has been appointed traf-
fic manager, it was announced
today. He will continue to have
charge of freight and passenger
traffic for the northwestern dis-
trict with headquarters in Port-
land.

Mr. Lounsbury's elevation in
rank is a part of the general re-
organization of the railroad's
staff of traffic executives. L. T.
Wilcox, who succeeded the late
R. R. Mitchell, freight traffic
manager, has been appointed as
general freight traffic manager,
with headquarters at Omaha; and
Passenger Traffic Manager W. S.
Basinger, Omaha, has been made
general passenger traffic man-
ager. C. J. Collins, Omaha, be-
comes passenger traffic manager
and the assistant traffic man-
agers at San Francisco, Los An-
geles, Denver and Salt Lake City
have been appointed traffic man-
agers.

Mr. Lounsbury's railroad car-
eer began in Portland in 1887.
From 1912 until he became assis-
tant traffic manager in 1939 he
was general freight agent for the
Union Pacific with headquarters
at Portland.

LOW-COST MENU BULLETIN FEATURES OREGON FOODS

Milk, eggs and butter all have
prominent places in a list of low-
cost menus for one month just
issued in bulletin form by the ex-
tension service at Oregon State
college. The bulletin not only in-
cludes menus, but also recipes for
the foods recommended.

The food value a family re-
ceives from its meals does not
depend entirely on the amount
spent for food, the bulletin ex-
plains. A homemaker who is a
good manager may frequently
keep her family well fed on a
very meager income, while another
may have her family under-
nourished while spending much
more.

The families who follow the
menus in this bulletin are urged
to include a liberal amount of
whole milk if possible. Eggs are
suggested as being particularly
valuable for their iron content.
Children under six need an egg
three or four times a week, it
is said. Butter is recommended
as a spread for bread at all three
meals even in very low-cost diets.

In addition to the list of menus
and recipes, the bulletin contains
a guide to food selection, how to
plan low-cost meals, use of mill
in recipes, and a market order
for five persons for one week.

The motorist of today can buy
a car for about one third the price
charged 33 years ago, says the
Oregon Motor association. The av-
erage auto cost \$2,131 in 1907 with
windshield top and horn extra.
This year the average passenger
car costs less than \$800.

GLASS TRAFFIC LANES

Quebec is experimenting with
paint containing ground glass to
make white lines on pavements. A
report says that the glass reflects
headlights, making the traffic lanes
more visible at night.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF
Attorney At Law
Moro and Wasco

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday even-
ings of each month.
Visiting members cor-
dially invited to meet
with us.
E. Amidon, W.M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.
Moro, Oregon
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Tuesday in the
I.O.O.F. hall Tra-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.

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

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78.O.E.S.
Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second and
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
Invited
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 wel-
come.
Anna Davis, N. G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.



under a slow bell for the year
beginning next July 1. Requests
for funds by these two projects
have been cut deeply. The house
is also ordering retrenchment in
reclamation. It will probably be
April before final action is taken
on these various appropriations
and the measures are sent to the
White House for the president's
signature.

Agricultural committee of the
house has determined to continue
the rate of interest for farm
loans at 3.5 percent. There is
some complaint against this rate
by administration authorities, but
the committee insists that money
is cheap and borrowers of farm
loans should share in this benefit.

With the exception of Knute
Hilli, every representative from
the Pacific northwest—Oregon,
Washington, Idaho—voted against
the administration's recaptured
trade treaty policy. When the sub-
ject reaches the senate every sen-
ator from those states will oppose
the treaty program, with a single
possible exception.

FOR ASSESSOR:
I hereby announce candidacy to
succeed myself as Assessor of
Sherman county, subject to the will
of the Republican voters.
Margaret W. Peetz

ANNOUNCEMENT
Having filed my declaration of
 candidacy for the Democratic Party's
 nomination of county clerk
 of Sherman County, Oregon, I cor-
 rally solicit the support of the
 members of that party and also
 the support of all electors of Sher-
 man County, Oregon.
 Ross Ornduff

Read the ads in the Journal

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims ag-
ainst the Estate of Peter J. Pet-
ers, deceased, are hereby notified
to present them, with the proper
vouchers and duly verified, to
the undersigned, the duly ap-
pointed administrator of the es-
tate 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

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
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Administrator
Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 1940.

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 applica-
tion to the court for an order
fixing and appointing a time and
place for the settlement of said
final account and for hearing ob-
jections 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 ap-
pointed be published in the SHER-
MAN 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