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"FISHY" BUSINESS

The members of the committee that was chosen to work for the retention of the federal appropriation for the Moro experiment station are unanimous in feeling that there is something decidedly "fishy" about the entire proceedings regarding those funds.

The house committee reduced the appropriation for cereal crops and diseases from \$551,121 to \$501,040, or about ten percent. The local station is under the branch of the department. In the Senate the appropriation was cut to an even \$500,000 although funds were allotted to the Hermon station which is under irrigation. The Pendleton station under dry lands, was restored in the house.

The "fishy" part of the matter is that there doesn't seem to be much desire on the part of the heads of the department to have the funds for the local station put in the budget and the best information received by the committee is that the entire \$2600 of federal funds for this station will be discontinued July 1, unless the senate will increase the budget on the floor—a most unlikely possibility.

Walter Pierce says that it may be possible for the state to raise the money for the station, but this is already putting \$6000 a year into the station with the understanding that the federal government will cooperate. The county bought the land as its part of the tripartite agreement.

Furthermore unless the station could be classed as a federal station it would lose much of its contact with other similar stations and many advantages derived in purchase of supplies, etc.

It is unnecessary to recount the many things developed here by heads of the Moro station during the 30 years it has been in existence. There is Federation wheat, now grown all over the west. It had the first stand of Crested Wheat grass in the north west; it has produced new and hybrid wheats that are making better crops for nearly every wheat grower; the successful summer fallow tillage methods of this area are the result of its experiments.

Now for a paltry sum that would barely put a bell on a latrine, hire a WPA clerk or pay for a day's cruise in the Caribbean, this station that has done so much for agriculture in this extensive district is to be handicapped or perhaps discontinued.

MAYBE THEY LIE ABOUT IT

This great-to-do about the census gives rise to the question of how many people answer the census taker correctly. If memory serves correctly the one taking the census does not demand that the victim hold up his right hand and promise to tell it all and tell it straight.

As far as is known the bureau doesn't check up on the answers at some later date and find that Mrs. Jones of 812 Q St. has aged but six years from 1930 to 1940. Neither is it known that some federal department finds that Mr. Jones made \$2500 on his income tax blank and \$4000 on his census return.

Maybe Senator Tobey is getting unduly excited over the prospect of thousands of citizens having to tell their secrets to an inquiring government agent. He may think that every citizen is as honest as he is.

SPRING FEVER

There is much talk of spring fever these warm days of the early vernal season and those who lean against the buildings on main street and whittle the discarded matches and bark the scarred trees along the side walks give evidence of its effect.

Now for some spring is a time of great activity. With the first warm day they are out in the garden or in the machine shed getting ready to make great labors of seeding and planting.

Evidence of men of this stripe can be seen on every country road; their fields are tilled and sown and already appear full of life and ready to produce a crop. There are others and they are of the enviable majority, to whom spring brings a sudden cessation from care. The worry of keeping a fire or keeping near a fire is over and they can loll in the pleasant sunshine and be serenely happy. It is these that speak of spring fever as a disease that causes ambition to seep from men's bodies and leave them an inert amoeba, basking in sun and warmth.

Perhaps we are all like that. Maybe those who hurriedly toil at seeding time really would much rather be soaking up the sunshine and letting sheer physical comfort take the place of conscience stimulated action. A-w-w-w Gee.

INCOME TAX

News from the office of the Oregon Tax commission that small income tax payers were paying a smaller percentage of the income taxes this year will serve to check criticism of the new income tax law passed last session. Those who opposed the bill held that it would raise too much money from income taxes and that the policy of increasing income taxes as a means of reducing property taxes was not the correct one. It was also stated that the "little fellow" would suffer from the change that put the intangibles tax in the same bracket with regular income. The report of the income indicates that this has not been the case.

Those whose income is under \$2000 and are married pay at the same rate. Incomes larger than that pay at a higher rate. If, for instance, a man makes \$4000 his tax is \$90. Now \$4000 is a rather nice salary and the earner thereof might without undue hardship pay \$90 per year to the state.

If the taxpayer makes \$500 per month his tax would be about \$20 per month. We don't think it is excessive.

If the one who earns these sums of money prefers to own property as a means of winning his daily bread his taxes would be much higher for he would have to contribute to county, city school and district.

With the approach of the opening day for the fishing season there is renewed talk of a county road along the Deschutes. Local fishermen think they want such a road but would probably find that it would end the good fishing and bring them lots of competition for the fish. If they were granted a legal right to go along the stream despite the wishes of the fishing club owners, the problem would be solved.

After much talk of economy, the senate finally voted appropriations larger than the administration's budget. It was to be expected. This administration is smart enough to put out a reduced budget and let some one else take the blame for raising it.

Frenchmen are getting anxious to fight if the firing of Daladier can be taken to mean that. The realization of war may prove to be worse than the suspense of waiting for it.

In Other Days

From the Observer Mar. 25 1921 Mrs. B. F. Medler, two sons Julius and Albert, and C. W. Johnson and family were visitors Sunday at the Wm. Henrichs home.

Herman Burmester, proprietor of the Moro tailor shop, left this week for a short visit with his daughter at Seattle.

Mr. Peter Hansen was in Moro this week attending the funeral of his brother, Soren Hansen.

From the Observer, Mar. 24 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rudolf departed Tuesday morning for their new home at White Salmon. Several of their Moro friends were at the depot to bid them farewell.

Hugh Shull has parted with the largest portion of his realty holdings in Sherman county and will devote his attention to sales of the Schacht auto in eastern Washington and Idaho.

Geo. Hennagin's new home is now completed and ready for occupancy; beyond question it is the best constructed and most conveniently arranged farm home in Sherman county. O. A. Ramsey builder, Roy Axtell, painter.

County Treasurer George B. Bourhill will soon start for Scotland to make a visit to his folks whom he has not seen for about twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Serrurier spent Sunday at Wamic with Mrs. Packard, Mrs. Serrurier's mother.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one) to increase day by day as the dead line approaches.

Among the outstanding political developments of the week was the entry of Vice-President John Nance Garner into the Oregon primary in his fight for the Democratic nomination for president. Former governor Chas. H. Martin also dropped his name into the pot as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention. He wants to help nominate Garner. Floyd J. Cook of Portland filed his formal declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state treasurer, thus assuring Earl Hill of Cushman opposition for that honor.

Arthur M. Geary of Portland threw a small sized bomb shell into the Ralph Calk camp when he suddenly, and without previous warning, filed as a candidate for the job of Republican national committeeman, a post for which Calk has already filed. Rex Ellis of Pendleton, for two terms state senator from Umatilla county, announced himself as a candidate for congress from the second district in opposition to the Democratic incumbent, Walter M. Pierce of La Grande. I. H. VanWinkle filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for attorney general and Bruce Spalding, Polk county democrat announced that he will also be a candidate for that post with rumors still persisting that Ralph Hamilton of Bend will also enter the Republican lists for this same office.

P. J. Stedman of The Dalles while in Salem this week let it be known that he would not yield to demands that he become a candidate for state treasurer but would content himself with a try for another term in the senate, but the rumor still persists that Leslie Scott, Portland republican will probably get into the republican race for this office which is being vacated by Democratic Walter Pearson at the end of the current year.

Oregon property owners who feel themselves overburdened on taxes may well envy residents of the little town of Shaniko in Wasco county which has the lowest combined tax levy of any Oregon municipality. A study of city tax levies just completed by Walter Pearson, treasurer, shows that Shaniko's combined levy for state, county, school and city purposes, is only 21.8 mills. On the other hand property owners who do not own anything in Bay City in Tillamook county, have cause for congratulations on that score, for this little Tillamook county community with a levy of 117.3 mills, has the highest tax rate of any Oregon municipality. Pearson's tax study shows that 97 Oregon cities increased their levy this year while 99 other municipalities reduced their levies.

When the senate interim committee on executive appointments meets in Portland on March 30, it will have two appointments to the State Board of Higher Education under consideration. Governor Sprague this week named E. C. Groesbeck, Klamath Falls attorney, to this board to succeed Herman Oliver of John Day who has resigned as a member to succeed E. B. Aldrich on the highway commission. The governor had previously announced the appointment of Mac Hoke of Pendleton to succeed Edward C. Pease of The Dalles on the higher education board. Both appointments are subject to approval of the senate committee.

Apportionment of \$153,121.37, representing the state's share of the revenues of the forest reserves, was completed this week by Secretary of State Smill. Thirty-one of the state's 36 counties participated in the apportionment which, based upon the forest reserve area in each county, ranged from a high of \$49,873.36 to Grant county to a low of \$16.13 to Polk county.

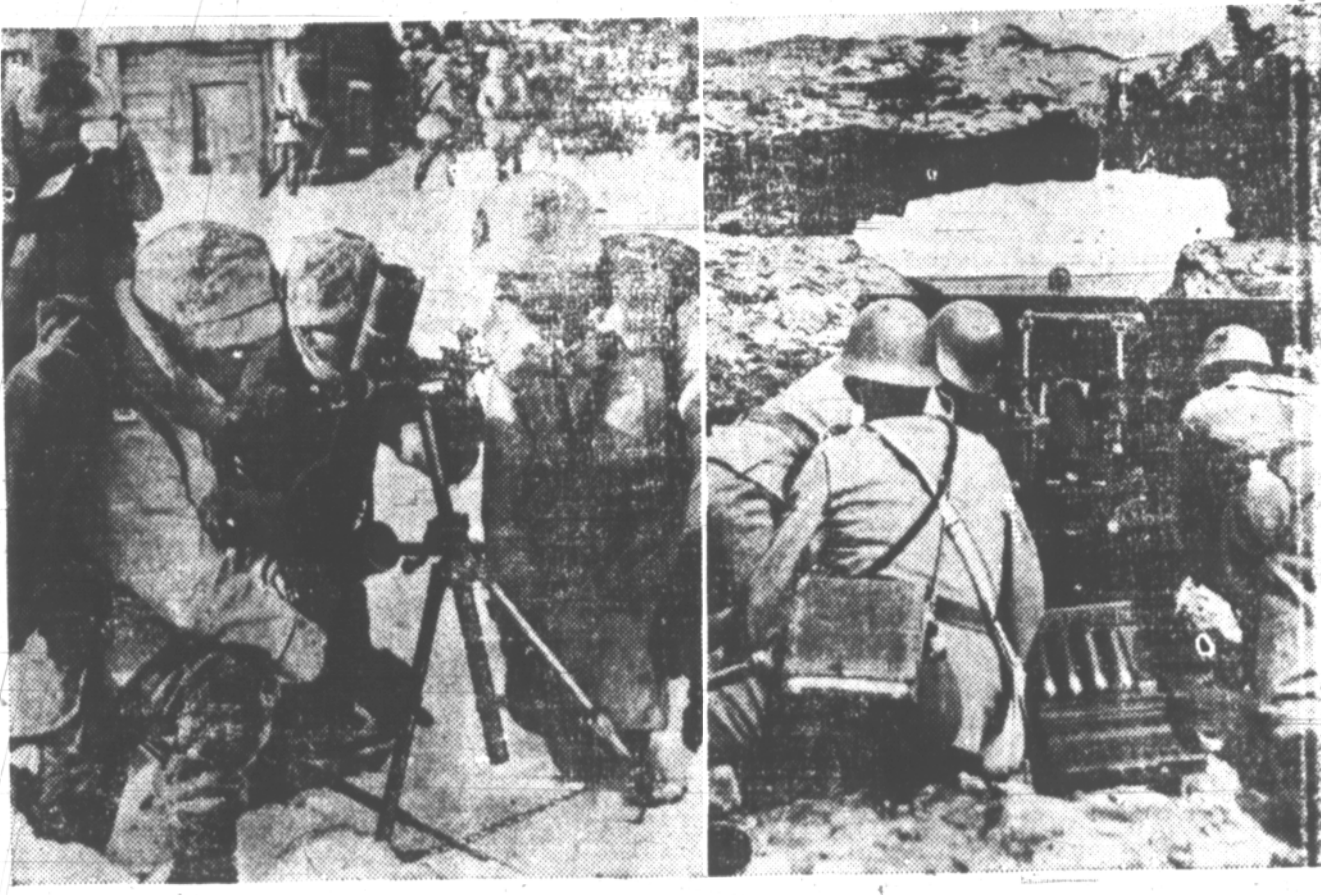
UO CADET WINS HIGHEST HONORS

University of Oregon, Eugene, March 22 (Special)—The General John J. Pershing medal for distinguished attainment in military education, conferred annually on a cadet in each of the corps areas of the United States, has been awarded to William B. Rosson, cadet colonel of the University of Oregon ROTC unit.

Rosson, who has served as cadet colonel this year, was also named as outstanding freshman cadet in 1936-1937, and last year won the sabre awarded annually by the Reserve Officers to the outstanding junior. He was a member of the band in 1938 and 1940. He is a member of Scabbard and Blade, military honor society; Beta Gamma Sigma, a business honorary; and Beta Theta Pi, fraternity.

Read the ads in the Journal.

Swedish Troops Practice Arctic Circle Maneuvers



Swedish troops who guard their country's northern frontier pictured at training maneuvers within the Arctic circle. It was in this area that Soviet warplanes bombed the Swedish village of Pajala. Left: Soldiers operate a mortar, similar to the Stokes machine. Right: Nature made this emplacement, used by an anti-tank crew near the border north of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Auxiliary Helps Legion Celebrate

The Auxiliary of Chris Schultz post entertained the members of the Legion last Friday night at the Woman's Club building. The occasion was the twenty first birthday of the American Legion. Mrs. C. C. Wilson was in charge of the arrangements. S.W. Searcy showed a number of reels of his moving pictures and a birthday cake, appropriately bearing 21 candles was cut and served to those present in addition to other refreshments.

College Job Bureaus Increase Efficiency

University of Oregon, Eugene, March 22 (Special)—A marked improvement in placement services in colleges of the Middle West and on the Pacific Coast, comparing favorably to the development of the employment service at the University of Oregon, has been noted by Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, who returned after a month's trip to various parts of the country. He visited more than a score of colleges and universities.

Services are now providing a great deal of information to employed graduates who would like to get better jobs, and they thus aid employers in finding experienced help for them, Dean Onthank reported. Similar headway is being made at the University of Oregon, he said, in spite of fierce competition. On his trip, the dean extended invitations to many companies to send representatives to the campus to interview applicants.

Winter Wheat Prospects Uncertain

Reports of private forecasters at the first of March emphasized the uncertain prospects for winter wheat this season. While some improvement was noted over the condition officially reported December 1, indications of probable returns were still indefinite. Grains failed to germinate in the drier sections. Last fall and stands are uneven. Moisture reserves are low and rainfall since the first of September has been below normal throughout the entire belt. In Kansas, only 5.40 inches of rainfall were received from September 1 to March 5, or 3.17 inches below normal for that period. In Nebraska, precipitation totaled only 4.38 inches or 2.27 inches below normal. In Oklahoma, the total was 6.15 against a normal of 9.70. In Ohio and Indiana, rainfall totaled 12.50 inches and 11.75 inches respectively against a normal of 17.55 and 20.05 inches. In Illinois the total was 9.47 for the period and in Missouri 9.86, a deficiency of 7.92 and 6.52 inches respectively. Warm and dry weather during the first week in March improved prospects for winter wheat in the Southern states and in the southern portions of the winter wheat belt but plants remained largely dormant in the northern half of the belt.

50 BILLION DOLLARS OF CARS

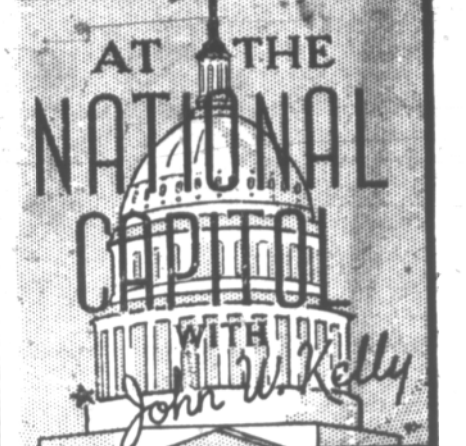
During the 39 years from 1900 through 1938, 75,500,000 motor vehicles were produced in the United States and Canada, according to the Oregon Motor association. The wholesale value of this production was more than \$50,000,000,000.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco

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ing area in Washington) and gives the impression that acres have been unnecessarily withdrawn from the tax rolls.

Reclamation Commission member Page says a number of acres will be opened this year on the Owyhee project, the Roza division of the Yakima project, and the Boise Payette in Idaho.

According to the census bureau there are 700 million acres in western states where irrigation is essential but only 20 million acres have been irrigated. Of these 20 million acres but three million are under federal projects, the remainder are in state, district or private development. As the reclamation bureau sees the picture, despite the 700 million acres requiring water to make them available, there are approximately 700 million acres not yet developed which have an available supply of water.

Last year the government spent for CCC camps in Oregon \$10,464,716 and for the camps in Washington \$7,467,389. This was the cash outlay and does not include value of the work done by the enrollees.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED ON GAME MATTER

Public hearing on the question of another open season on antlerless deer in Grant county will be held on May 11th, at 10 a.m. in John Day by the Oregon State Game commission.

The May meeting of the commission is to be held in John Day on May 10 and 11. The first day will be devoted to survey of the territory and the second to hearing delegations. At this hearing the commission will determine the effect of the open season on antlerless deer last year and decide whether another open season would be practical.

Note to Congressmen

This answer turned up in a recent general knowledge paper: "Syntax was a scale of charges for errors of conduct that was imposed on people in ancient times." —Edinburgh Dispatch.

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

In the matter of the Estate of I. A. Sommer, deceased. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the undersigned have been appointed by the above entitled court, Administratrix of the Estate of I. A. Sommer, deceased, and have qualified. And all persons having claims against same are hereby required to present their claim duly verified, to the undersigned within six months after date of publication of this notice. Roy J. Baker, Ellen E. Sommer, Att'y for estate. Elsie Martin, Administratrix. Date of first publication being March 8, 1940.

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

In the matter of the Estates of Charles H. Leonard and Janet Leonard, deceased. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Fred Krusow, the Administrator, of both of said estates, has rendered and filed his final account in each of said estates for settlement and the court has appointed Monday the 6th day of May, 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 of objections to and final settlement of said account. Fred Krusow, 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. Harper Root, Attorney for Administrator. Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 1940.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Sherman county subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in May. If elected, I will carry on the work of the office to the best of my ability. Charles C. Wilson

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 cordially solicit the support of the members of that party and also the support of all electors of Sherman County, Oregon. Ross Ornduff

FOR CLERK

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself in office as County Clerk, subject to the will of the Republican voters. If elected I will continue to serve the best interests of the people of Sherman County at all times. Joe Trout

Ahem!

Teacher. "When I was young I could answer any question in arithmetic." Tommy. "Yes, miss, but you had a different teacher." —Edinburgh Dispatch.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, W. G. Keller, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Guy Carlton Adams, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the office of the County Clerk, Court House, Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: March 15, 1940. W. G. Keller, Administrator Galloway & Krier, The Dalles, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. Date of last publication April 12 5t

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Naomi Van Gilder, W. M.

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