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Often the job of filling this column becomes onerous, on those weeks when little happens, especially.

This week, with the grain rate being protested and the House of Representatives considering the bill which should contain the station appropriation, there is plenty to be said—and no way to say it.

THE FIELDS ARE GREEN

The winter wheat is making the fields green. And in the spring sown fields, where but yesterday it seems, the tractors were drawing long strings of tillage tools, the rows of green grain are daily extending farther out from the fences.

The grain was sown just before or during a spell of pleasant weather that warmed the ground and made the sprouting of the seed a hurried job for Mother Nature. Then one night there came a shower of rain and another the following night before becoming general. The grain could not help but grow.

Now what will eventually be the end of the 1940 crop of wheat in Sherman county no one knows and none of those who have lived long in this county will venture a prophecy. It is enough to be happy with the start it is getting.

Seldom does grain get a better start, a more opportune chance to develop its highest number of kernels or at least to build so fine a plant to produce the grain. It may be well for the country that it is so. For the papers carry the story that in the mid-west bread basket these fortunate conditions are not duplicated. The wheat there has been abandoned already.

It is the hope of every farmer that some year his land will have its chance to produce to its utmost; that every condition will be perfect so the earth—so often subject to weather restrictions—can show its ability. So many say, "I'd a had 40 bushels, if—". Let there be a year in which there can be no "ifs".

MANY SALES TAXES

This year, we read, there may be five proposals for pension plans to be voted on by the electors. The important thing is that nearly every one is to carry some form of a sales tax with it.

Now the sales tax has been a matter of no little dispute in this state. The voters have rejected it with a multitude of NO votes until all but the hardest reformer is discouraged with its prospects.

The history of sales taxes in other states adopting the plan has not been such as to encourage Oregon citizens to try it. The general rule has been that it raises a lot of money with which the activities of the state are increased. Often it causes the state to take on responsibilities which it should not have—which should be left to its citizens.

Instead of merely having a sales tax many of the experimenting states have concluded—if they have concluded—by having many other taxes in addition to it. Often these put a burden on the productive enterprise of the state that makes it difficult for an individual to care for himself and make any headway in a business.

Oregon has done very well in tax matters compared to other states. Its citizens pay less per capita than other coast states. They receive from the state government the services they need or that can best be done by the public. Increase in the services of government causes a decrease in the things citizens are permitted to do for themselves.

We see no reason why the state should try to do all things for its residents and until a sales tax is necessary to keep up those generally accepted services expected of government or until inequalities of taxation become more striking neither it nor any other new tax is in order.

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

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

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

In Other Days

Grass Valley Journal April 1, 1921
Reported that wheat changed hands here (Kent) Tuesday at \$1.02 per bushel. Some of the farmers cannot be blamed much if they do become reds or something special after the treatment they are receiving.

Jess Martin had a lively time at his home last Saturday night when his dog and a coyote had an all around fight under the house. Mr. Dean of the Sherman Electric Co. was here Tuesday and Wednesday getting things straightened up so that the company can commence active construction work in the very near future.

The Observer Mar. 31, 1911
H. W. Lewis opened a new and handsome tansorial parlor and bath at the old stand on the 24th having had the artists, Hosmer & Case, renovate and redecorate every niche, and Roy Axtell to varnish the wood work.

F. A. Sayrs has discarded the reservoir on the cooking range and has installed a hot water tank and converted the water to his bath.

A bank robbery was inflicted on our sister city, Wasco, Saturday night. The bandits broke into the W.W.M.Co. bank through the wall and made such a bungling job of it they are classed as amateurs. The principal loss is in damages to safety deposit boxes.

From the Observer, April 1, 1921
The city is putting in 670 feet of three inch steel pipe on First street as far as Scott, partly because of the street improvement and more so because of the age of the old pipe and its constant breakage. The old pipe will be left in the ground.

Postmaster Urquhart has been walking with the assistance of a cane several days this week, caused by a nail going through his shoe while exemplifying the clean-up spirit that pervaded the town last week.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN INDEMNITY CO.

Table with financial data for Great American Indemnity Co. including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

People's Column

To the Editor:
If you want higher taxes vote for the County Unit System as shown by Mr. Peterson. Before the system went into effect it was \$90 per pupil now it is \$114 per pupil and going higher.

Along that line I would like to point out some of its workings. In Hood River county there is considerable feeling against the system. During its six years trial the taxes have not been reduced as in the case of the Klamath system although the statement was made that there is and was enough money paid in in back taxes to run all the schools in the county for five years without any school levy.

It has not been the demand of better building and better education that has brought the taxes up. It is wasteful spending and padding of the budget. For example if the Wasco school had wanted its budget cut it would take its problems before the board which would probably be some ten, twenty or more miles away. The board would give them their undivided attention be polite and pad the budget more. There is a good example in Hood River county where one district voted against the buying of a piece of property and the board bought the property anyway.

The whole county had a vote and not knowing what was needed and what not all the other districts voted for this addition of property. Also in other words the county unit system is the best system of railroad things thru if one district really needs anything it is up to the whole county to say if they have it or not and in order to get what they want they offer each district some thing to make it appear they need it and therefore they all vote for the others.

By the county unit system the interest of the individual school is taken away.

By the county unit system the property of one school is taken to another and may or may not be returned. The committee elected are just figure heads as they have not the working power to go ahead. They are custodians of the property but cannot keep it. If a desk is brought back broken it is just one district's loss the others gain. They take books from one school to another when they may be most needed by the school that owns them. The local committee are never considered in the employment of teachers or their salaries.

The county unit system is put into the hands of one man (the county sup't) who suggests this and that to five elected directors who get together and sanctions his move thinking since they pay him for travelling over the county he ought to know what is best.

I would suggest that the people would demand speakers for against this plan before they vote for a system they may regret. So far you have had two speakers and your superintendent talking for this plan and none has brought out the disadvantages.

You probably can find some very intelligent and interesting speaker from Klamath county to point out their dissatisfactions of the system. An admission made by your former state school superintendent C. A. Howard was that the graduating scale to levy taxes was good in theory but not in actual practice.

Mrs. F. R. Jackson
Hood River

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Specialist Advocates Two Types of Facial Massage



A specialist in facial massages is Al Nettlow of Detroit, Mich. He combines within himself the great art of boxing and beautifying. At the left he is shown giving a quick massage to a sparring partner as he tunes up for a forthcoming bout in Philadelphia against Bob Montgomery. At the right he is pictured at work in his Detroit beauty parlor, which he owns and operates. His ring activities are carried on in a locality where there is a demand for this type of beauty culture.

Cubs' Pitchers (Minus Dizzy) Begin Spring Work



Members of the Chicago Cubs pitching staff pictured limbering up in an early season workout on Catalina Island, Avalon, Calif. Left to right are Larry French, Bill Lee, Claude Passeau, Charley Koot, Clay Egan and Vance Page. Rain interfered with opening days of spring training. Dizzy Dean, No. 1 holdout, was conspicuous by his absence.

Read the Ads in the Journal

Synopsis of Annual Statement of the Merchants Fire Assurance Corporation of New York. Table with financial data including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

Human Howitzer



A new world's shot put record was established recently by husky Al Fin's of Georgetown university, who hurled the shot 55 feet, 8 1/2 inches at the annual A. A. U. indoor track and field meet. Binzler bettered his own world's record.

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.

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

In the matter of the Estate of H. 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 H.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.

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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.

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX'S SALE

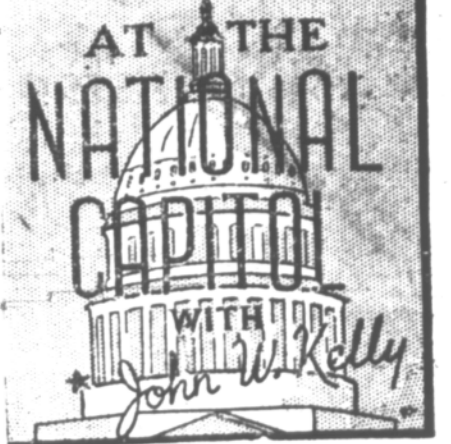
Notice is hereby given, by virtue of an order of the county court of Wasco county, State of Oregon, made on the 27th day of March 1940, I will on and after the 29th day of April, 1940, sell at private sale all of the interest of Guy Aubrey Pound deceased, in: NE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of Section 19 in Township 2, North, Range 17, E. W. M.

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 welcome. Anna Davis, N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.



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or Washington state grange) is attacking the plan, declaring it will ruin the lending agency. If Rep James Mott's argument was effective a house committee will include Astoria in the seaports having a maritime school, which will enable Oregon boys to be trained for the sea. Reps. Knute Bill, Martin F. Smith, J. M. Coffee and Charles H. Leavy, all of Washington state, are working with a group of fellow liberals seeking a plan to abolish unemployment -- Townsendites, numerically strong in Oregon and Washington, are urging the congressional delegations of these two states to bring the pension plan to a vote before the present session of congress adjourns. A house committee has reported favorably giving pensions to widows of World War veterans under certain conditions. A veteran who appeared before the committee and opposed the measure as entailing too great expense was thrown out of the hearing. The government is still paying pensions for the war of 1812, the last dependent of a veteran of that war receives \$240 a year. She is Esther Anne Hill Morgan of independence, Ore. That war was 128 years ago. At that rate Uncle Sam will be paying pensions to dependents of the World war in 2016 A.D.

GRASS VALLEY NOTES

The Arden Squire family of Gresham spent the week end here visiting her brother-in-law and sister the Eben Kee's and also the Dell Olds family. Betty Lou Olds returned with them to Portland going from there to Corvallis to resume her studies at OSC.

Mrs. W. C. Schilling entertained the Junior Bridge club at her home in Moro Thursday afternoon with high scores going to Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Herman Schilling.

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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.