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SENSE OF VALUES

John W. Kelly, who writes a weekly column for this paper from Washington D. C., stated in his news of last week that the PWA had allowed an appropriation of \$7546 to install a sprinkler system on the lawn of the court house grounds at Baker.

The same week it was learned here that there was little or no hope to obtain an appropriation of \$2600 from the federal government to aid the work of the local experiment station, which was established with federal aid under a form of contract between the state and Sherman county and the government.

Now we are certain that Baker county is practically bankrupt and entirely unable to keep its lawn in the manner to which it has been accustomed and that if it were permitted to dry up the perennially Democratic citizens of that city would suffer untold agony and great public shame.

Yet, it seems that there could be no debate on the comparative value of the two appropriations. The local experiment station serves, and has served well, the farmers of the entire Columbia basin. The grains, the grasses, the tillage methods it has developed have been of material aid to every farmer and indirectly to every citizen.

Now we come to a period in the history of this nation when the beautification of a court house lawn is worth \$7346 to the federal government and the continuation of a proven experiment station is not worth \$2600.

The kindest thing that can be said is that this is a demonstration of a peculiar sense of values, an entirely unjustified sense of values.

SCHOOL BILL

It is learned that a criticism of the proposed school bill is being made that is given too much power to the five man board. From a purely democratic point of view it is true to say that any delegation of power is improper. No one, however has gone so far as to want to return to the old town meeting type of government, for the simple and adequate reason that it is too unwieldy and people prefer to delegate the power and have the work done for them.

The county board would have no powers not now given to other school boards. In fact they would not have as many. No school board in this county has to call in a single taxpayer to make up a budget. They are not under the local budget law. That means that the directors make their own budget without let or hindrance. The county school board would have to name a budget committee and hold a public hearing on its estimated expenditures, at which at least ten persons would be present.

It appears that the matter is not being tried on its merits at all, but on a great number of suppositions.

There would be a board of five met, elected from five sections of the county. They would have the power to consolidate schools. They would PROBABLY do that very thing if the sentiment in their districts was in favor of it. If sentiment was against it they probably would not. Certainly they should consolidate the high schools — but this is merely a private opinion and like many another private opinion might not be considered by the board.

The school system in this county does not fit the conditions in this county. It costs too much; it educates too little. Few like it; nearly all complain about it.

The question before the people is whether they wish to change in the expectancy of getting something better or whether they wish to continue with a system they know they do not like.

This country can have the hardest rains for a few minutes of almost anyplace.

TO SEE THE SCENERY

It just so happens that now and then the writer has an opportunity to take strangers to the scenic on a little tour. Nearly everyone does the same.

There is one spot, up on Gordon ridge, from which a great deal of the county can be seen and when the fields are plowed and the wheat is waving in the wind it is worth going to see. One can see a vast heat field, homes, roads, the nearby mountains, the river canyons.

There is only one other spot in the state of Oregon where one can see so much cultivated land — that is from the top of famed Cabbage hill in Umatilla county. Now the road around Gordon ridge is a little narrow and the driver who stops to view the scenery may have difficulty getting out if another car comes along. And inasmuch as this is the place to see the county's agriculture and the second best such viewpoint in the state we think a turnout or two might appropriately be provided.

In Other Days

From the Observer April 8, 1921

The first baseball game of the season was won by Moro over Grass Valley by a score of 17 to 2. Grass Valley played with five high school boys and four grade school boys.

Cora Stewart entertained the basket ball girls, Frances Anderson and her friend Irene Kenhall from U of O last Thursday.

Mary Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Johnson was seriously injured last Friday when thrown from a horse she was riding double with Zella Burnett.

From the Observer April 7, 1911

Henry Ruggles and others who have been trying their luck in Wallowa county, are back at home on good old Sherman county.

Thirty nine votes were cast at the Moro city election. Dr. O. J. Goffin was re-elected mayor; H. U. Martin councilman for one year, Barnum, F. A. Sayers, O. A. Ramsey councilmen for three years.

F. D. James and N. N. Neiman have opened a first class tailoring and pressing establishment on Main street in this city next to the Hotel Moro, directly opposite the post office.

Married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Christiansen Sunday April 2nd, Miss Allie Bayley and Frank Hennagin. Rev. C. L. Lowther officiating. Chas. Nish acted as best man and Miss Hazel Messenger was bridesmaid.

Grass Valley Journal April 8, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer have a new baby boy at their home arriving Wednesday, April 6th.

I. D. Pike, who has been at White Salmon for two weeks returned Sunday and will soon open a first class vulcanizing place.

Walter Byers and Miss Fay Howell of Kent failed to attend the show last Wednesday evening, but drove to Madras and came back Mr. and Mrs. Byers.

The central telephone office was moved last Saturday night to the Ellard building just south of the Phillips garage.

Report Shows Tax City Levies

University of Oregon, April 4. Property tax levies for the cities of Oregon for 1940, the amount of which represents the budgeted cost of city services, total \$9,826,434 a definite increase over 1939 when the amount was \$9,588,253, and 1938 when the figure was \$9,208,875 a report on comparative tax rates in Oregon cities for 1940 shows. The bulletin was prepared by the bureau of municipal research of the University of Oregon and the League of Oregon Cities.

The bulletin, which is available to city officials and others concerned shows that the tax levy of over \$1,000,000 higher than the 1936 figure, was the lowest since 1926. It is also approaching the all time high set in 1931 at \$10,168,005.

Although the actual tax shows an increase, the 1939 property valuation which serves as a tax base, is \$431,876,850 a decrease of \$4,378,377 from the preceding year.

The increased total for 1940 combined with the decrease in valuation has raised the average city levy from 21.9 mills to 22.7 for 1940, the report shows.

Sherman county towns, according to the report, are generally lower than the average. Moro has a levy of 14.6 and a per capita cost of \$7.10; Wasco has a millage of 24.4 for city purposes and a per capita cost of \$12.84; Grass Valley has city millage of 15.2 and a per capita cost of \$9.72.

People's Column

It occurs to the undersigned that most of the school government matters complained of by Mrs. Jackson in the JOURNAL of last week as having transpired in Hood River county, might materialize in any of our three director school districts. That is a matter of management, whether under our old three member boards or under the supervision of the five trustees, a superintendent and three local advisors of the county district plan. Some of the most deplorable and unpleasant experiences in school affairs have been born within our three home directorate districts system. Under it school boards not infrequently employ teachers disliked by half or more of the patrons of schools and pay them much more than is approved of by those who must pay the bill. Some of the most unwise disregard of public desire ever witnessed has been exhibited by the majority action of three member local school boards. And as to "padding budgets", no county district board in Oregon has ever come anywhere near soaring so highly as many of our local boards have.

With the per capita costs in Klamath county, before it undertook the most substantial school facilities program of any rural area in Oregon, that was reduced from \$92.00 under the local districts system to \$56.00 within about three years of operation of the county district plan, and the while most of the patrons of its schools most of the schooling had improved. True, it is, its provision for themselves of the city of Forest Grove which is now served by a municipal plant and approximately 15 square miles of territory adjacent to that city.

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The proposal to employ a full time state architect bobbed up again at this week's session of the Board of Control, Budget Director Eccles and Purchasing Agent Dan Fry were authorized by the board to canvass the situation to ascertain what architects might be available for the job, if created, and at what salary.

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Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one) Edson, Portland — while on the republican ticket this contest is confined to two candidates — Florence A. Runyan and Mrs. Geo. T. Gerlinger, both of Portland.

The chance to sit in the national conventions of the two major parties has attracted 25 republican and 30 democratic candidates with places for only ten available in each convention. The biggest group of candidates however, is that which flocked down from Multnomah county to file for the 13 seats in the House of Representatives allotted to that legislative district. Forty republicans are enlisted in this legislative race with the democrats mustering a total of 25 candidates from which to select their 13 nominees.

State income tax officials, swamped under a last minute rush of returns, did not expect to be able to dig out far enough to make any report on collections until late in the week. Commissioner Earl Fisher, head of the income tax division, however, declared that collections appeared to be far ahead of original estimates with a larger number of persons paying their taxes in full than ever before.

Six proposed peoples utility districts are scheduled for a test of public sentiment at the May primaries. Five of these are county-wide projects. The other involves a proposal on the part of public ownership advocates to embrace the city of Portland in a PUD.

The other projects scheduled for vote May 17 include: Washington county PUD, embracing practically the entire populated area of that county with the exception of the city of Forest Grove which is now served by a municipal plant and approximately 15 square miles of territory adjacent to that city.

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

RAYMOND L. ELLIOT, as Receiver of The First National Bank of The Dalles, Oregon, Plaintiff

—versus— MARY CHISHOLM, MARGARET CHISHOLM, ANNIE LAURIE CHISHOLM, and COLLIN G. CHISHOLM, and to all other persons unknown claiming any right title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

SUMMONS: TO: All persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint herein adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed in the above entitled suit within four (4) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint herein, namely a decree that the plaintiff be declared the owner of the land described in such Complaint as:

E1 NW1; W1 NE1; NE1 NE1, Section 16; SE1SE4, Section 21; NE1SW1, Section 26; NW1SW1, Section 27; SE1 NE1; NE1 SE1; S1 SE1-4 Section 28; N1N1 Section 33, except about 33 acres lying West of the County Road in the NW1NW1 of Section 33 as described in a deed recorded in Book V of Sherman County Deed Records at page 98 thereof; SE1NW1 Section 35; E1SW1 Section 35; all of Section 36; Township 4 South, Range 18 E.W.M.; Lot 4 in Section 31, Township 4 South, Range 19 E.W.M.; Lots 3 and 4, Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 19 E.W.M.; Lot 1, the W1NE1, E1NW1, Section 1, NE1NW1 Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 18 E.W.M.

free from all claims of defendants of all persons whomsoever and that the cloud upon the title of such land arising by reason of the losing of the order of sale and notice of sale in the bankruptcy proceedings of Duncan Chisholm referred to in the complaint be removed by order of this Court, declaring title in fee simple to be in the plaintiff herein, and that the defendants and all persons be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim in and to said land, adverse to the plaintiff and for such other relief as to this Honorable Court may seem meet.

This summons is published by order of Honorable Carl Hendricks Judge of the above entitled court by order made and entered under date of April 4, 1940.

Date of First publication of this summons April 5, 1940.

Date of Last publication of this summons May 3, 1940.

GAVIN & GAVIN Attorneys for Plaintiff 502 United States National Bank Bldg., The Dalles, Oregon

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I am a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner at the May primaries. If elected I promise to serve the entire county impartially in all matters.

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Builder



Miss Muriel Lent, visitor to a New York hobby show, views a model church through a magnifying glass. The church is made of thousands of burnt matchsticks.

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.

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.

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

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.

Lady, I don't really know how you can hang from a silk thing like that parachute. The suspense must be terrible.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall Tri- sient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78 O.E.S. Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Orlo Mart'n, N.G. Vernon Miller, Sec.

Naomi Van Gilder, W. M. Ruth Spurling, Sec.

Florence Johnston, Sec.

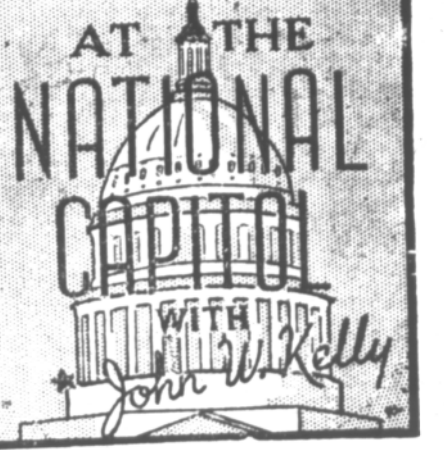
Walter Eaton

David Reid

Harry O. Kunsman

Fred Krusow

Administrator



(Continued from page one) stated that a large block of Bonnevill power be reserved for it. The amount is greater than that contracted by the Aluminum Company of America.

RFC is directed to make loans to timber holders so they can pay their taxes without removing timber on a poor market by a bill introduced in the senate. No action is expected on the bill, however, before next year. Most timber owners of the northwest are supporting the measure enthusiastically.

Rep. Charles H. Leary of Spokane broke up the economy bloc in the house by sponsoring an additional \$50,000,000 for the CCC boys. News stories are being published in the national capitol that Washington's Bone and Schwel- enbach have beried the hatchet. They have been at outs since the 1935 election. So determined was the administration to win the reciprocal trade agreement vote that when Senator Truman was grounded in Pennsylvania, the army was ordered to send a plane to bring him in.

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 5c

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.

Roy J. Baker Ellen E. Sommer Atty for estate Irma Lafoon 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

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