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ARE WE DOCILE OR DEMOCRATIC?

So Roosevelt wants to be president again. The surprising thing about it all is that so few people are surprised. It has been difficult for this newspaper to believe that Mr. Roosevelt would again be a candidate. Despite a wide difference of opinion about many public matters it has been the feeling of this writer that when the time come Mr. Roosevelt would abide by the tradition set by previous presidents and retire from the political scene in 1941.

His statement to the convention did not convince anyone that he did not want to run. It merely made it plain that the president wanted to be coaxed a little—that he wanted to make it appear that he wanted to be drafted.

We have fallen on bad times, we Americans. We established a government of laws and it worked for 150 years. Now we seem to be trying to establish a government of men. We follow after a leader instead of a principle. Like the Germans, the Italians, the Russians we rise in blind praise of a man instead of being governed by an ideal. It is something for believers in democracy to think about.

As long as we were assured that no one man would be permitted to stay in the highest office for longer than eight years we could be certain that the power of government would not become too great. If that tradition be upset the people may become subservient to our government. In a true democracy the government is subservient to the people.

Like the residents of New York, Chicago, Memphis we may come to believe that we cannot throw out a group of officials when they become safely ensconced in office. Like city governments in those towns our federal government may very easily grow to control so much patronage, jobs, influence that we will turn to dictatorship to escape a democracy grown unrepresentative.

COMPULSORY TRAINING

The urge for compulsory military service received a set back when the platform committee of the Roosevelt convention was bluffed out of adopting it as a plank. This administration has made some rather silly statements about compulsory training that have done the cause little good. One was the refusal to train COC boys or others who are among the unemployed.

The cause given was that no one class of Americans should furnish the men for military preparedness. Right now the well to do class are getting more training than the poorer class because nearly every college gives military training. It is those who do not attend school beyond high school who are not trained.

The easiest way to obtain men for training is to encourage those who have nothing to do to enter the army or take up some trade that will make them useful in time of war. Every town has some young men who would be helped by a years training. The discipline helps and nowadays boys mechanically inclined will have an opportunity in the army better than ever before.

Compulsory training is nothing particularly to fear on the part of anyone. Trained men are better able to care for themselves when the shells are bursting and bullets flying. The thing to fear is a lack of management on the part of those in charge.

The United States opposed the closing of the Burma road through which China has been obtaining war supplies. Keeping it open permitted us to sell to both sides. We sold scrap iron and mercury to Japan and trucks and other equipment to China. Nice business as long as it lasted.

The census report of populations of Oregon counties gives Sherman county 2328 persons which is a loss of 650 since 1930. That is not particularly surprising for wheat growing counties have been losing population for several decades because of consolidating of farms. In fact, Sherman county didn't have 2978 people in 1930 as the census gave us credit for. A special section crew of Mexicans were counted someplace to give us a larger figure than proper but it also put this county in the lowest class from the point of view of literacy. This time there may be fewer of us but we should rate better on the literacy map.

None of the eight measures to be voted on this fall are likely to arouse as much interest as the election. And some are worth a bit of study, too.

Little Joe (Carson) would like to be on the maritime board. Joe isn't the right kind of a democrat for a federal job. He doesn't believe in throwing money away.

In Other Days

Everett Moore, the 15-year old son of G. E. Moore, met with painful injury by the kick of a horse at the farm of E. H. Moore where his father is employed. Dr. O. J. Goffin has the case in hand and the boy will be about soon.

Simon Elecock returned Saturday from the GAR encampment at Ashland, after having spent several days with relatives in Portland.

F. R. Messinger left town Saturday on board a dry water wagon painted a bright red. The tank was built by J. F. Foss to be used during harvest by Fred.

W. E. Dutton from Grass Valley and sister-in-law, Mrs. Harley Dutton from Denver, Idaho were visitors Friday at the home of J. C. McKean and family.

Ray Ragsdale and Miss Alvina Reiden who were married at Pendleton June 20th, will make their home in Wallowa county.

A. H. Barnum was in The Dalles last week on business pertaining to the Sherman county fair to be held on the new grounds October next.

F. A. Sayrs is the owner of a Jackson auto.

Clarence Hill will operate the elevator property at Erskine this season.

The most serious grain fire occurring in Sherman county in a number of years started in the J. G. Medler field east of Wasco Monday afternoon from an exhaust spark off the caterpillar engine. After a two hour battle it was brought under control with 150 acres of standing grain destroyed, and 100 acres of stubble with 170 sacks in the field dumps, a combine harvester, and a small unoccupied farm residence. Total damage is estimated at \$12,000. Part of the wheat burned was insured for 15 sacks an acre and was harvesting 18 sacks to the acre.

G. B. Bourhill and daughter Elsie returned last week from their visit to Mr. Bourhill's old home in Scotland where Miss Elsie had been visiting with relatives.

C. W. Smith, operating the Lee and Belshe farm near DeMoss, was the first to haul new grain to that station in this county. Saturday evening he had delivered 600 sacks of turkey red and rind more to come.

All grain warehouses near Moro are now receiving grain. The house at Nish, in charge of Leslie Strahl; Wm. Messinger in charge of the W. W. M. Co. house at DeMoss; Tyler Hedrick in charge of the other one. Robt. Urquhart is expected to have charge of the Farmers Elevator sack grain warehouse at Moro.

Surveyors of the Sherman highway, were here last Friday evening on their first preliminary survey, and are now at work surveying between here and Moro.

Curtis Eslinger was bruised up, not seriously, Monday by his horse making him tumble.

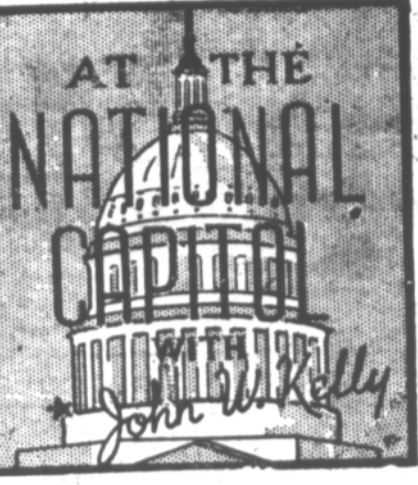
Grass Valley's Chautauqua is now in full swing but not patronized liberally owing to the harvest season, and it is now thought the deficit will reach near \$600.

The Alley machine was at work Saturday, 16th, just south of Nigger ridge, first combine out this far south.

The auction at the Wilson store will commence Saturday at 2 p. m. and continue until 12 p. m. R. Abell is driving a new Buick roadster that he traded for last week.

A box of cigars was open on the show case in the Kent Trading Co. store Saturday. A nice 8-1/2 girl at the home of A. A. Dunlap.

Henry Schadewitz is out from The Dalles assisting in getting ready for harvest.



ed with an Oregon company. Army air corps plans several important developments in the Oregon-Washington area and officers have made a complete survey, but their recommendations have not been made public. Plywood experts have been invited to explain to the air corps the advantages of plywood and plastics in the manufacture of bombers and pursuit planes.

War conditions and demands from abroad have substantially increased the production of mercury in Oregon, California and Nevada. In May 1030 flasks went to the United Kingdom, 649 flasks to Japan, 216 to Union of South Africa, and 164 to Australia. The army and navy munitions board rates mercury as a strategic metal. It is added to industrial use it is employed in connection with explosives and for fuses and denaturing devices. Companies responsible for 98 percent of the Oregon production reported to the bureau of mines that total for May was 78 percent over the monthly average for 1939.

Statehouse Gossip

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trative staff of the board because of constant turmoil in the ranks. Mrs. Casey, Wood's assistant, was also a Democrat while Miss Conley the new secretary is a republican and has for several sessions past served as clerk of law committees in the House of Representatives.

In pursuit of the state's policy of acquiring property in the blocks immediately north of the new capitol, the Board of Control this week purchased the homes of former state senator, Charles K. Spaulding and B. C. Miles, paying \$25,507.50 and \$27,382.50 respectively for the properties. These properties, two of the most substantial homes in the capital city, will be rented by the state if tenants can be found, until such time as the space is needed for another building. Purchase of the properties was authorized by the last legislature which made available a fund of \$700,000 to be used by the Board of control for this purpose.

A class of 121 law school graduates, six of them women, took the annual bar examinations here last week. This was the largest class to take the tests since 1929 according to Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the supreme court.

If there is any big rush to "see America first" on the part of summer tourists who are unable to make their annual European visits because of the war Oregon has not yet begun to feel the effect of it. In fact tourist traffic so far this year is far below that of former years. Records compiled by the state department show that Oregon tourist travel is 10.7% below the record for 1939. In the first six months of this year only 47,292 out of state automobiles were registered in this state compared to 53,014 in the first half of 1939. June registrations alone were 14.3 percent below those for June 1939. The highway department's travel bureau which had predicted a record breaking tourist crop this year because of the European war are unable to account for the big slump in visiting motorists.

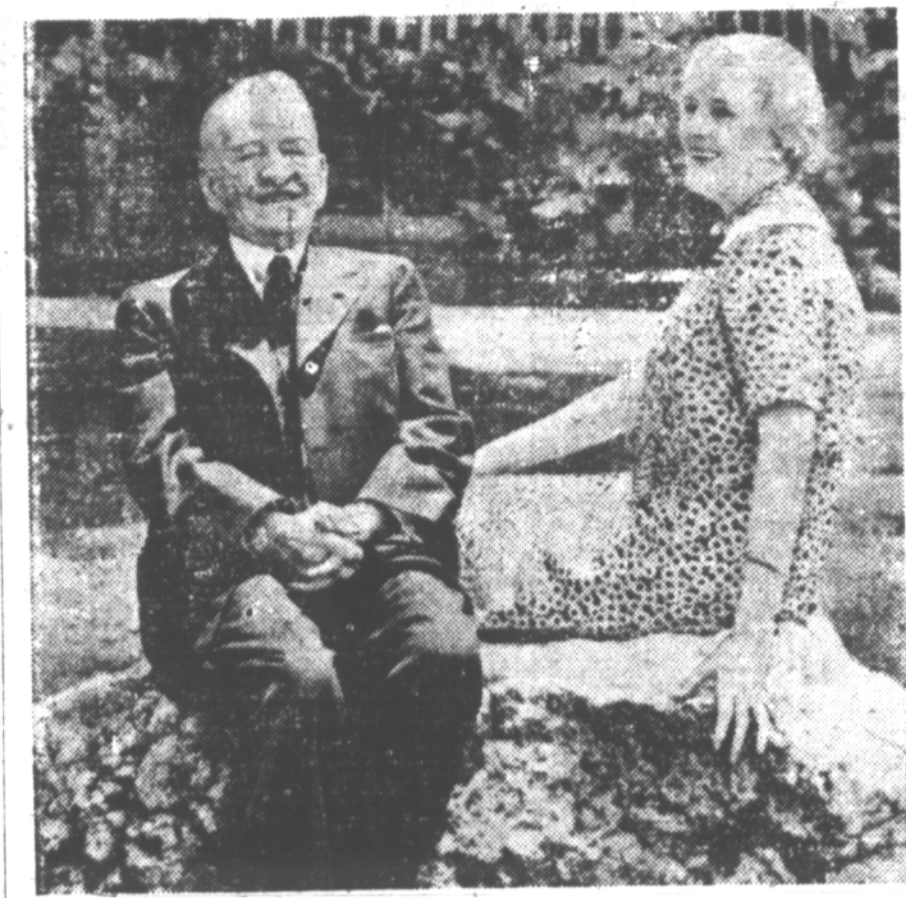
Father and son were enjoying an afternoon in the country. "Just fancy, William," said the father, pointing around him, "at one time these fields were covered by the sea, and fish were swimming about on the very spot where we stand."

"Yes, Dad," said little William, suddenly stooping. "Look, here's an empty salmon tin!"

As far back as we know anything about civilization, the cultivation of the soil has been the first and most important industry in any thriving state. It will always be so. It is made clear by every process of logic and by the proof of historic fact that the wealth of a nation, the character of its people, the quality and permanence of its institutions are all dependent upon sound and sufficient agricultural foundations.

Not armies or navies or commerce or diversity of manufacture or anything than the farm is the anchor which will hold through the storms of time that sweep all else away.—James J. Hill.

Sen. Glass and Bride at Honeymoon Home



Carter Glass, the senior senator from Virginia, is shown with his bride, the former Mrs. Mary Scott Meade, at their Montview Farms, Va., home near Lynchburg. The senator is 82 years old. His bride is 59. A leader in the senate for the past generation, Glass is known as an expert on currency and fiscal matters.

Oregon Sells Seeds To Gov't

Fresh from harvest in the Willamette valley, a carload of Austrian winter field pea seed was on its way this week to Summerville, Tenn., representing the first cover crop seed purchased in Oregon this year by the federal government in its cover crop expansion program.

The carload of field peas was shipped from Washington county where it was grown by the Ritchey brothers of Forest Grove. It contained 600 bags of tested and fumigated seed, sacked in cotton bags. The peas tested 98 per cent purity and 90 per cent germination, thus qualifying for top price of 3 cents per pound.

Under the AAA plan, the federal government is offering 3 cents a pound for first quality winter field peas and 7 cents per pound for top quality hairy vetch seed. This guaranteed price has given Oregon growers the incentive to expand acreage of the crops to an estimated 70,000 acres of field peas, and 50,000 acres of hairy vetch. They are under no obligation to sell to the government, and may sell on regular markets if prices offered there higher than those quoted by the AAA.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.
Orlo Martin, N.G. Vernon Miller, Sec.

ENLIST FOR "TOTAL WAR"

Because of unprecedented drought and incendiary activities, Oregon faces the most serious forest fire menace of many years. Thoughtful citizens are rebelling against the carelessness, the apathy and criminal activity that permits this destruction of beauty and wealth and living things. If you wish to join in the "total war" against forest fires in your home state, sign the "enlistment" blank below:

I pledge myself to report to you any acts of carelessness or incendiarism that I may see along the highways or in the forests of Oregon and to observe scrupulously myself these six rules for preventing fires—(1) Be sure your match is out, break it in two before throwing it away; (2) Extinguish cigarette, cigar and pipe sparks in ash tray provided in my car; (3) Build all camp fires in hole dug in ground. Clear all inflammable material from around campfire site; (4) Never leave camp before campfire is out—dead out; (5) Pour water or pack earth over campfire, stirring coals to burn sure that every spark is absolutely extinguished; (6) Never burn brush or slash in windy weather. Get burning permit from fire warden or ranger.

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CHURCHES

Moro Community Presbyterian Church: Sunday, July 21, 1940. Sunday School will meet each Sunday at 10:00. Morning worship will take place in the church each Sunday while the pastor is away on his vacation. Mr. Russel Belshe will fill the pulpit each morning. Theme for Sunday will be, "Did Man Need a Savior?" Mrs. Ray Siegenthaler will sing. Henry G. Hanson, Pastor.

Grass Valley First Baptist Church: 10:00 a. m. Bible School 11:00 a. m. Worship Service. Sermon topic, "Abraham." 7:30 p. m. B.Y.P.U. The meeting starts promptly on time. 8:00 p. m. Evening services. 8:00 p. m. Thursday: Prayer and Bible Study. We are studying the book of Daniel. Gerald C. Dryden, Pastor.

Moro Christian Science Society: Church services in the morning at eleven o'clock. Subject: "Life." Sunday School at 10 a. m. in the rear of the church building. Wednesday evening meeting is at 8 o'clock. The reading room is in the rear of the church and contains the Bible and all authorized Christian Science publications, which may be read, borrowed or purchased. The public is welcome to the church services and to make use of the reading room.

Game Commission Sets Rules

Acting in the interest of conservation of big game the Oregon State Game Commission has, for the first time, reduced the black tail deer bag limit to a single buck with forked horns or better. Previously, hunters were permitted two bucks.

The commission declined to authorize another open season on antlerless deer or does, either in Grant county or in Klamath or Lake counties. Commissioner Geo. K. Aiken alone voted to have another doe season in Grant county as provided in 1939 by legislative action.

The entire Willamette Valley will again be closed to all China Pheasant and upland bird hunting. While the 1939 closed season helped in the restocking of these birds, experts are of the opinion that another closed season will provide excellent hunting.

A total of 2,000 tags for cow, elk and 1,500 tags for antelope will be issued. Cow elk may be taken only in a certain portion of the area open to bull elk hunting.

No formal applications for big game tags will be required. Those desiring tags should send in their names and addresses, the kind and number of their hunting license, together with a check or money order. If a number exceeding the quotas set is received in the office of the Game Commission by August 1, a drawing will be conducted. Otherwise the applicants will be taken care of in the order in which applications are received. Tags once issued cannot be transferred.

Intoxicating?



The beauty of this scene is, although it's only a giant wine glass of pure spring water being offered you by lovely Fay Lacey, one of the 1940 Fair's Golden Forties Girls on Treasure Island, who is aiding California's wine industry.

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"Honey, you know we are dining with the McTavishes this evening."
"All right, let's have dinner and be on our way."

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