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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

It was inevitable that the recent meeting between Hitler and Mussolini at Brenner Pass should have been immediately followed by reports that the Axis has completed plans for invading England this fall or winter, bad weather notwithstanding. To some neutral military experts, this is almost incredible—it would involve the gravest and most far-reaching risks that Hitler has yet taken. Despite that, however, there is at least one sound reason for believing that the reports may prove true. That reason is two-fold: famine and disease, two of the most deadly of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

No one knows exactly how serious the food situation is in Hitler-occupied Europe. But it is known that the conquered countries have been systematically gutted of their food reserves, in order that the German Army and the German people can be fed. The fine dairy herds of Denmark, products of centuries of development, have been slaughtered for beef. Already the people of Holland, Belgium, France and elsewhere have felt the pinch, as basic foods, notably fats, become more scarce. Germany, because of her seizures, is better off than most, but even there the people exist on a bare subsistence basis.

Great wars have always brought the threat of famine, and sometimes the actuality. But it is a reasonable supposition that this year, different as it is from its predecessors in so many ways, may be the precursor of greater hunger than the modern world has known. In the past, nations, when embarking on the great adventure that is war, have usually been fat, prosperous, well-fed. But the Germans, long before war began last September, were living on short rations. And the wars of the past were usually fought by professional armies, at least at the beginning, and military life was but one phase of the nation. In the present case, Germany, and to a lesser extent Italy, have been following a war economy for many years—everything, men and material alike, has been dedicated to preparing for conflict. Production of food has necessarily been held to the lowest possible minimum—substitutes of little nutritional value have long been employed. It is not unnatural that serious diseases have been growing in both number and intensity for many moons in Germany and Italy.

Disease, of course, is the ever-present ally of famine—and disease, once it gets the upper hand, becomes plague. Plague, according to the international grapevine that mysteriously brings news past the iron clad European censorship, has already come to Poland. And plague respects no boundaries. The lack of soap in Europe is a factor here—dirt provides the finest possible breeding place for any kind of disease. Europe has never been completely self contained—it must import. Today there is almost no commerce between the old world and the new, save for that which is controlled by Britain. The British fleet is carrying on the blockade effectively, and is prepared to extend it, for example, to Spain if necessary. If Britain was to fall, the great Axis' merchant marine could again go to the four corners of the world, to come home laden with all that the people of Europe now lack. So long as Britain survives, the Axis will be able to obtain almost nothing outside the gutted land it dominates. If Hitler does attempt an "all-out" blow against England soon, this will be one of the principal reasons for it.

There are some who believe that the possibility of famine points to the way that the dictators' grip on Europe may finally be loosened. A hungry people, they reason, will revolt against their masters—there is little choice between suicide and starvation. But there is another side to this. As Alan Gregg writes in the Yale Review, "There are varieties of starvation."

Reduce abruptly all forms of food after an adequate diet, and you will still be strong enough to riot for food; gradually reduce to zero some essential of your diet, and you will finally be too weakened to protest with energy." So famine in captured nations might actually play into Hitler's hands by lessening the ability of the conquered peoples to effectively protest.

It is not expected that there will be widespread famine this winter, but is considered almost a certainty that it will come in grave form next winter, however, if the war is still going on then, and Britannia still rules the waves. Few experts dare anticipate what Europe will be like if the war lasts four or five years, as some military authorities think it may. The peoples would be literally decimated—victims of war who never saw a battle, and never heard the fall of a bullet.

Some in this country would help the conquered peoples with food and other necessities. But Britain has so far refused to pass relief ships through the blockade, on the very reasonable theory that the dictators would seize their cargoes once they were delivered. Europe will not get much help from us.

EDITOR WRITES

Continued from page one. subway, which its contractor says has no purpose on earth. It starts from nowhere and ends a few blocks away. It is two holes below the streets, being dug for two tracks of subway with a wide space between for loading and unloading passengers. It is employing a lot of men and using a lot of material about half of which is being provided by the city and federal governments.

Lithuanian "sand hogs" do the work which consists of shoving a plate through the blue Chicago mud with hydraulic jacks. Through holes in this plate the mud is forced to be cut off with knives and hauled away. Each two feet or so a new ring of steel is bolted in to make the backing for another hold by the jacks and to hold the hole to original size.

Then about two feet of concrete is poured inside the steel ring and the job is done except for about five feet of concrete that makes up the floor. It's a solid looking job. Eleven pounds of air are used to off set the pressure of the earth, down there 45 feet below the surface. All going in here to pass an air lock and spend a few minutes getting used to added air pressure which makes the ears ring for a time.

For one who has lived long in one spot, the most surprising thing about going to another place on this American continent is the similarity of the people. Whether from Georgia, Nebraska, or Oregon they talk the same—except for a bit of southern drawl—like the same food, know the same jokes wear the same kind of clothes, drive the same cars, use the same swear words and in general give absolute proof of the homogeneity of the people of this land.

Read the ads in the Journal

In Other Days

Grass Valley Journal, Oct. 21, 1921
 Hollis Wilcox and Matilda Cameron were married in Portland Saturday, October 15th. For several years Mr. Wilcox was postmaster at this place.

John Conroy delivered the fore part of the week, 874 head of lambs that he sold to a party in Idaho. Moore and Mr. Buckley were here last Friday to attend the quarterly meeting of the directors of the Citizens Bank. The Observer, October 21, 1921

The boxing exhibition put on during Fair Week at the local opera house was one of the best to be seen anywhere. The go between T. H. Fraser of this city and Ryan of Portland went not quite the scheduled rounds, going to Fraser in a clean knock out. The go between Bibby of Kent and Fry of Eugene stopped in the fifth, when Fry concluded he had enough.

Lloyd L. Starks and Miss Ellen Keller both of Klondike, were married Thursday during Fair Week. Mrs. Starks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keller, formerly living east of Kent. The Observer, October 20, 1911

Arthur Phillips has established a boot and shoe repair shop in his store room at the Merchants hotel on Main street. Miss Mary Alice Bee, formerly a teacher at Erskine, passed up the road Saturday, en route to Ashwood, where she is engaged to teach this winter.

E. W. Dooley is in the county on his annual horse buying trip, and will load out five cars at the Moro yards soon. Our old-time neighbor, Hon. B. F. Pike, now a resident of Yamhill county, was a visitor in this county a few days this week. Mrs. Pike accompanied him.

Statehouse Gossip

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Clatsop, Washington, will not lack for good reading material this winter, according to Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. The state library this week shipped 575 volumes to Clatsop. The collection included western and detective stories as well as books of travel and adventure, biography and other popular non-fiction. Miss Long also explained that men in camp will have an opportunity to ask for books in technical fields and of enrolling for the free, non-credit reading courses offered by the state library.

Budget requests of seven state institutions already approved by Governor Sprague involve increases aggregating \$366,939 over 1939-40 appropriations.

Largest of the institution budgets is that of the state hospital for the insane at Salem for which the governor has approved requests totalling \$1,682,797, including \$400,000 for a new treatment hospital. The approved budget represents a substantial increase over the \$1,211,142 on which this institution has been operating during the past two years.

Other institution budgets as approved by the governor call for appropriations as follows: Penitentiary, \$608,125; Fairview Home, \$605,753; Blind school, \$419,489; deaf school, \$172,291; boys' training school, \$126,630; girls' industrial school, \$62,595.

Oregon republicans will bring their campaign to a climax with a big state-wide McNary Day rally on November 2. The celebration will celebrate the "homecoming" of United States Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican vice-presidential candidate, who is expected to return to Oregon on that day to remain until after the election. Fans call for rallies in every county in the state with the senator speaking over a state wide radio hook-up from either the Portland or Salem meeting.

Plans for state cooperation in the construction of a \$386,430 sewage disposal plant by the city of Salem were approved by the board of control this week. The legislature will be asked to appropriate \$50,000 to finance the state's share of the project which will serve all state institutions in the vicinity of Salem as well as the city itself.

Governor Sprague does not favor the organization of a "home guard" in Oregon until there is a definite need for such an organization, he has let it be known. Congress last week authorized the creation of "home guard" organizations in states from which national guard units have been called into federal service. The governor said that he could see no immediate need for such an organization in this state.

Continued improvement in employment conditions in Oregon is shown in reports of the state Unemployment Compensation commission. During the first nine months of the current year \$3,484,382 in benefits was paid to jobless workers in this state, an amount substantially below that paid out in either of the two preceding years, the commission reports. The reserve in the commission's trust fund stood at \$9,361,827 at the end of September compared to a balance of \$8,792,224 a year ago.

On the basis of early returns

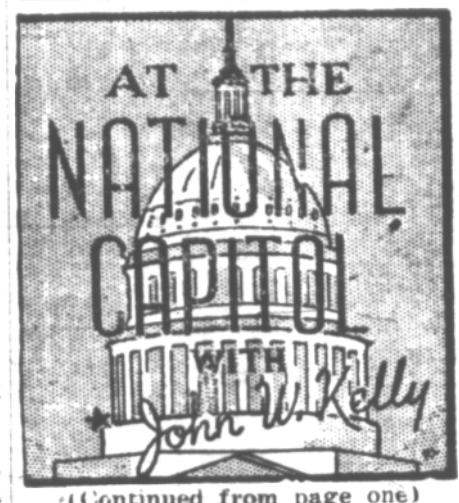


Re-elect
WALTER M. PIERCE

He has done a good job for East Oregon. Oregon Needs his Seniority on the Agriculture and forestry committees—No new man could have that. He has prestige and strong friends in Congress. Industrious, Active, Competent. Endorsed by Labor, Farm and Townsend organizations. Pd. Adv. C. J. Shorb, Mgr. Pierce for Congress club.

filed with the state department ember election in this state will registration of voters for the Nov show an increase of nearly 10 per cent over that of two years ago. Substantial gains were being recorded by the Democrats in most of the counties.

Oregon's motor vehicle population shows an increase of more than six per cent during the past year according to registration figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell.



(Continued from page one) script must go into any branch the military authorities designate. The rules will be very easy on registrants who are married, and whenever possible the conscripts will be confined to single men. No conscripted citizen will be sent to a military camp until the camp is properly equipped for habitation. The health department of the army is taking precautions against a recurrence of the epidemics in cantonments of the first world war, when thousands of soldiers boys lost their lives.

Washington Scene: Australian wool clip, which was bought by the British government, is to be shipped to the United States and held in bond. The clip amounts to 250 million pounds of wool in the grease. Shepherds of the north-west will be protected against this foreign wool as American officials will guard against it being dumped by the market. Wool is listed as a critical material by the army and navy munitions board. As quiet-

ly as possible the war department has been making a national survey of—guess what—coffins. The department wants to know how many caskets are available. Just to keep the record straight, when there is talk of war, sabotage and fifth columnists, it is recalled that Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in the United States testified that there are 4,000 members of the party in Washington and Oregon and 6,000 in California.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF
 Attorney At Law
 Moro and Wasco

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. 118 Moro, Oregon
 Meets 2d & 4th Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome.
 Anna Davis, N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

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.
 E. Amidon, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon
 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.

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

County Sheriff's Salary	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
Deputy Sheriff's Salary	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Traveling expenses	420.00	420.00	420.00
Incidental office expenses	400.00	400.00	400.00
State Industrial Accident Comm.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Traveling expense outside Sherman County			180.00
	4220.00	4220.00	4400.00

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

County School Sup't. Salary	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Traveling expenses	300.00	300.00	300.00
Incidental expenses	347.81	300.00	250.00
Office work	500.00	600.00	600.00
	\$2647.81	2700.00	2650.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

County Treasurer's Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00
Record books and blanks	180.00	60.00	60.00
	\$1080.00	960.00	960.00

HEALTH OFFICERS

County Health Officer	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	15.00	15.00	15.00
County Health Nurse	500.00	650.00	660.00
	\$815.00	965.00	965.00

CORONER

Coroner's fees and expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
Juror's fees and witnesses	25.00	25.00	25.00
	\$75.00	75.00	75.00

ELECTIONS

Judges and Clerks		675.00	
Ballots		250.00	
Booths		50.00	
Special Election	500.00		500.00
Ballot boxes and registration		25.00	
	\$500.00	1000.00	500.00

COUNTY FAIR

Maintenance of grounds			
Insurance on fairgrounds	\$225.00	225.00	
County fair	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
	\$1725.00	1725.00	1500.00

COUNTY SCHOOLS

School Library	60.10	57.30	52.30
4-H Club Fair	500.00	500.00	500.00
County Teachers' Institute	80.00	80.00	80.00
Apportionment of \$10. per capita	6010.00	5730.00	5230.00
	\$6650.10	6367.30	5862.30

COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Courthouse Expenses, Lights, water, fuel, telephones, repairs, etc	2000.00	1400.00	1100.00
Janitor's Salary		900.00	900.00
	\$2000.00	2300.00	2000.00

COUNTY JAIL

Board of Prisoners	50.00	60.00	50.00
County Printing	250.00	250.00	250.00
County Stock Inspector	12.00	12.00	12.00

INSANE AND FEEBLE-MINDED

Examination, expenses, transportation, etc.	75.00	50.00	60.00
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RELIEF FOR DEPENDENTS

Public Assistance	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
Old Age Assistance	3000.00	3200.00	3200.00
Blind Assistance	120.00	120.00	120.00
Aid to Dependent Children	400.00	500.00	500.00
	\$5520.00	5820.00	5820.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Emergency Fund	5800.00	7000.00	7000.00
Ass'n of Oregon County Dues			75.00
Auditing County books	285.00	285.00	285.00
Sealer, of Weights and Meas.	50.00	50.00	50.00
Premiums on officers bonds	365.00	365.00	370.00
Inland Empire Waterways Ass'n	500.00		
DeMoss Memorial Park Fund	100.00	100.00	150.00
Insurance on C. H. Exp. Sta.	355.56	310.00	176.00
Bureau of Biological Survey	500.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses of Government Trapper	100.00	100.00	150.00
Burial expenses			
White Shield Home of Salvation			

Army	50.00	50.00	50.00
Boys' and Girls' Aid Society	50.00	50.00	50.00
Louise Home	50.00	50.00	50.00
Waverly Baby Home	50.00	50.00	50.00
Volunteers of America Home	50.00	50.00	50.00
Cost of Delinquent Tax Foreclosure		300.00	300.00
Advertisement of Wheat League		30.00	30.00
1940 Code			375.00
	8305.56	9390.00	10,011.00

GENERAL FUND TOTALS 44,070.47 48,053.00 46,475.30

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Weed Control			500.00
Salary of Roadmaster, laborers, improvements, repairs, etc.	17,000.00	22,800.00	24,500.00
Bridge Fund:			
Bridges over ten feet	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Market Road Tax	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
County Machinery	5,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Sinking Fund for Retirement of Road Bonds	18,000.00		
Machine Shed	1,200.00	1,300.00	
Road Equipment Insurance			200.00
ROAD FUND TOTALS	47,700.00	35,600.00	37,700.00

GRAND TOTALS 91,770.47 88,653.00 84,175.30
 Less Total Estimated Receipts 7,600.42 14,220.00 16,770.00
 Total amount to be raised by taxation 84,170.05 69,433.00 67,405.30

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income from Sheriff's Office	120.00	120.00	120.00
Approx. Bal. from Gen. Fund		6000.00	8000.00
Income from Clerk's Office	1600.00	1600.00	1600.00
Income from Motor Vehicle Fund	5000.00	600.00	6700.00
Mal: Beverage Fund	880.42	500.00	350.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$7600.42	14,220.00	16,770.00

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN, STATE OF OREGON:
 We, the undersigned, the Budget Committee of Sherman County, State of Oregon, for the year 1940, duly authorized by Statutes of the State of Oregon, respectfully submit the foregoing Budget for the year 1941, for Sherman County, Oregon. Respectfully submitted.

P. C. Axtell, Chairman J. M. Wilson, Member of Board
 David Reid, Secretary T. W. Alley, Member of Board
 Geo. A. Potter, Member of Board Fred Hennagin, Member of Board

The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the foregoing notice to the taxpayers published pursuant to the provisions of Section 69-1107 Oregon Code, 1930, in the following manner, to-wit:

In the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Sherman County, Oregon, the first publication to be on October 18, 1940, and the second publication on October 25, 1940.

Geo. A. Potter, County Judge
 David Reid, Commissioner
 J. M. Wilson, Commissioner
ATTEST:
 Joe Tuitt, County Clerk. (County Court Seal)

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NOTICE OF ESTIMATED AND PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 1941 AND NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS BUDGET MEETING FOR COUNTY OF SHERMAN STATE OF OREGON

Notice is hereby given of the estimated amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the year 1941, same to be extended on the 1940 Assessment Roll, pursuant to the provisions of Section 69-1107, Oregon Code, 1930.

That Friday, the 8th day of November, 1940, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day, in the County Court Room at the County Court House, in the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, is set as the time and place, when and where such estimates may be discussed with the County Court (the tax levying board). Itemized estimates of the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year 1941, for Sherman County, Oregon, and the probable receipts of the County from sources other than direct taxation, are as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Estimate of expenses during the proposed appropriation for:	1939	1940	1941
COUNTY COURT			
County Judge's Salary	\$ 450.00	900.00	900.00
Judge's Expenses	125.00	125.00	125.00
Commissioner's fees and mileage	400.00	500.00	500.00
	975.00	1525.00	1525.00
CIRCUIT COURT			
Witnesses and Juror's fees	1250.00	2000.00	1250.00
Reporters' fees	50.00	125.00	125.00
Meals for Jurors	25.00	125.00	125.00
Bailiff's fees	20.00	50.00	50.00
	1345.00	2300.00	1550.00
JUSTICE COURT			
Justice Court and expenses	50.00	50.00	