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BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

Just the other day Paul Mallon was delayed from entering a White House press conference and it was at first indicated that he would be barred from them. Later the explanation was made that there had been a mistake or something.

It is time to watch and see what effect the threat by the administration will have on Mallon and other Washington correspondents who make their living by writing news and comment about the government.

Will they remain true to their training and continue to criticize when criticism is needed or will they bow to the will of the president and his office flunkies and write what is discreet?

Newspapermen know there is danger of press censorship during this administration. This may be the start of it. Little public interest was aroused over the matter, and it may well be that the general public is not concerned as to whether the information they get about their government is correct or colored by bureaucratic bosses at the source.

Perhaps the soporific value of a few well spent government dollars is greater than those who boast of traditional American independence of spirit realize. It may be that there will be no public howl over press censorship if it is applied when other matters are in the headlines, and to individuals instead of groups.

Any slackening of criticism, when it is due, on the part of Washington correspondents will probably indicate that real censorship is on its way.

TIME TO THINK

We have now had seven years of farm relief of the direct sort. It was announced as a curative measure to make American agriculture successful.

If the farm relief were stopped tomorrow the farmer would be in the same condition he was in 1932 except that he has gotten used to receiving bi-annual shots of financial hop which he would miss very badly.

Nothing has been done to cure the agricultural situation or to solve the farm problem. To that extent the plan has been an abject failure.

The principal of giving aid to the farmers as long as the nation follows the policy of the tariff has been generally accepted since it was first adopted in 1929. There is no serious quarrel with it on the part of those acquainted with the farm problem of America.

It seems to us that in face of the fact that the present farm program is not curing the situation it should be amended so that eventually the farmer could get a good standard of living without government aid or with such aid given with as little fanfare as possible. The tariff aids industry. Some plan as simple might be devised for agriculture.

This year government checks are smaller. The pressure to reduce them more will be greater with government expense rising. Our agriculture is still unbalanced and we are importing additions to our surplus crops.

The problem must be serious to attract the attention of the farmer. It may not become serious until payments are entirely stopped and then there will be another period of farm depression. We need a constructive farm program that will eventually solve the problem. The farmer should put his abilities toward this solution instead of waiting for government to do it.

DEBT  
This matter of public debt is one that does not often reach the consciousness of the public. Payments are made at tax time and are not clearly set apart from other taxes. Few people know how much they pay for public debt. Those who pay no property taxes never know for their taxes come

in higher costs of everyday purchases.  
Taxpayers in this county and even in the towns thereof are not taxed very much. Millages of less than 40 are not large as taxes go nowadays.

The city of Moro may serve as an example. It owes \$24,500 in bonds at a four per cent interest. This was materially decreased in 1940. For that year nearly the entire amount of money raised by taxation went for debt service which was made up of some \$1100 in interest and \$1000 in bond retirement.

For each \$1000 in property assessed the taxpayer paid about \$14 for debt and interest. That is not a large tax. The city of Moro is in debt for about 15 percent of its valuation. The federal government is in debt over 50 percent of the assessed valuation but this debt is paid from income, excise and other taxes.

But to get back to Moro. The money that was paid out last year for debt would have made many an improvement in the living conditions of the city. The new road up to the court house cost but little more than the amount paid in interest for a year. It would be possible to oil two such streets each year if the debt did not demand the money first.

For years we have wanted a nicer park and a swimming pool all of which could be bought with less than a year's interest. Everyone can think of many objectives that might be realized with \$1000 per year. The city cannot do it because of debt.

The debt was caused by wanting things and issuing bonds for them during the expensive and expansive days after the last war. The bonds are lasting long after the demand for the things they bought is forgotten. Long time debt always works that way.

The nation is now getting into debt on a larger scale than ever before. Much of this is for armament which seems necessary. Much of it is for things that still must be proven in value. There will be an end to the spending some day and then long years of going without things on the part of every citizen. It's lots of fun to borrow money but a long job to repay it.

In Other Days

Grass Valley Journal Nov. 18, 1921  
E. R. Lester is now the new manager of the Tum-A-Lum Co. Mr. Riley we learn will be transferred to Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Serrurier and daughter tried out their new Studebaker six Sunday, by going to Wamic for the day. Mrs. Westfield accompanied them.

Geneva Helms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helms of Celilo, was married November 9th to Ray Sprague of Hermiston.

The Observer, November 18, 1921  
If you have a news item tell it to the Observer. Do not imagine we know it and then wonder why it is not in the paper. Please use the phone if not convenient to call and tell us personally.

The Observer, November 17, 1911  
Married, at Heppner Junction, Sunday November 6, at the residence of the bride's parents, Curtis Allen Tom and Miss Susie Anthony White.

Dr. O. J. Goffin will be accompanied to Portland tomorrow with five patients for hospital treatment, Mrs. L. J. Gates, Kent; Master Gordon Donly, Shaniko; Hugh Scott of Ajax; Miss Oneita Webb and Mrs. John Holman, Moro.

John Dillinger has completed a comfortable dwelling on his Hay Canyon farm and is now, after having hauled water 25 years, boring a well on the place.

By John W. Kelly  
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in Alaska. First to be outfitted will be the army flyers, then detachments of soldiers stationed in the colder sections of the territory. Last week the war department ordered several thousand skis, ski sticks and snow shoes for the Alaska contingent. (Also ordered several hundred thousand yards of mosquito bar for troops to be dispatched to the Philippines and the Caribbean sea.) Army requirements for furs are expected to increase the price for raw skins.

For his success in obtaining flying fortress bombers and destroyers from the United States Ambassador Lothian has been awarded the Order of the Thistle by the British king. . . . A princess of a royal family who flew from Europe is renting a house near the national capitol and secret service men have to guard her. . . . A representative has "extended remarks" in the Congressional Record which cost \$2,000 to print in that document. . . . Next major move of President Roosevelt is to patch up the war between CIO and AFL and unite labor. . . . At his first press conference after the election President Roosevelt reprimanded a reporter who inquired about a fourth term.

Statehouse Gossip

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lead in this state was substantially reduced from that piled up for the New Deal candidate in 1932 and again in 1936.

But the Roosevelt victory was not the only surprise administered the Republicans of this state. The strength displayed by A. L. Brown, democratic candidate for state treasurer, and Bruce Spaulding, democratic candidate for attorney general, has also given the majority party leaders something to worry about.

Defeat of some of the ballot measures, all nine of which were rejected, can be laid to the doubtful "no" vote, always an important factor in Oregon elections. With interest in the campaign centered almost entirely on the presidential contest, the ballot measures were almost lost sight of with the result that thousands of voters went into the polling booths uninformed and, being in doubt voted "no."

Speculation as to the next president of the Oregon state senate was set at rest this week when Douglas McKay of Salem announced his withdrawal from the race in favor of Senator Dean Walker of Polk county whose election is thus assured. Walker's election to the senate presidency will leave vacant the important post of chairman of the powerful ways and means committee which he has held for the past several sessions. Among those most prominently mentioned to succeed Walker in this post is Ronald Jones of Marion county who has served on the committee for the past two sessions. It is said that McKay would prefer to remain as chairman of the senate committee on roads and highways.

On the other side of the legislative chamber, however, the battle for the Speakership continues to wage between Robert Farrell, Jr., of Portland and Wm. McAllister of Medford, with John Steelhammer of Salem standing by ready to jump into the breach if the contest between these two candidates should develop into a deadlock.

A total of 372 prisoners have been released from the state penitentiary since the new parole board was created in June, 1939, according to a report submitted by the board to Governor Sprague. Of this number 310 were released on strict paroles, 20 were paroled after commutations and six received conditional pardons.

Out-of-school youth between the ages of 17 and 25 years are to be offered opportunity for training in vocational agriculture, trades and industries and certain phases of home making under the national defense program of the state board of vocational education the board decided at a meeting here this week.

Republicans will control both branches of the next state legislature with 38 members in the House to 22 Democrats and 24 members of the senate to six Democrats.

Refuses to Register



The Rev. Allen Lambert, 34, who disapproves of conscription, told his congregation at Sinking Valley, Pa., that he would refuse to register for the draft.

MORO SCHOOL NOTES

The senior girls have been practicing a short play to be presented Friday night at the high school gymnasium.  
The Optimist staff reports that the Optimist will be out next Friday.  
This school week is a short one, due to the holiday on Armistice Day.

Prepares for 7-Mile Chute Jump



Getting ready for his 35,000-foot parachute jump, A. H. Simmes of Chicago, scats, tests himself for the seven-mile leap. Wind is blasted against the chamois bag over his face at 200 miles per hour. The temperature in the cabinet is below zero.

Hull and Trujillo Sign Treaty



The United States' 35-year rule over the finances of the Dominican Republic was ended by a treaty signed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Gen. Rafael L. Trujillo, political chief of the West Indian state. The treaty, negotiated by Hugh Wilson, former ambassador to Germany, is expected to improve Latin-American relations.

Elliott Roosevelt Joins Air Corps



Elliott Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, has been sworn in as captain in the Reserve Army Air Corps. He has taken up his duties at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio. Photo shows Elliott looking at a plane model with Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of army air corps.

Latin Generals Inspect U. S. Defenses



This soundphoto shows (left to right) Gen. Calisto Garias of Honduras, Gen. Luis Castaneda of Columbia, and Gen. Felipe Rivera of Bolivia examining one of the 50-caliber machine guns on a "flying fortress" of the U. S. Army at Langley Field, Va. The generals are making a tour of United States defenses.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Bull of their son home with them after Condon were here last Saturday he had spent a week here with his staying until Monday. They took grandparents.

IN APPRECIATION  
To my many friends:  
I sincerely wish to express my thanks for the excellent vote given me in the recent election.  
I promise that my conduct of the office will further indicate my appreciation, and will merit your confidence.  
Ross C. Ornduff  
Paul May Attorney for Executor.

School Carnival In Kent Legion Hall Tonight

Plans are complete for the school carnival to be held Friday evening November 15th in the Legion hall. Dinner guests Sunday at the Carl Schadewitz home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson and sons.

Cecil Norton, Dan and Hugh Hoskinson who have been working at Knight's Landing, Calif., returned to their home here Friday.

Mrs. Grace Gregg and Cecil Norton went to Bend Saturday. Miss Dolores Gregg, who is recovering from a recent operation, returned home with them Sunday.

Ms. John Goodrich of Yreka Cal. visited several days last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank von Borstel.

Miss Esther Cammack was an ever night guest at the Shelton Fritts home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Wilson and sons and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter were business visitors at Grass Valley Thursday.

Those visiting and shopping in The Dalles last week included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justesen, and Mrs. Fred Justesen; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and son; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson; Mrs. Roy Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson; Misses Nellie Wilson and Helen von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis were visitors Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.  
J. E. Norton and Geraldine went to Corvallis Wednesday. Eugene Norton and Luther Davis returned with them, spending the holiday week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

Those enjoying an oyster feed Tuesday evening at the Paul Wilson home were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson, Robert Mitchell and Winona Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theo von Borstel last Wednesday.

Mrs. L. D. May and Mrs. Wren Hoque of Grass Valley attended Sunday school here Sunday. They also visited at the L. W. Amick home.

Bill Jefferies spent the week end in Portland.  
Robert Schilling was a visitor last Thursday at the Paul Schilling home near Goldendale.

Friday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett in The Dalles were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Amick.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Arher and Raymond Kruger of Portland were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Amick.

A group of friends enjoying an evening of cards at the Walter Wilson home Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justesen, Dick Abell, George Witter and Arthur Justesen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell and Juanita and Raymond Chenaull of Hermiston spent the week end here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McKay and family were visiting Thursday at the Bert Cox home near Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke, Geo. Witter and Mrs. Paul Smith went to Portland last Thursday to visit for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell and Juanita, Raymond Chenaull of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Volna Guyton and family; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bekkedahl and family; Robert Mitchell and Winona Baker; Bill Guyton and Dick Abell enjoyed an oyster feed at the John Decker home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Nellie spent the week end at the Haney Blankenbecker home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and Evelyn went to Bend Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson. From Bend they expected to go to Mitchell to visit his sister, Mrs. Grace Smith.

Miss Evelyn Davis of The Dalles is spending this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

Mrs. Mae Cammack and Miss Esther Cammack visited over the week end at Ontario.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING  
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 Executor of the last will and testament of Walter A. May, deceased, and that Saturday, the 7th day of December, 1940, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day, at the courtroom, in the Courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, 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.  
Paul May Attorney for Executor.

NOTICE

To the people of Sherman county: We extend our grateful thanks for the good will and business support we have had in the past twenty years. We frankly say we would not have been able to support our family and continue in business without this support.

We have given our best efforts to make the service rendered satisfactory and acceptable. We have done our best to please. Such mistakes as we have made we have tried not to repeat.

Inasmuch as Sherman county people do, in most cases of death, call funeral directors at The Dalles they are interested in conditions that affect the profession there.

Recently we printed and caused to be mailed to a limited number in this county a little paper entitled, "Who directs your vote?" wherein was printed a copy of the laws governing undertakers and the conduct of hospitals, doctors, coronors, and funeral directors.

When these laws are understood it becomes quite evident that justice is oft times circumvented.

This comes from a lack of knowledge of the rights and privileges of the relatives of the deceased on one hand and efforts of doctors and hospital management and funeral directors to control on the other.

This practice is not confined to The Dalles alone but is prevalent there. A reading of the funeral notices as printed in the papers will show that one director's name predominates. This seeming popularity is not so marked when one considers the vote given Franklin Bird in the May primaries and Zell in the November election. This vote is evidence that there is a respectable number of friends of the independent funeral parlors in Wasco county and hope a like number in Sherman county.

This fact should be evidence to the communities that there is unfairness arising from subsequent death. We have in our possession sworn affidavits made by responsible citizens as a result of their experience that show how the scheme is worked. There are certain citizens of Sherman county who have had experiences and we will appreciate their endorsement.

If you have a copy of our above mentioned paper (we will send you one) you will note on page 3, what the law says about "cappers," "steerers" or solicitors as well as the payment of bonuses or commissions or rebates or employing on part time or full time those by whose influence human bodies may be turned over to any particular undertaker or embalmer.

May we ask you to remember these citations so you may see that you are accorded the opportunity to select, in case of death, the funeral director of your choice. Always remember that a relative of a deceased person has the right of choice.

If another undertaker is called you may call an undertaker of your choice who will claim the body for you regardless of where it is at the time.

This started 12 years ago in Wasco county as a result of our cutting the coronors budget where in doctors had enjoyed excessive expense accounts and from the fact that, when coroner, we conformed to the law regarding written consent in case of autopsies.

We are therefore blacklisted in certain groups as well as are other funeral directors. Disfavor may be fostered by such opposition more efficiently than by failure of merited service on the part of the individual funeral director.

May we suggest that the people of Sherman county are interested in suppression of competition in the funeral business as it is a fact that a corner on any business breeds high costs and limited service.

Zell's Funeral Home.  
Pd. Add. C. M. Zell.

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 Marlin, N. G.  
Vernon Miller Sec.  
Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116  
Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d & 4th Tuesday 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.

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.