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TO WATCH THE MONEY

The taxpayers league with a different policy than the one that operated here in the first years of this decade was formed Monday by taxpayers who met at the court house for that purpose.

The former league, organized when economic conditions were serious for those owing large debts, was a tax reduction league. It wanted to cut governmental costs. It did.

This is a Taxpayers Federation and its purposes are of a different character. Its purpose is a study of taxation of how taxes are levied, and why; of where they are spent, and why. It is the feeling of those who organized the state movement that if complete information about taxes could be given the citizens there would be no trouble about getting efficiency in government.

The argument advanced appears reasonable. Public officials are seldom inefficient from choice. If they are inefficient it is because bad habits have grown up in their offices. Poor economy naturally comes from the system by which governments obtain their funds from the public. Each year a budget meeting is held at this time, and no other, public administrative heads must obtain their funds for the year.

Naturally they ask for enough to cover all contingencies. It is normal that they do so. Desire to handle their office well, and belief in the importance of their office causes them to ask for goodly sums of money from the taxpayer.

It therefore follows that the reason taxpayer money is spent so freely in many cases is that taxpayer money is nobody's money. As far as those spending it is concerned it comes from no place, just drops in.

A study of the matter by intelligent and interested taxpayers will give a good means of control without endangering the proper use of funds. The new taxpayers federation proposes to do the job. We wish them luck.

WHILE ROME BURNS

It was Nero who was said to have fiddled while Rome burned. What sort of long lasting kind of fame is to be the fate of those who are fiddling around while this nation is trying to rearm?

We still don't know what we are going to do about arming. We don't know how many men we are going to train, how many planes we are going to build, how many ships we are going to need. No one has authority to say that, except one man and he doesn't know.

Machine tools, the bottleneck of the army at present, are being bought instead of being rationed to those factories in greatest need. Strikes in airplane factories are condoned and allowed to delay need ed construction. Powder factories are being blown up with regularity. The defence council has no authority. Business is afraid to go ahead.

Industry is handicapped by a multitude of laws that do not permit it to handle its business efficiently. Still the fiddle goes on, but its now in the Caribbean Sea.

LEGISLATION BY EMOTION

It seems to an observer that a good deal of emphasis is being put on demands for an addition for the state hospital at Salem. It has been said, correctly, that the governor has made provision in his budget for an appropriation for \$325,000 to replace the outworn structure in question.

If the citizenry of the state wishes to discuss some of the more important matters that will come before the legislature next January they may consider the question of what to do about taxation. Do they want a sales tax? Lower brackets for the income tax? Do they want to accede to demands for greater relief appropriations?

There are many amendments proposed for the unemployment

compensation law and the workmen's compensation law. There is reapportionment of the state to make ready for a possible fourth congressman and for state senatorial and representative districts. We are more easily aroused over matters that are influenced by the emotions than matter over which reason has the greatest influence. And it often gets us into strange positions.

SPEED

Much the same as in the fall of 1938 there is talk now of passing a law to regulate speed on the highways. Maybe something will be done.

Whatever law is passed for a definite limit on speed of cars will be easier passed than enforced. Probably not over ten percent—if that many—of the persons who read this editorial will be persons who never travel over fifty miles per hour. A slightly larger percentage will never travel over sixty miles per hour. A great majority will be drivers who do what the road and their judgment indicates at the moment.

For that very reason it is going to be very difficult to make a definite limit speed. There will be no need of passing a definite speed law without also making an appropriation for many more state police.

A new signing system for the highways and speed limits for cities, curves and danger spots could probably be enforced. This would entail marking slow zones with a highway sign giving the maximum speed. The beginning and ending of such zones should be indicated.

The laws for dangerous driving could be kept in effect thereby preventing some of the carelessness or at least giving a means of punishing those who violate the rule of safe conduct when behind the wheel.

There is some doubt whether a city could enforce definite speed limit if it wanted to do so. This might properly be amended giving cities the right to set speed limits. Wisdom would indicate that these should be similar in most cities.

If a definite speed limit were made it would certainly be around fifty miles per hour. That is too slow for many drivers and most cars and many miles of Oregon roads. A faster limit would do little good.

It is likely that something will be done in an effort to stop some of the accidents even though it is not speed on the open road that is the cause of any great percentage of them.

Jesse Jones is reported as saying that England is a good credit risk. Boy, we wish he lived around here. Certainly a majority of Americans are in favor of loaning to England if necessary, but certainly not many folks think it is a good risk.

This may be the last week in which one may praise the Greeks except by putting that praise in the past tense. They are making a grand fight against what started as an invasion. So did the Finns.

In Other Days

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Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Dean Olds, a son, on November 18th.

Miss Nora Baker has accepted a position with A. M. Williams & Co., The Dalles, in the office department.

Mrs. Jess Barry and Mrs. Mottern of Kent came down Monday afternoon with Earl Gregg to see Dr. Thatcher.

From the Observer Dec. 9, 1921

Miss Frances Anderson left for Portland November 29th, where she will go in training at Good Samaritan hospital December 1st. Mrs. Anderson accompanied her down and will remain a few days to visit before returning home.

E. W. Mason of Monkland returned home last week after being snowbound at Arlington for several days. He was returning from his brothers place over in Washington when the storm caught him.

Allan J. Murray of Moro and Miss Ada Hart of Hood River were married Saturday, December 3rd, at Vancouver, Washington. Miss Hart taught the Monkland school last term.

From the Observer Dec. 8, 1911

A coincidence in social affairs of one Moro family the past week was a visit during the season of Thanksgiving of Miss Helen Gleason, teacher in the Wasco schools, with her school mate Mrs. Berrian, followed by a visit to Mr. Berrian from his former schoolmate Milo Thompson.

Grandma Ragsdale, after a stop of five weeks at Moro en route from Pendleton to Mohamouth, resumed her trip Tuesday, expecting to be away until about the 1st of April.

Geo. Davis thinks of moving to DeMoss Springs. Watch DeMoss grow.

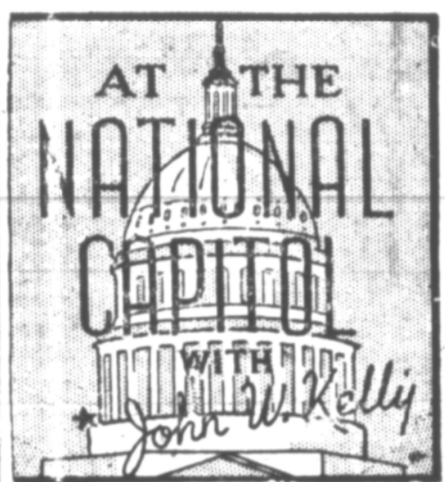
Statehouse Gossip

Continued from page one) just completed by Dave O'Hara, election clerk in the state department. The vote exceeded the previous record set in 1936 by 66,597. The November vote represented approximately 80 percent of the state registration, which establishes another record.

If the war department approves a request filed by Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, acting adjutant general for Oregon, steps will be taken toward the immediate organization of a national guard air squadron in Oregon. The new unit which has already been allotted to Oregon will be based at Portland and will be made up of volunteers who can qualify as pilots and mechanics, Wooten said. The squadron will consist of 13 observation planes.

Higher prices for agricultural products are absolutely necessary if the American farmer is to maintain his present living standard, in the opinion of J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture. Mickle pointed out that in spite of the efforts of many organized farm groups, including farm co-operatives, prices for agricultural products have not advanced in proportion to the prices of articles which the farmer is compelled to buy.

Nine hundred and fifty Oregon motorists arrested by state police for traffic law violators during October paid fines aggregating \$7777 according to a report by Ches. P. Pray, superintendent of state police.



By John W. Kelly

Continued from page one) tool machine order by Japan is available for any industry which can use it, for \$100,000. Uncle Sam stepped in, but is permitting Russia to receive \$7,000,000 of tool machines. Canadian apples are invading the American market, affecting the growers of Wenatchee, Yakima, Hood River and Medford, but state department says nothing be done about it. Millions in Europe are starving; the United States has a surplus of food, but the British refuse to permit passage of ships with relief through the blockade, and Germany refuses to guarantee safety. American Red Cross and Herbert Hoover are having no success in efforts to soften their determination. Scooting over highways in a few months will be midge tanks, three feet high and six feet long, carrying machine gun and other weapons. They will replace motorcycles and side cars used by the army. Henry Ford is to manufacture them unless CIO pulls a strike at the Ford plant, which is in the air. Sweden intends suiting the Vultee plant for not delivering fighting planes. The planes have been seized by the United States, but the United States cannot be sued.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell at Hermiston. Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and sons and Miss Helen Halvorsen were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz last Sunday.

Pomona Grange meets with the Kent Grange December 7 at 10:00 a. m. A good attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Schadewitz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKay were visitors at the Walter Byers home at Shaniko Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barne, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Schadewitz, Mrs. Geo. McKay were callers in The Dalles Monday.

Kent Veterans Attend Meeting In Hood River

Among those going to Hood River Monday to attend the American Legion Auxiliary conference were Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Mrs. J. E. Norton and Mrs. Max Pluemke. Mrs. von Borstel was presiding officer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson were dinner guests Friday evening at the Wayne Darby home at Wasco.

Sunday night visitors at the J. L. Davis home were Evelyn Davis, Waldo Cramer, Walter Mellenthin and Cliff Anderson of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Engstrom of Grass Valley visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Koepke and George Witter.

Mrs. Edgar Smith of Dufur spent the week end at the home of her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson.

The regular joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary was held Thursday evening followed by a Thanksgiving dinner. Those from Grass Valley who attended included Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Koek and Mrs. Carsten von Borstel of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Miller and family of Moro and Miss Dolores Gregg spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather and family.

Don Cox of Grass Valley was a Sunday caller at the Howell and Sather homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Schadewitz and daughter were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his brother, Carl Schadewitz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl and family were week end visitors at the John Decker home.

Leona Sather is working at the T. S. Reese home near Moro.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Nellie visited Mrs. Dick Reckmann and family at Grass Valley Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, Miss Esther Cammack and Miss Helen Halvorsen were Saturday visitors in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sather and Helen attended State Grange Conference held at Rufus last Tuesday.

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Wildlife Federation Elects Officers

"The greatest good to the greatest number" was put forth as a principle to guide in matters of fish and game conservation by the Wildlife federation in its fifth annual conference at Oregon State college. By resolution and in discussion the federation took the position that economic factors and the relationship of agriculture and other industries need to be fully considered in any conservation effort.

At the same time the federation moved to make the organization one in which the organized sportsmen of the state would have control, thereby making the federation the authoritative voice of these groups. A plan was adopted to give each local sportsmen's club equal representation on the state body, regardless of the size of the membership. Other organizations interested in wildlife conservation may become associate members of the federation, without voting power.

William J. Smith of Portland was reelected president of the federation. Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, vice president, and Norman Davis, Portland, secretary-treasurer. The federation unanimously endorsed a proposal by Governor Charles A. Sprague to give the Oregon game commission more power in establishing hunting or fishing seasons and bag limits. The program of the game commission was endorsed, although, request was made that more funds be devoted to scientific research.

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 Account as administrator of the estate of Peter J. Peters, deceased, and that Monday, the 30th day of December, 1940, at 10:00 a. m., in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Herman D. Peters, Administrator

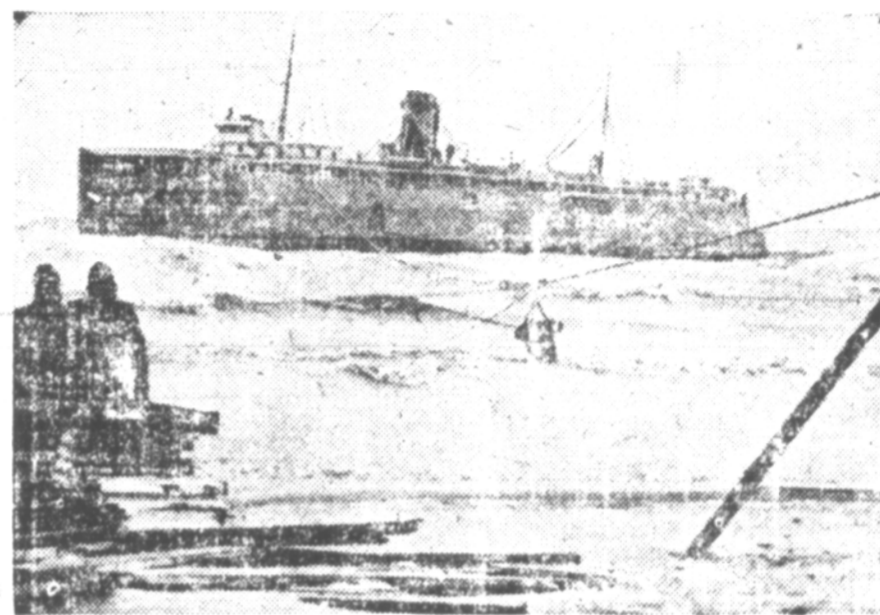
T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for administrator.

Nazi Bombers Overhead

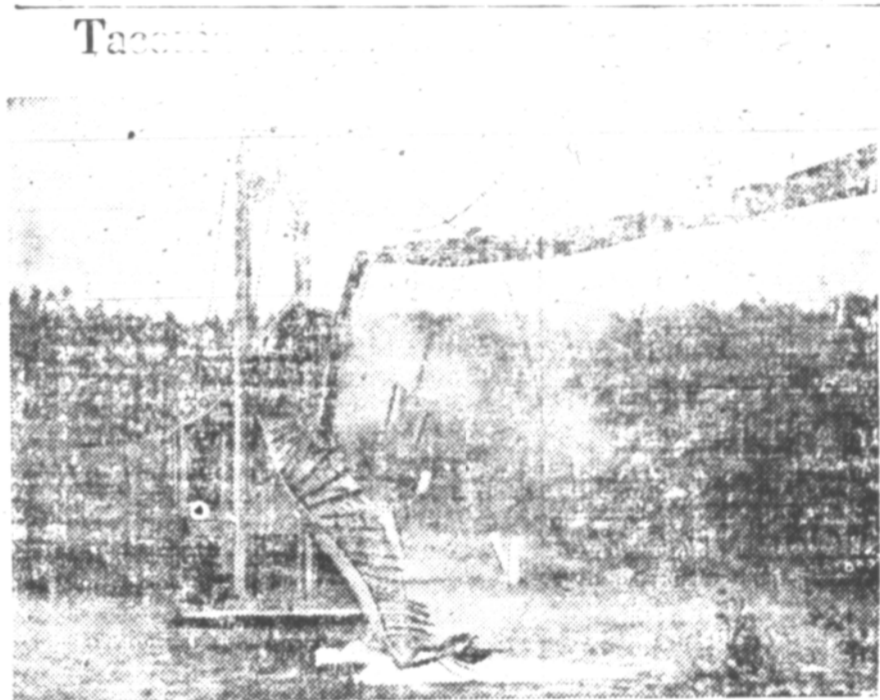


A scene repeated night after night throughout England as Nazi bombers, taking advantage of darkness, stage raids meaning death and destruction. A 4.5 anti-aircraft battery of the western command goes into action. An elongated flash from the gun in the background blazes through the blackness. In the foreground are the predictor and range-finder.

City of Flint Aground in Storm



This picture shows Ludington, Mich., coast guardmen rigging a breeches-buoy in an effort to remove crew members of the City of Flint, flagship of the Pere Marquette Railway ferry fleet. The City of Flint went aground during the terrific gale which swept the Midwest, and in which 75 men were known to have perished on Lake Michigan.



This soundphoto shows the new Narrows bridge at Tacoma, Wash., third longest single suspension span in the world, as it started to disintegrate and fall 190 feet into Puget Sound. The bridge was completed last July at a cost of \$6,400,000. Note the car on the bridge which was abandoned by its occupants as the bridge began to collapse.

Tuberculin Testing To Be Offered

Tuberculin testing will be offered in Kent and Grass Valley on Monday, December 9th. Request slips have been sent to the parents for the children in the schools.

It is suggested that all persons having a negative reaction to the tuberculin test two years ago, have the test repeated this year.

The Sherman County Health Association sponsors the testing each year.

Dental inspection throughout all the schools in the county were done on December 3, 4, 5, by Dr. Haufelt, sponsored by the Sherman County Health association.

Collections for the annual Red Cross drive have been busy this week throughout the county and are obtaining the usual good support for that activity.

News accounts say Herr Hitler is afraid of violent death. That may be part of the punishment for making so many other humans fear violent death.

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church, Sunday, December 8, 1940.

10:00 - Sunday School.

11:00 - Morning Worship, Sermon by the pastor. Special music by the choir.

7:30 - The Young People's Hour will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson. The subject is "How We May Improve Our Worship." In spite of bad weather there was a good attendance at the covered dish dinner last Monday night. Mrs. H. B. Finkerton led the discussion by reviewing a chapter on "The Beginning of the Exodus, from a study course on the Migrants in the U. S. A lively discussion took place

afterwards. The next session will take place the first Monday in January with Mrs. Carroll Sayrs as leader.

Henry G. Hanson, Pastor, Wasco Methodist Church: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching Service at 11 a. m. Epworth League Sunday evening at 6:30. The annual Bazaar and dinner will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church Saturday December 7th. Dinner will be served at 6:30. There will also be a good program.

F. L. Cannell, Pastor, Wasco Christian Church: Beginning Sunday with the Christmas month theme 10:45 a. m. "The Sign of the Star." Evening talks "On Galilee."

Moro Christian Science Society: Sunday every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Church services at eleven o'clock. Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. The reading room in the rear of the church is open daily with an attendant on Wednesday evening.

Wheat Equals Other Grains As Feed

Wheat appears to be a satisfactory substitute or replacement for every feed grain with which comparison was made in a comprehensive series of feeding tests conducted throughout Oregon in the past year by the OSC experiment station.

The results of such feeding tests with beef cattle, sheep, dairy cattle, hogs, and horses have just been reported in a new station circular No. 137, entitled "Surplus Wheat Feeding Experiments in Oregon." Copies may be had free.

These comprehensive feeding experiments and demonstrations were made possible by the allotment of 350 tons of surplus wheat by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation. The wheat was divided among the central and 3 branch experiment stations for use in a series of experiments which included not only fattening tests, but over wintering and maintenance feeding as well.

In cattle feeding tests in eastern Oregon about 1000 pounds of wheat with 1500 to 1800 pounds of alfalfa hay were required to fatten a steer. Wheat was equal to, or better than, barley or other feed grains in the fattening rations. In tests at the central station, ground wheat was successfully used with chopped oats and vetch hay for fattening baby beefs. Wheat was found to be at least equal, if not better than barley as a supplemental feed for fattening beef calves on ladino clover pasture.

Wintering experiments were carried out at the Squaw Butte experiment station and in the coast range, which revealed the value of wheat as a supplemental feed with low grade hays. Wheat gave slightly better results than either barley or oats in lamb fattening experiments at the eastern Oregon branch station, and was fed successfully to breeding ewes at the central station. The ewes showed no digestive disturbances and produced a good crop of lambs.

Wheat proved to be an entirely satisfactory substitute for the usual grain in a ration for dairy heifers or milk cows. It was also equal to corn in fattening hogs, and successfully replaced oats when fed to growing colts and draft horses.

Advertisement for Hermitage Old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Text: 'The Little Hermits say: "COME ON IN for Quality, Flavor and Value!"' Includes an image of a whiskey bottle and price tags for 2.10 QUART and 1.10 PINT. National Distillers Products Corporation, New York.

Advertisement for The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank. Text: 'A New Modern Deposit Plan to save your Time Quick - Easy - Safe'. Includes a 'BANK by MAIL' graphic and contact information: 'Write or call for complete information - The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank Head Office, Portland, Oregon MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION'.