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TO GO HOME

The grass is always green here
in the valley but in the dead of
what passes for winter it has a
sadden look which has already
been cured by the sun that shines
brightly nearly every day. The
leaves are coming out on the
trees and numerous shrubs have
put out blossoms which makes this
section look as if spring were here.

Farmers are concerned about
their lands and stock and now and
then are gone for a day in order
to see that farm operations are
started in proper time.

It is time to cease this legisla-
tion which is a winter sport in-
stead of a spring amusement.
When there is snow on the ground
and the days are inclement outside
one may as well legislate as to
play cards, shoot pool or reminisce.
Now with nature awakening there
are more important things to do.

Legislators might well be told
that the planting of crops, the
caring for young animals are of
more value than passing laws. We
can do little about the production
of food stuffs by legislation. That
comes from work.

And therein lies one of the
common fallacies of the day. We
in this democracy have come to
believe that the cure of any prob-
lem may be brought about by the
passage of a law. Now all laws
must hamper the normal existence
of mankind. True, laws are neces-
sary if we are to live together with-
out destroying one another, but
many laws seem unneeded even to
those who are daily concerned with
passing them.

This session has not heard the
will of the homesick member who
rises on some occasions to cry, "I
want to go home." Yet perhaps
the sun which at this moment is
warming the south side of the
marble statehouse with spring
time fervor may soon cause the
members to hie themselves to more
fertile fields for the exercise of
their efforts.

FISH BILLS

After three days of bickering—
and dickering—the legislature has
finally passed what is hoped is its
1941 quota of fish bills.

This one was about the age old
matter of closing the coast
streams south of the Columbia to
set net fishing. The struggle put
up by the friends of the fishermen
was magnificent in that they used
every method known to legislation
to prevent the sportsman's bill
from going through, which was
of course, their right and privi-
lege.

The fish commission operates
several fish hatcheries on these
streams and claims to be the agent
that keeps up the supply of fish
through the operation of these
commercial fish hatcheries which
are paid for by poundage fees col-
lected from fish caught.

The case for the fishermen was
generally pled by fish dealers in-
stead of by fishermen themselves,
although some coast citizens came
up to say their say for the actual
fishermen. The fish commission
held that there will be bootlegging
of fish anyway and that fishing at
night will go on despite the closing,
only that there will be no
hatcheries to keep up the supply.

The sportsmen—name, not de-
scription—hold that the tourist
business is more important than
the fish business, that the hatch-
eries do not really hatch nearly
as many fish as are caught by the
commercial fishermen, that if the
fish are to be conserved the com-
mercial men must be stopped, that
set nets are strung across entire
rivers by night so it is impossible
for a fish to get by them without
a degree of caution not possessed
of any fish, but the kind classified
as a poor fish.

And thus the battle waged for
three whole days with occasional
time out for routine business and
in the end they voted to put out
the set nets and, said the members
from the coast, to do away with
an industry.

It may be that some of the mem-
bers voted for the bill in the hope
that it would do away with the
fish forever and that never again
would fish come back to bedevil
legislators for what passes for
oratory.

Anyway it may reasonably be
assured that the legislative steam
is fished out for this session and
it is also certain that no one is
satisfied with the result.

In Other Days

Observer, March 14, 1902

About forty young people were
guests of Miss Ella Anderson and
Mrs. L. D. Idleman Friday even-
ing at their home in Sunnyside,
Moro. Invitations read "guess
what" and all were doing their
best. The evening included a
visit to the homes of Misses Mow-
ry, Lewis and Mrs. J. F. Foss.
Miss Edith Brock received first
prize, guessing the largest number
of musical selections, A. S. John-
son received the consolation prize
as a reward for his evenings
efforts.

Everybody is pleased to know
that Grandpa Seiders, worthy vet-
eran of the civil war has got the
contract to carry the Moro-Monk-
land mail at a decent figure for
four years.

County Treasurer Stanly has for-
warded a check for \$8004, includ-
ing \$271 for the Agricultural
college at Corvallis, payment in
full for state taxes due from
Sherman county.

Observer, March 15, 1912

E. W. Knapp was in Thursday
from his Monkland farm with
coyote and badger skins. Mr.
Knapp will experiment with pea-
nut growing this season, taking
the seed home with him when he
left.

W. S. Hall and B. F. Peetz were
Dalles visitors this week, going by
auto. While there Mr. Hall traded
his Buick for a Rambler and also
purchased a Marion car for
pleasure drives.

The funeral of Miss Anna Ful-
ton took place in Wasco Sunday.
Miss Fulton was a daughter of the
late Colonel and Mrs. James Ful-
ton, who came to Oregon in 1847.
Miss Fulton is survived by three
brothers, Judge John Fulton, Dav-
id Fulton and C. F. Fulton, and
two sisters, Mrs. H. B. Isaacs and
Mrs. Elizabeth School of Walla
Walla.

Observer, March 17, 1922

Mathews and Livingston are
having a private upstairs office
built over their storage room at
the rear of the ice cream parlor.
They also have placed an order
with the Sherman Electric Co. for
a suction fan to be placed at the
rear of the billiard room and
which will maintain a fine ventila-
tion system in all of the store
at all times.

C. G. Huls continues to be criti-
cally ill at the family home in
Moro, but has partially recovered
from a stroke of paralysis that at
the time affected all his left side.
Reed-Huls, a brother, living at
Vancouver, Washington arrived
Sunday afternoon.

J. J. Wiley of Grass Valley was
in town Saturday, announcing his
candidate for nomination for coun-
ty commissioner, and leaving peti-
tions to be signed to place his
name on the ballot at the May
primaries.

People's Column

To The Editor:

It looks to me like Sherman
county should have a riding club.
We have the best bunch of saddle
horses of any county in the state.
We have some of the best light
horse stallions in the West to
produce more. We have some of
the best riders in the country. We
have some of the best scenery any-
where to look at, so why not have
a club to take rides to see it.

Most people have trailers or
trucks to take their horses to cen-
tral points from which rides could
be taken down to the rivers etc.
My idea is to have any one join
that can ride and has a saddle
horse. From this club a posse or
drill team can be organized.

I have talked to a lot of people
since last fall and they are all
"pepped" up over the idea. I be-
lieve it would be a good idea to
hold a meeting for every one that
is interested in such a club and
talk it over.

Tom Fraser.

"I'm sorry, madam," said the
attendant at the movie, "but you
can't take that dog into the the-
ater."

"How absurd," protested the
woman. "What harm can pictures
do a little dog like this?"

Custom may lead a man into
many errors, but it justifies none.
—Fielding.

Warriors Hailed by Greeks



Wild with joy over their country's successes against the Italians, the populace of Athens, Greece, gives a rousing reception to Greek and British soldiers home from the battlefield. The British fighters have Greek and Greek flags. The Greeks are grateful to the British for the aid they have given them in Albania, where the Duce is still in reverse.

Statehouse Gossip

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Estimates at this stage of
the session fix the cost at
somewhat less than that of the
1939 session which exceeded \$150,-
000. Whatever the ultimate cost
the lawmakers have made ample
provision for its payment by ap-
propriating \$170,000 for legisla-
tive expenses. While the session
will probably not make a record
for longevity, in that it will prob-
ably not equal the 66-day record
of the 1939 session it will run that
record a close second. When the
lawmakers reconvened on Monday
the session had equaled the 57
day record of the 1937 session and
Wednesday marked the 59th day,
equalling the record of the 1935
session.

The law makers do not pay a
great deal of attention to the re-
commendations of the interim com-
mittees. During the two years in-
tervening between the 1939 and
1941 session special committees
worked on several important prob-
lems and presented their findings
and recommendations to the cur-
rent session. One of these special
committees after months of in-
tensive research and study worked
out a plan for the retirement of
public employees. The plan was
incorporated into a bill but the bill
was never introduced and the
efforts of that committee went for
naught. Another interim commit-
tee, the governor's economic coun-
cil, after much thought and study
evolved a plan for boosting the
sale of Oregon's agricultural prod-
ucts. This plan fared a little bet-
ter than the other in that a bill
was introduced and referred to a
committee but there it has remain-
ed since early in the session with
not enough support to bring it out
onto the floor for a vote.

Oregon's lawmakers have given
approval to bigger log loads—up
to a maximum of 68,000 pounds—
but turned thumbs down on every
effort to increase the size of other
commercial trucks first defeating
a bill that would have permitted
the operation of 60-foot trucks
with a gross weight of 68,000
pounds and then turning down a
second bill that would have in-
creased the gross weight of trucks to
a maximum of 60,000 pounds
without increasing the length of
the trucks.

The state senate defeated the
proposed amendments to the fi-
nancial responsibility act which
had already passed the House.
The bill would have required that
every motorist whose car was in-
volved in an accident, regardless
of responsibility, to either post a
substantial bond or take out in-
surance to protect possible future
victims. The measure was describ-
ed by its opponents as only a step
removed from compulsory insur-
ance.

Already, even before the 1941
session has adjourned attention is
being turned toward possible con-
tenders for the gavel wielding
jobs in the 1943 session. In the
Senate W. H. Steiwer, Fossil
banker, is being put forth by
Eastern Oregon members as the
logical successor to Dean Walker,
president of the senate. Douglas
McKay of Marion county, is also
being mentioned for the honor as
is Dorothy McCulloch of
Multnomah county, the only wom-
an member of the senate. In the
House Wm. McAllister of Madras
who ran Robert Farrell of Pen-
land race for the job this year,
appears to hold an advantage in

the early bidding for the 1943 job
although a number of the other
representatives also aspire to the
honor, including John Steelham-
mer of Marion, Herman Chindgrin
of Clackamas and Lyle Thomas
of Polk county.

Resigns

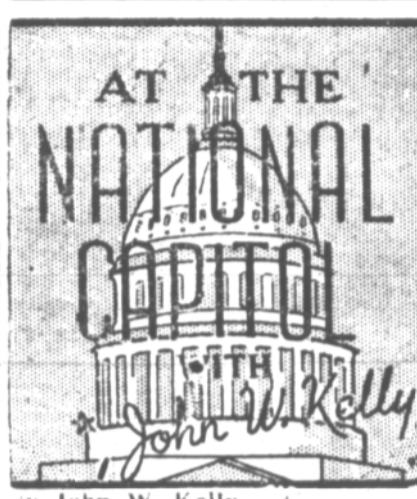


O. K. Armstrong, magazine writ-
er, who resigned from the "No For-
eign War" committee because of dif-
ferences with Chairman Verne Mar-
shall, shown at a press conference
in Washington.

Ambassador to U. S.



Vice Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, who has been appointed to the
important post of Japanese ambas-
sador to the U. S., succeeding Gen-
suke Horiuchi.



John W. Kelly

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construction of ships. Existing
yards are now loaded up and new
facilities must be found. Two
yards on the Oregon coast are be-
ing considered now for small
wooden boats, about 80-footers. A
number of contracts are being con-
sidered for Puget sound. Ship-
building for the navy, maritime
commission and coast guard is to
be one of the major industries of
the northwest.

A 10,000 word report on timber,
especially in Oregon and Wash-
ington, was prepared for the joint
committee on forestry by a Wash-
ington, D. C., lawyer, who read the
testimony of hearings in the north-
west. One reading of the draft
found no member satisfied with it
and the document was discarded.
Now each member of the com-
mittee is preparing his own ver-
sion of the timber situation and
what curative measures should be
undertaken and these will be con-
solidated for presentation to con-
gress. It is almost the deadline
for submitting the report. It was
to have been filed a year ago but
an extension was granted.

HIGH-LOW
IN Quality IN Price

Advertisement for Old Hermitage Whiskey, featuring a bottle image and text: 'OLD HERMITAGE Brand KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY. NOW PRICED AT \$2.05 QUART \$1.05 PINT. Making this famous old brand the top whiskey buy in town.'

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that D. L. Belshe, administrator of the partnership estate of J. C. Freeman & Company composed of J. C. Freeman and O. L. Belshe, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate, and Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. in the County Court Room at the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said account and settlement thereof.

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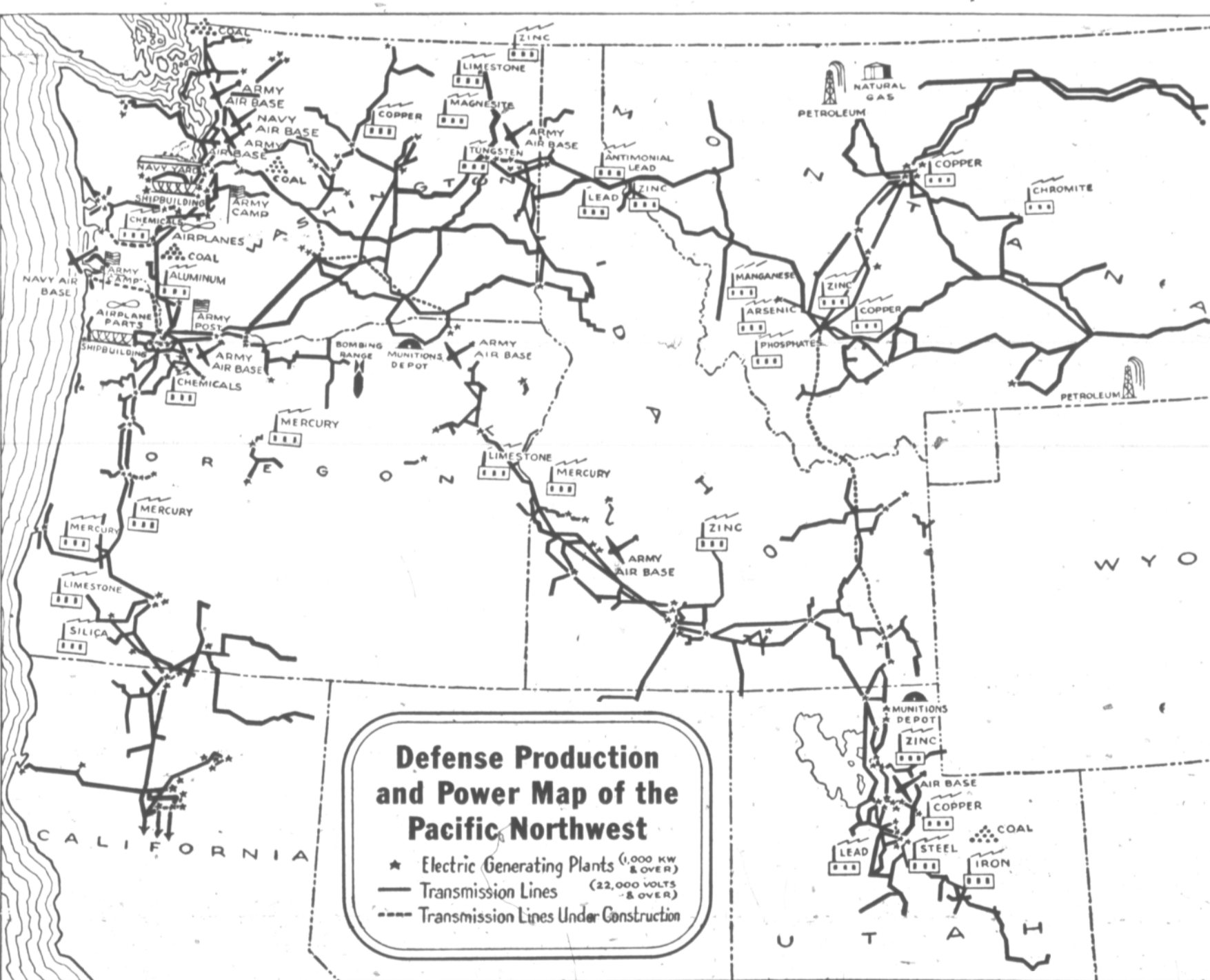
Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Truistic and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Joe Ritner N.G.
Vernon Miller Sec.
Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Moro, Oregon
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members 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.

How Power Systems Link Northwest Defense Areas



Defense Production and Power Map of the Pacific Northwest
* Electric Generating Plants (5,000 KW & OVER) (22,000 KW & OVER)
— Transmission Lines
--- Transmission Lines Under Construction

Avenues by which electricity can be dispatched instantly to any of the Pacific Northwest's defense production areas are shown on this "road map" of transmission lines, compiled by engineers of Pacific Power & Light and Northwestern Electric companies. Largely developed by the private utility companies of the five states, this network covers an area five times greater than that served by the noted British "grid" system. Extensive power company construction programs since 1918 have vastly strengthened the network and made electricity the Northwest's most mobile defense resource, according to Paul B. McKee, president of the Pacific Power & Light Company.

Generating plants of the region have 2,250,000 kilowatts of capacity, with an additional 400,000 kilowatts under construction. Nearing completion is the newest strategic link in the network, a 260-mile line which will interconnect the important copper, zinc and lead producing areas of northern Idaho and Montana with the mining and smelting centers of Utah. When this line goes into service it will be possible to shift power back and forth as needed all along the way from the seacoast to Salt Lake City. Importance of these system interconnections developed by the electric industry is that they insure a continuous and adequate supply of electricity everywhere on the network.