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THEY CAME THIS WAY

Early this week two huge car-
rivals for dirt moving jobs at
Klamath Falls came through Sher-
man county on their way to their
destination.

Well, what of it?

That is just the point. Without
having definite information about
the choice of route, it seems on
cursory thought that the reason
they chose the Sherman highway
to reach the higher land of cen-
tral Oregon was for the very
simple reason that this is the very
best route for the transportation
of heavy goods through Oregon.

The coast route is too crooked,
the Pacific highway is crowded and
is places is very crooked, the
routes over the mountains all have
some very steep grades unless
there be power in abundance, The
Dalles-California highway in Was-
co county is crooked, has innum-
erable bridges and those who
travel it must climb Tygh ridge,
drop into Tygh Valley, climb again
to Juniper Flat, go down into
Maupin and again climb the hill
to Criterion Junction.

There is really but one feasible
route and that is the one chosen.
The grade from the Columbia river
to Shaniko is over a fairly steady
grade. There are no bridges,
no sharp turns and the road is
heavy enough to withstand almost
any traffic except in a few places.

And when, and if, the federal
government desires to transport
war materials from north to
south or the reverse, it, too will
use the Sherman highway because
it is the best, the straightest and
has the easiest grades.

A HUNDRED ACRES A DAY

They plow a hundred acres a
day now, that is, a day and night;
great brightly painted, dust covered
behemoths, like army tanks go
charging over the land dragging
long strings of plows behind
them. A hundred acres a day.

Time was, not too far distant,
when they plowed with six horse
teams—little wiry horses with
bushy manes and tails and the
habit of bucking the harness off
when it rattled—and five acres a
day was considered enough for any
man or any team.

And Saturday night or Sunday
the whole crew went to town, the
less and his wife occupying the
seat of the hack and the children
and the hired men filling the back.
The barber shop was full of ani-
mated humanity, the saloon re-
sounded to joke and song and the
store clerks were busy until all
hours.

In the still dark or the bright
spring afternoon they came back
again to the ranch to feed the
stock and change the plow shares
and there was candy for the lit-
tlest ones and a fresh supply of
tobacco for the men.

Now the men who turn over fifty
acres a shift are lonesome men.
They sit alone ten hours, twelve
hours, listening to the rattle of the
motor; they grab their lunch at
noon or midnight between gear-
shifts and have communication
with neither man or beast in their
work.

Farm women used to cook home
grown food for a table full of
dusty teamsters and it took the
full day; now, they serve fine fare
to a few mechanics and never miss
a bridge game.

But where is Bud who used to
get his team out first every morn-
ing, keep them fat, and never have
a sore shouldered horse; or Joe
who always had a song and who
had so much fun-Saturday nights
or Pete who was saving his money
to marry the girl over on the
ridge? What do they do to earn
the bread they must eat?

One than now raises many times
the bushels of wheat he did in
those days. There is more efficien-
cy, more work per man, less
used for feed for animals other
than man. But no one is happier
and there is no life about the
town.

Farming, that was once a way
of life, albeit a hard, long hour-

dusty way, is now a business,
geared to the machine as surely
as any factory and the railway of
the crews has been stilled by the
rattle of valves.

A hundred acres a day.

LINDBERG'S THEORY

It has gotten to be quite the
style to criticize Charles Lindberg.
The man whom we once idolized
is now on the way to becoming the
nation's pet hate. It is just a
thought, but it seems likely that
the nation has been more wrong
than Lindberg in both instances.

When he returned from his first
flight across the Atlantic he tried
to evade the publicity but, of
course, couldn't. He had a notion
that an American citizen should
be allowed to do pretty much as
he pleased about his private life,
to think what he thought without
being lauded or ridiculed. That
is an old fashioned notion of
Americanism that used to be
taught in the text books and which
is almost pure theory, little used
in actual life.

Now Mr. Lindberg's statements
about the present war are fair
enough. He says that Germany
has much the better chance to win
because that nation is better fitted
for the fight. He thinks we should
not get into the scrap because the
side we are helping is going to
get cleaned anyway so why stick
our neck out.

He has overlooked the underdog
history of the Americans and their
overweening belief that we can
lick the nations of the world
singly or collectively if we but
set our mind to it. Also Mr.
Lindberg takes no cognizance of
what a majority of us call the
right of the war. This is what
makes this nation feel that Eng-
land should win to assure a civiliza-
tion in the future we will like
better than Mr. Hitler's civiliza-
tion.

Lindberg is being a strict realist
according to his lights; most of
the remainder of the nation are
being a bunch of blind (so Lindy
says) idealists who think Englan-
can win because they want Eng-
land to win.

Propaganda has much to do with
both sides, of course. It would be
a good thing if more people broke
into print with ideas like Lind-
berg's so both sides of the war
theories could be heard. So far
we have been pretty much one
sided in our thinking just as we
were back in 1917. We may live
to apologize for our attitude as
we did during the 1920s and by
that time Lindberg may be lauded
again as Senator Norris was after
the last war.

In Other Days

From the Observer March 28, 1907
A crowd of Grass Valley folks
surprised Mr. and Mrs. O. P. King
at their farm home, going in J.
Bates farm wagon, Mrs. J. B.
swinging a four-in-hand.

The new steam ferry boat to be
built at Rufus next month, will
be adapted for local traffic along
the Columbia, between Arlington
and Columbus eight months an-
nually. The balance of the year
will ply as a ferry continuously
between Rufus and the Washing-
ton side. The builders are R. C.
Wallis, J. S. Amos, J. W. Smith,
Judge Mariner, and the Smith
Bro., Blaylock; Ames Bros., Col-
umbus.

Kent: Casper Grassli is break-
ing horses this week.

Mr. Hansen, a daughter and
two sons, have each taken up a
quarter section of land west of
town, and expect to abide in this
region.

Last Sunday it really looked as
if April had backed into March
and upset her water cart.

From the Observer March 29, 1912
Todd McCoy sold his Franklin
car to Dr. Riggs of Wasco, Mon-
day, delivering it Tuesday after-
noon.

Married: At the residence of
John Matheson near Rufus, March
23rd, by Rev. A. S. Black, Raymond
Curtis and Agness Matheson. The
happy couple will make their home
in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kessinger are
helping the work along at the farm
of Mr. Rasmussen, who is quite
sick.

Joe Morrison and Editor West-
terfield were down from Grass
Valley Monday on business.

From the Observer March 31, 1922
H. U. Martin and wife are vis-
iting with the W. C. McKinneys.
Mrs. McKinney as a daughter of
the Martins.

The full length of the Columbia
River highway in Hood River
county has been cleared of snow
and ice by maintenance workers
under the direction of J. R. Nick-
elsen. Crews are now engaged
between Hood River and Mosier,
clearing away the debris left by
the slides.

L. R. Stoutt has moved from
Pendleton to Kent, having bought
the Everett Nunn farm interests
in that section.

Roy Kusman was a business
visitor in Grass Valley Thursday.

People's Column

To the Editor:
There will be a meeting for
everyone interested in forming a
riding club for Sherman county,
on week from next Sunday,
April 6, at the Courthouse at 2 p.
m. We would like to have all in-
terested in horse back riding come
and express their opinions. This
is for men, women and children.
Tom Fraser.

Greenville, Mich., March 11, 1941.
Editor Sherman County Journal.
I was much pleased to receive a
copy of the Journal in reply to
my inquiry regarding Moro. Was
not sure such a place even still
existed after more than fifty
years.

I judge from your very interest-
ing paper that it must be quite
precious and up and coming. In
appreciation I have given a little
picture as it was more than fifty
years ago. Had to the bunch grass
country and its pioneers.

I 1884 my young husband and
I went from central Michigan to
eastern Oregon and filed on a
large tract claim in Wasco
county, about fourteen miles south
of the Columbia river. Our claim
was about two and one half miles
north of a post office called Moro.

There was a small general store
where one could buy five gallons
of kerosene for a dollar; beans,
flour, prunes and dried apples.
Sugar 16 cents a pound. Here
came the mail by stage, twice a
week. Here also trailing Indians
loitered.

The country was fast being
settled. A blacksmith shop was
operated by a man named Zumalt.
From our little cabin we could
see the hills rolling away to the
Blue mountains, while close by to
the west Mt. Hood lifted her white
head.

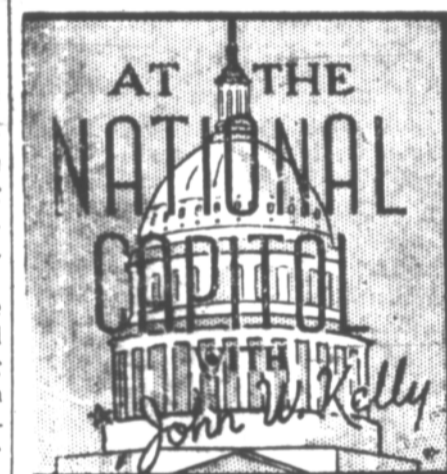
North, close by, a rise of ground
was called Gordon Ridge.

Cutting through this, the road
dropped rapidly down a winding
gorge to the river where the
Chutes river joined the larger
one. Here an elderly couple kept
a small general store and one
could get a meal and a night-
lodging. Name of Fulton.

Soon after we went there the
Indians burned the store. We
succeeded in getting a little home
but no water. For that reason we
gave it up and returned east.

And now after more than fifty
years I can close my eyes and see
the morning sun on Mt. Hood.

Mrs. Geo. King
Greenville, Mich



By John W. Kelly

Continued from page one.
United States great quantities of
Austrian wool bought by the
British government and shipped
to this country in American freight
cars, the costs being defrayed by
RFC. It was explained that the
sheepmen were entitled to a
"break."

Strawberry growers in Oregon
are in a tough spot. They have
ordered their hallocks for the ber-
ries and now the government,
through one of its bureaus, de-
clares these boxes are illegal any-
where outside of Oregon. The
Oregon hallocks have a false bot-
tom, but the box contains the
same quantity of berries as the
boxes of California or Washing-
ton. Heretofore the controversy
has been among manufacturers of
the boxes. Now, however, as
growers have ordered their boxes,
they will be the ones to suffer.
California growers are making
complaint against the Oregon
box, and acting on this complaint
the government is putting the
kibosh on the Oregon containers
in interstate commerce. It will
affect, particularly, the Oregon
market in New York City.

BLOWOUT BRAKING

In the event of a tire blowout
do not jam on the brakes sudden-
ly, advises the Emergency Road Ser-
vice of the Oregon State Motor
Association. Brakes should be
applied cautiously, with the steer-
ing wheel held firmly in both hands
until the car is brought under con-
trol. Sudden and severe applica-
tion of the brakes when a blowout
occurs may cause the car to swerve
and overturn.

March is so delightful,

And what a month for men;
Daddies who have lost their spring,
Discover it again.

Kent Rebekahs
Attend Lodge
Convention

The annual Rebekah convention
of District 21 convened at Antel-
ope Saturday, March 22. Those
from Kent who attended were:
Mrs. L. Sather and daughter
Helen; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hel-
yer; Mrs. W. C. Helyer; Mrs. J. L.
Matthes, Mrs. E. M. Helyer, Mrs.
A. F. Lyons, Mrs. Robert Schilling,
Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mrs. Volna
Guyton, Mrs. J. J. Decker, Mrs.
Vern Mobley, Mrs. Frank von
Borstel, Mrs. R. P. Barnett and
Mrs. W. C. Guyton.

Teachers of Sherman county held
a meeting at Kent Tuesday even-
ing and, after dinner served by
the American Legion Auxiliary,
a discussion of the county school
program for the ensuing year
was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell
returned to Kent Tuesday after
spending several days in Port-
land.

Mrs. R. R. Hulise returned to
DeFur Tuesday evening after
spending a week at Kent.

Robert King of Moro spent sev-
eral days at Kent last week look-
ing after his father's cattle inter-
ests here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cratty of
Sutherlin are spending some time
at Kent visiting Arthur Cratty and
family.

Wheatland Rebekah lodge No.
183 held its regular meeting Thurs-
day evening, March 20th. Mrs.
Vernishia Newby of Amity presi-
dent of the Rebekah Assembly of
Oregon, was an official visitor at
the meeting.

Anna Belle and Charles Reese
of Shaniko are spending a few
days here with their aunt, Mrs.
Volna Guyton and family.

The American Legion Auxiliary
of Kent held its annual birthday
celebration here Sunday evening
with a potluck dinner. The Moro
Legion was also represented at
this occasion.

Frank von Borstel Jr., and Es-
ogene Norton returned to Corval-
lis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Sias of
Forest Grove were dinner guests
of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer
Saturday.

Robert Wallman who has been
ill for several weeks left Thursday
for Portland where he will enter
the Veterans hospital for medical
care.

Mrs. Thomas Allen and son
James and Luther Warren Davis
noted to John Day Thursday.

Mrs. Cora Butts of Hood River
called at Kent last Thursday.

Mrs. G. L. Barnett and Mrs.
Rosellen Jennings and infant
daughter stopped at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes Fri-
day enroute to their home at Cow
Canyon from The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Sias of
Forest Grove were week end guests
of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson. The
Sias' were residents at Kent 20
years prior to going to Forest
Grove.

Mrs. Thomas Allen and son
James of Portland spent a few
days last week at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, James
and Luther Warren Davis ar-
room mates at O.S.C. Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cratty of
Sutherlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox
of Grass Valley and Mrs. Arthur
Cratty were dinner guests at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Cratty
Sunday evening.

Helen Sather and Pat Gentry
left Thursday for Portland where
Gentry was enroute to Camp Mur-
ray to entrain for selective service.
Helen returned home Saturday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koepeke and
children of Redmond are at Kent
for a few days while the formers
father is ill in a hospital in The
Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and
Mrs. John Wilson were business
visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Merchants Wish
They Were
Farming Again

During the past week the
weather in Sherman county has
been such that merchants, especial-
ly those who at one time were
farmers, have hated to stay in-
side their places of business. The
sun has shone so bright they wish
to be out where the earth is roll-
ing over and the slight breeze is
reminiscent of spring.

Farmers have made good time
with seeding or plowing because
the ground has been in good shape
to work and there has not been
enough frost nights to hinder
farm work.

There has been a fly in the oint-
ment, though, some want it to
rain.

You can't raise an electric
light plant because there ain't no
electric light seed; but you can
raise some nice currents from
electric light bulbs.

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THE CHARTER OAK FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, IN
THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, on the
first day of December, 1940, made to
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Table with financial data for Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company. Columns include: Amount of capital stock, Net premiums received, Interest, Dividends, Total income, Net losses, Total expenditures, etc.

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Statehouse Gossip

As made from page one)
construction of a 200-bed hospital
building to cost an estimated
\$325,000.

Kenneth G. Martin of Portland
has been selected as the successor
to Linden McCullough as superin-
tendent of the Blind Trade school
in Portland it was announced fol-
lowing a meeting of the Commis-
sion for the Blind Saturday. Mc-
Cullough has resigned as head of
the blind school effective April 1.
Martin, who was a member of the
commission for the blind and been
interested in the blind and their
problems for more than 20 years.

For the first time since October,
1911, no state banks in Oregon are
in process of liquidation. This
announcement was made by A. A.
Rogers, state superintendent of
banks as he mailed out checks this
week covering the final dividend
payment to depositors in the old
Albany State Bank which closed
its doors in October, 1933.

Secretary of State Spell; R. H.
Baldeck, state highway engineer,
and Charles P. Pray, superintend-
ent of state police, spent most of
last week in San Francisco in con-
ference with United States army
officials regarding problems of
transportation that might be in-
volved in the event of an emergen-
cy requiring the movement of
large bodies of troops and their
equipment over the highways of
this state.

A new record high in income
tax payments is predicted by mem-
bers of the state tax commission
based upon early returns which
have been pouring in during the
past two weeks. Incidentally, the
commission warns, Tuesday, April
1, is the last date on which state
returns may be filed to avoid pen-
alties.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned, Carl T.
Shearer, has been appointed ad-
ministrator of the estate of Grace
Pearl Shearer, Deceased. All per-
sons having claims against said
estate are hereby required to pre-
sent the same to me, with vouch-
ers properly verified, as by law
required, at the office of M. W.
Vilkinson, U. S. National Bank
Building, The Dalles, Oregon,
within six months from the date
hereof.

Dated this 28 day of March, 1940.
Carl T. Shearer
Administrator

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Popular Rooms Banquet Room
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Remember Old Sunny Brook? Who could ever forget it! and it's CHEERFUL AS ITS NAME! OLD SUNNY BROOK KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY BRAND

I heard Daddy last night in the telephone. He said he was a long way off, Teddy, but he sounded right beside me. We people of the Bell System (there are about 300,000 of us) should be used to bringing folks' voices together. But we never do get used to it. It's a thrill and always will be. Research keeps the work constantly growing in scope and usefulness. THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY