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Oddly we practice the theory that beauty is only skin deep on ourselves—women especially—and forget that the same theory is also as valid for our houses.

In spring when nature shakes off the drab colors of midwinter and takes on the hues of spring houses long unpainted achieve an appearance of extreme dullness that grows with each year of inattention.

A few gallons of paint, or should it be a few hundred gallons of paint, would do wonders for almost any town. That is, unfortunately, true of the towns in this country.

It is a common phenomenon to see bright and shining new cars standing in front of houses the color of weathered wood and wonder if by any chance they both could belong to the same owner. Often too the persons who come from the house and drive away in the car are carefully dressed and the feminine gender may have more paint on her face than is on the house.

There is no expectancy that a few words pecked protestingly from the office typewriter is going to inaugurate sudden reform in this matter. Such things as painting are based largely on economic matters although the matter of family pride has a place therein. There are folks who just keep things bright and shining because they like to have them that way. Others are not much concerned over such things.

There is nothing that adds to the attractiveness of a town like paint. One traveling about the country is more likely to stop and purchase in a town that is bright and shining than in one that looks in the last stages of unhampered decay.

Now good advice is something like good intentions—of which a well known bad place is said to be paved—so just to indicate some interest in good works as well as faith the editor of this paper will buy and apply a gallon of paint to any public building in Moro if enough others will follow suit in sufficient numbers to finish the job.

SUPPRESSED DESIRE

Some day we hope to meet the girl who makes the salads in some up-to-date restaurant. It is an ambition of long standing, based on a deep appreciation of color and form, (of the salads) for salads are often things of beauty with radish, strawberry or cherry adroitly setting the plainer viand off to their best advantage.

We do not mean that we merely wish to meet the lady who does this work of art, to blushingly stammer our few words of commendation for her artistic ability and shake a hand wet from handling lettuce leaves. We really want to watch her do it. We want to see cabbage and crab, lettuce and leeks, parsley and pimento blended so they look like something as good as alfalfa looks to a cow, something that causes the ordinary eater, who just dropped in because it was noon, to hold his fork suspended and ready for attack as soon as the comely waitress eases the salad to the table.

Americans are overlooking a new form of art. Magazines publish reprints of WPA paintings of various and sundry horses, steel workers and trees without paying heed to the newer forms of artistry such as making a salad, composed of ordinary things from the orchard and garden, look like a picture right out of a cook book and so enticing that one wonders whether to pick the maraschino off the top or undermine it from the bottom and let it fall unexpectedly onto the fork.

Sometimes, we hope, a waitress with fewer inhibitions than most will take us by the hand and lead us through the swinging doors from whence the smells emanate and let us interview the salad maker and watch the compounding of a culinary masterpiece. And then, we wonder, if we will not be too entranced to eat it.

WHY THEY CHOOSE LOCATIONS

Every time some industry looking for a location finally decides to locate in the state of Washington instead of building in Oregon the cry goes up that several things are wrong with Oregon.

There probably are several things wrong with Oregon but there are also things wrong everywhere else, too, for that matter.

Those who investigated the reasons for the location of the aluminum plant at Longview found that it went there because the channel of the Columbia river is on the north side of the river, that more transcontinental railroads were available there than in similar places in Oregon and that more level ground was purchasable.

The tax situation was carefully studied and found to be of little moment.

Oregon is really in a favorable position. The Oregon Voter recently quoted figures to show that Oregon made a larger growth in population in the 1930s than did Washington. Oregon has gained the most since the depression's deepest time. To quote further, "Judged by every index of employment, unemployment, applications for relief, applications for old age pensions, WPA certifications, volume of business, volume of production, volume of sales and other indices of economic change, Oregon has done better during the last ten years than either of her sister states."

This may be partly due to the fact that Oregon's legislatures in recent years have evaded huge debts and that property taxes are in many places being reduced materially.

COURT HOUSE CHANGES

The changes that will probably be made at the county court house will bear some watching by the citizens who are interested in their local government.

Truly the court house is crowded. There is insufficient vault space, the jail needs rebuilding. Probably the worst example of crowding is upstairs where the county agent, and all his help, the school superintendent, the health nurse and the relief administrator all are located and where when circuit court is held there is confusion for days. Goodness knows what would happen if a jury were needed for a week at a time.

At several times the matter of moving the agent down town has been discussed but nothing has been done about it. No one concerned wants to pay the rent. Were all his equipment and personnel moved to one room a smaller floor space would be needed. His office is used every day.

Removal of the county agent to other quarters would give sufficient room for health work and would permit circuit court to meet without the inconvenience now imposed.

There seems little doubt but that the building will be enlarged; how best to arrange it is now a subject for public discussion and it might as well be done now as afterwards.

In Other Days

From the Observer April 4, 1902.
 Biggs: The hotels are kept busy attending to the wants of the traveling public. Hon. W. H. Moore, E. H. Moore and family, Will Lytle, Max Ludderman and Wm. Holder were at the Glover Sunday.

Miss Jennie Williams was out to her farm this week superintending spring work and visiting her brother Charles H. and family.

Hon. J. B. Hosford of this city, the leading attorney of Sherman county, has been selected as one of the congressional committeemen for this district.

Little Elsie Fitzmaurice was a welcome guest at the Pinkerton farm last week.

From the Observer April 5, 1912.
 Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Starr Ruggles on Sunday, March 31, a 8 pound boy.

G. N. Crofield and family were auto visitors at Moro on Sunday from Wasco.

City election in Moro Monday was very quiet. The board of election were: E. W. Lewis, W. C. Rutledge, Wm. Morrison, Roy Axtell, and ex-marshall C. L. Montgomery. P. H. Burton was elected treasurer and W. H. Ragsdale, E. E. Barnum and H. U. Martin councilmen.

A. J. Bibby and wife of Kent, are in Portland this week, where Mrs. Bibby will consult specialists as to her health.

From the Observer April 7, 1922.
 Kent: Uncle Ben Brown is enjoying a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Fowler.

Mrs. I. E. Wilson, who submitted to an operation at a hospital in Portland, is expected home on Thursday.

Victor Anderson was robbed on March 30th for the second time this spring. The first robber took a new set of harness and lines, the second, a new set of harness and four new bridles.

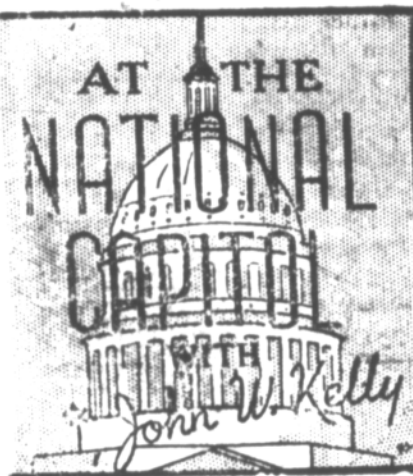
Statehouse Gossip

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 advisory council of the Oregon State employment service urged that agriculture be given a priority in the distribution of labor in the national defense program. Copies of resolutions adopted by the committee have been submitted to President Roosevelt, Governor Sprague and members of the Oregon delegation in Congress. The resolution asks that the national defense commission "place the activities of harvesting of crops in the same category as the labor requirements in industry so that during emergency periods workers will not be diverted from harvesting to certain defense projects."

The rising trend in the cost of living is closely reflected in prices quoted the state on supplies for state institutions. Especially is this rising trend seen in the price of meats. Quotations submitted this week offer bacon at 21 cents a pound compared to a price of 13 1/2 cents quoted a year ago. Beef prices are up from \$11.79 to \$13.20 per 100 pounds. Veal and lamb prices are also proportionally higher.

Two changes in institution heads are expected soon. The Board of Control is expected to announce its choice of a successor to Sam Laughlin as head of the State Training School for boys. This Laughlin resigned more than two months ago, effective as of April 1 and while more than 40 men have applied for the post the board has delayed until now selection of a new superintendent. The resignation of Dr. W. D. McNary as superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital at Pendleton is also expected daily. Dr. McNary announced some time ago that he planned to retire from the position but so far has not filed his formal resignation, pending the receipt of which the board will take no action looking toward the selection of a successor.

The weatherman is entitled to much of the credit for the big increase in gasoline consumption by Oregon motorists. Secretary of State Snell reports that gasoline sales during January and February this year were nearly 5,000,000 gallons above sales for the same period in 1940, an increase of 15.6 percent. February gasoline consumption showed the greatest increase with a gain of 19.2 percent over February, 1940.



John W. Kelly

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 ernment has done nothing about the closed shop, but congress is threatening to act. With CIO Dies is asserting communist influence. Most government contracts are on the cost-plus fixed-fee, the fee being an average of three percent; the profit of the employer is small, and Uncle Sam through the income tax, will get most of that.

Contractors are worried about a straight bid, because a strike upsets their schedule of costs and a change in wages can make a loss instead of a profit. The labor situation has given most of the contractors on the Pacific coast the jitters. Conciliators from the department of labor have not settled matters with speed; have not settled anything in some cases. The super-mediation board of 11 men appointed by the president has no authority to do anything until it has been appealed to after all other peace efforts have failed then the super-mediators can do nothing but talk to the interested parties.

President has urged the American people to make sacrifices, as has Mrs. Roosevelt, and the general public appears to be willing to go along without asking more pay, time and a half, shorter hours; but not so the unions, who have made no sacrifices as yet.

A friend tells us that the saddest social event of his whole life was when he invited his girl friend to a bridge party and when they got out to the bridge there was a policeman standing on it.

The best way to influence a man is to tell him he can't be influenced.

Once upon a time there was a buxom miss who called on a handsome young reducing specialist—and he took her breath away.

A bird in the hand is very unhappy.

Kent Matron Visits Daughter At Bend

Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson. Lt. W. W. Adams of Salinas, California, nephew of Mrs. Wilson was in Bend Friday evening with the 30th infantry unit of San Francisco, enroute to Fort Lewis, Washington and Mrs. Wilson and Nellie, and Mrs. Nelson visited the camp and also spent an hour visiting with Lt. Adams. He will be remembered here as the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adams, former Kent residents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Decker and daughter Nancy and son Arthur, Mrs. Volna Guyton and son Robert and Anna Belle and Charles Reese, Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta, Mrs. L. M. Schadevitz and Helen and Leona Sather were invited guests to the home of Mrs. Blaine Miller near Moro Wednesday afternoon, March 26th. Court whist was the diversion of the afternoon followed by refreshments served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones motored to Hood River Saturday accompanied by Milton Odell who had visited the Jones' Friday night.

Word has been received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell at Eugene March 24th. Mrs. Bothwell will be remembered here as Helen Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson.

Mrs. Mary Cammack spent the week end in Bend with her son, Paul Cammack and family. Miss Esther Cammack accompanied her there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer were shopping in The Dalles Friday. Mr. and Mrs. George McKay and Mrs. Harley McKay were The Dalles visitors Saturday.

Mrs. L. M. Schadevitz and children have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and sons Paul and George Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and sons Richard and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughter Karen Jean and Helen Halvorsen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson Sunday. The occasion was in observance of Mrs. J. M. Wilson's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett of The Dalles were over night visitors of their son, R. P. Barnett and family Saturday night.

Redmond visitors in Kent this week end were Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKay and Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and family.

A number of Kent people attended the Hinrich Peters funeral at Grass Valley Sunday.

The American Legion Auxiliary gave their last card party of the series Saturday night March 29th. Frank von Borstel won the grand prize of the series.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Helyer and family of Moro spent Sunday in Kent.

Robert Mitchell and Robert Guyton spent the week end in Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson and sons James and Norman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadevitz Sunday, honoring the 5th birthday anniversary of James Wilson.

June Gregg and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purchase of Bend spent a few days here last week with the latter's mother, while Mr. Purchase recuperated from an injury which kept him from working.

Robert Schilling and family are now living on the ranch vacated by Gus Schilling when he moved to Goldendale, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hess and children of La Center, Washington visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mathies were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mrs. R. P. Barnett and Mrs. J. L. Mathies visited Mrs. W. D. Barnett Thursday afternoon.

EO College of Education Grows

Eastern Oregon College of Education, March 29, (Special)—An increase in enrollment of 8.4 per cent for the spring term at the Eastern Oregon college of Education over that of a year ago was shown at the end of the first week's registration.

This percentage of increase tops the gain of the fall and winter terms by more than two per cent and is the largest spring term enrollment in the history of the college.

The total registration at the end of the first week was 307, as compared to 283 on the same day last year.

Escapes From Nazis



John Bessell is pictured here with his wife in New York city as they arrived aboard the S. S. Siboney from Lisbon, Portugal. Bessell, who writes under the pen name of "Hans Habe," recently had the good fortune of escaping from a Nazi prison camp.

In Fraud Trial



Howard C. Hapson, founder of the billion-dollar Associated Gas and Electric company, shown in federal court, New York city, as his \$20,000,000 fraud trial started.

Men commonly think according to their inclinations, speak according to their learning and imbibed opinions, but generally act according to custom. —Bacon.

CALL FOR BIDS

INVITING PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE SHERMAN COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Sherman County Clerk at Moro, Oregon, until 10:00 a. m. May 1, 1941 for alterations and additions to the Sherman County Court House in accordance with plans and specifications on file at the Office of the Sherman County Clerk, Moro, Oregon. A \$10.00 deposit required on Plans and Specifications will be refunded when Plans and Specifications are returned to the County Clerk.

No proposal or bid will be considered, unless accompanied by a check payable to the order of the Sherman County Court, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten (10) per cent of the aggregate amount of the proposal, to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages should the bidder neglect or refuse to enter into contract and provide a suitable bond for the faithful performance of the contract, in the event the said contract is awarded to him.

Geo. A. Potter
 Sherman County Judge
 J. M. Wilson, Commissioner
 David Reid, Commissioner
 4-4-18

The Better Way

Once during the war between the States, Lincoln's kind words for the South resulted in a stern rebuke from an elderly lady who happened to be present.

"Why do you speak well of your enemies," she demanded, "rather than destroy them?"

"Why, Madam," replied Lincoln with gentle patience, "do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Carl T. Shearer, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Grace Pearl Shearer, Deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me, with vouchers properly verified, as by law required, at the office of M. W. Wilkinson, 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

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance Company

of McMinnville, in the State of Oregon, on the thirty-first day of December, 1940, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Income	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 983,991.93
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	46,341.03
Income from other sources received during the year	21,014.00
Total income	\$1,050,346.96
Disbursements	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	401,912.09
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	303,274.21
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	22,626.63
Dividends paid on during the year (policyholders)	104,562.10
Amount of all other expenditures	117,971.94
Total expenditures	\$950,355.87
Admitted Assets	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	49,000.00
Value of bonds owned (or amortized) Incl. Munic. Wts.	1,110,281.43
Cash in banks and on hand	388,478.48
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1940	157,881.71
Interest and rents due and accrued	6,123.14
Other assets (net)	\$5,888.23
Total admitted assets	\$1,747,652.99
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	40,631.34
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	1,030,274.83
Due for commission and brokerage	41,931.33
All other liabilities	22,821.57
Total liabilities, except capital	\$1,144,668.07
Surplus over all liabilities	602,984.92
Surplus as regards policyholders	602,984.92
Total	
Total admitted assets	\$1,747,652.99
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 550,115.53
Net losses paid during the year	224,886.13

Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance Company
 E. C. APPELSON, President
 L. M. WAUGHMAN, Secretary
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