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ELECTION PRECINCTS

The next meeting of the county court will be the only time in this biennium when it will be legally possible to change election precincts. There are several changes needed in this county and voters have expressed themselves as favorable to such changes.

There are voters in some rural precincts who do not care to vote in abandoned school houses and would prefer to go to town where there is a bit more election excitement and there are some voters who would like to be put in precincts other than the one they are now in.

A call on the county court Wednesday, July 2, will in most cases make it possible to vote where it is most convenient.

KILLING KITTENS KINDLY

Wednesday morning a visitor who had parked his car without locking it found that it contained four small kittens, left there, no doubt, by some one whose desire for cats was limited by his immediate need.

It is recognized that the job of "plowing under" the surplus of kittens has long been a chore that taxed the ingenuity of those who would temper stern necessity with kindness to animals. In a country where there is no swift flowing river to provide a ready method of extermination for unneeded kittens many ingenious schemes have been tried.

There is a story of ancient vintage about two maiden ladies of mature years who wished to kill an old and dearly beloved rooster. Wishing to make his departure from this world as painless as possible they placed his twisting neck on a soft and decaying log in an effort to soften the blow.

Attempts to do away with kittens often are as heartless. They are taken far away from their place of birth to which, in these days of swift automobiles, they seldom are capable of returning. A few are able to bash out their brains with a hammer.

The jester who incarcerated his surplus in a parked car was an inventor with some imagination who, undoubtedly, performed his disagreeable task with much pleasure although with not much humanity.

SPEED LAW

Oregon now has a new law regulating the speed of automobiles on the public highways of the state. It is being said that it puts the burden of proof of speed on the one arrested and yet words making that effective are not contained in the written law and would probably not be constitutional if they were.

The law does state "Any person who drives a vehicle upon a highway at a speed in excess of that designated by this act—shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed ten days or by both such fine and imprisonment: provided that any speed in excess of said designated speeds shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of subsection (a) of this section."

In other words if a driver is caught going at a speed greater than that permitted in a specified zone it is evidence that he is guilty of breaking the law. Prima facie means at first sight, on the face of it. Prima facie evidence must be disputed or be taken by the court.

Now that does not make this law much different than the present one. An officer arrests a motorist and reports to the court that the arrested one was going 60 miles per hour. The victim says he was going but 40 miles per hour. The court believes the officer and levies the fine. Under the new law that is exactly what will happen, too. A man isn't guilty until proven so and he isn't going to be under the new law.

The new law gives greater

flexibility to speed and will establish zones for different speeds. It should be a marked improvement although it may need some amendments to make it more nearly perfect.

The primary purpose of the law was to give Oregon a speed law instead of a basic rule law. When properly engineered zones are established and speeds posted for each, the law should be a factor in safety.

THE WHEAT CROP

Every day it rains a little and almost without exception the days are cool with few touches of east wind that was feared would shrivel and brown the thick rank wheat.

Every day the heat comes a little nearer to that time when come what may there will be a bountiful crop. In the north end of the county that time is almost here and farmers have shortened their prayer for cool days to two or three in some cases.

Residents of forty years, and a few hardy old timers of sixty years, say they have never seen any thing like it. Certainly this year will go down in the sagas of the county along with '95, '12, '16 and '21 as being among the best. Except for wide spread hail or devastating fire that is now certain.

Wheat in the north end of the county is now turning from the rich green of a few weeks ago to the golden color that precedes the russet in Federation and the yellow richness of Turkey Red. From the roadside it continues over the hill in unbroken perfection without brown spot or draw to mar the whiteness of its changing color.

This may not be the perfect crop but certainly this will do until a better one comes along. How much will it make? Forty bushels, Puff. An ordinary year might produce that. Fifty bushels? Whole wheat fields will average that, say their owners. Sixty bushels. Look at the north sidehills, note the rare color, count the kernels and see that every head is full of three kernel meshes and be not afraid to prophesy it.

Some think the county will have 3,000,000 bushels of grain this year. It has done that well before when the government did not restrict the acreage. Such restrictions has had a minor effect on production because lower producing land has been taken out instead of the better land.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 20, 1902 Don Wheat left Tuesday for Lake's Mill where he will load two wagons with trough and tank lumber for Mitchell & Foss.

Hon. J. B. Hosford was reelected director and R. E. Hoskinson, clerk at the Moro school meeting.

Graduating exercises were held at DeMoss school, June 10th. Misses May and Lottie Robinson were graduates of the eighth grade.

The 14th annual convention of the Sherman county W.C.T.U. convened in Moro M. E. church, June 10th. A two day program had been arranged in which all members of the Union were invited to participate.

Miss Elsie Fitzmaurice accompanied Mrs. G. P. Higinbotham to The Dalles Sisters' school last week to witness the commencement exercises. Miss Mary Higinbotham graduated from the school at that time.

Rev. M. F. S. Hinton was chosen a director and Waldo Davis, clerk, at the DeMoss Springs school meeting.

From the Observer June 21, 1912 Marvin Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Miller of the Badger farm, is visiting with his cousin, Truman Strong, this week.

S. Elcock, Dr. Joseph Sanders and S. P. Brisbine are out of the city enjoying themselves with the Grand Army boys.

Mr. Altermatt, of the Rufus fruit and vineyards, delivered a load of cherries in Moro Tuesday.

Some of our farmers are figuring on 20 sacks of wheat to the acre, so be it; at all events there will probably be the biggest lot of wheat shipped from this county next fall that has ever been known in the history of our Little Short Line railway.

LaDru Barnum took a run down to Biggs Sunday with his locomobile and picked Mrs. Barnum and Mrs. Rutledge up, bringing them home to Moro 3 hours in advance of the overworked mail, express, freight and passenger train. An accident delayed him an hour on the return trip.

A dead mule in a plow runaway, a smashed rubber tire trap in another, a man crippled in a saddle feat, are three incidents in the accident chain happenings this week. Fortunately no person killed.

From the Observer June 23, 1922 Word was received in Moro Thursday morning that the barn on the Roy Powell farm had burned the night previous. Mr. Downing, in charge of the ranch during the absence of Mr. Powell at Camp Sherman, did not state the cause

Kent People Honor George McKay At Party

George F. McKay was the honor guest at a surprise gathering and dinner given by his children and their families at the Kent Grange hall Sunday. The event was in honor of Father's Day. Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKay, Mrs. T. W. Runnels and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carson and daughter Elva of Hosum, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray McKay and son Benny and daughter Phyllis of Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox and Warren Morgan of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beyers and daughter Thelda of Shaniko; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cratty and son Roy and daughter Alice of Santa Rosa, California. Kent people: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and daughters Virginia and Joyce and son Billie; Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and daughter Kay and son Frank; Mrs. L. M. Schadewitz and son Teddy and daughters, Nelma, Shirley and Kay; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cratty and daughters Dorothy, Ruby, Grace and Rose and sons Clyde and Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKay. Pictures were taken and the afternoon spent informally.

Mrs. B. A. Hogue received word of the death of her brother, Milton Bennett, at Tillamook June 13th. Mr. Bennett and family were former residents of the Kent vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sibley and Lawrence Pratt of Portland were calling on friends at Kent Monday morning. Mr. Sibley was remembered here as a former school teacher, but has been teaching in Jefferson high school in Portland for several years.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman at Grass Valley. Mrs. Reckman suddenly became ill on Friday evening and was taken to The Dalles hospital. She was able to return to her home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. P. Barnett, Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and Geraldine Norton drove to Portland Monday morning when Levina Barnett returned with them, having completed her Beauty course.

Mrs. R. P. Hulse and son Bill of Dufur, and Mrs. Paul Collins of San Luis Obispo, California, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moers and son Raymond and daughter Elaine of LaCenter, Wn., were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Plumke.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helyer, Geraldine Norton, Dolores Gregg and R. Abell attended the Rodeo at Antelope Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett of The Dalles were dinner guests of Mrs. B. A. Hogue and Gertrude Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer were overnight guests at the Quentin Kremmel home at Gresham Thursday night.

G. F. McKay and son Harley, E. C. Smith and Ray McKay were brief callers at Shaniko Sunday.

Arthur Cratty and daughters Ruby and Grace, Everett Cratty and daughter Alice went to Portland Friday and returned early Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta were dinner guests at the A. F. Lyons home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell and son Edward left Sunday for Dufur where the former has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson and children and Robert Wallman were

to the Editor:

Call to Prayer.

No doubt most people in Sherman county have listened in on the Old Fashioned Revival Hour each Sunday from five to six o'clock p. m. This broadcast reaches three fourths of the globe.

Charles E. Fuller, the minister who conducts this broadcast, has called for a day of prayer, Monday, June 16. Prayer is the greatest power known; and yet, sad to say, the least used. Our Lord said that "Men aught always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

At this time when nations are falling and civilization crumbling and our own beloved nation greatly threatened, we all would do well to heed this admonition.

The God who delivered Daniel from the lions den; and the three Hebrew children from the fiery furnace; who divided the waters of the Red Sea; and fed the multitude in the desert forty years; and fought their battles when in the trust in Him, is the same God of power and is just waiting for us to pray down heavens blessings. The invitation of Our Lord is to come and take freely. The Word says: If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. II Chron. 7:14.

I thought it well at this time to exhort all who believe in the power of prayer, to join in prayer on June 16, as only God can save our nation and liberty.

"O Lord by Whom we come to God, The Life, the Truth, the Way; The path of Prayer Thyself has trod;

Lord, teach us now to pray." Mrs. D. H. Wright.

Kelly's Column

By John W. Kelly

No doubt of their party connection; two had run for public office on the communist ticket; some were on WPA rolls; others in the lumber industry. They were fairly well placed to spread their party line.

When the president requested strikers to return to work, and they defied him, patience ceased to be a virtue and troops were moved in and took over the Inglewood aircraft plant. This defiance was the last straw. It appears that the administration imagined that the radicals could be controlled when the president spoke, but they had grown so self-important that the admonition of the president of the United States was ignored. Then came the time to act.

In piece with the new attitude, the president has ordered every person in civil service to be fingerprinted and these prints will be examined by FBI to learn whether there is any prison record. For the first time the administration is planning a systematic investigation of government workers. Hereafter things will probably be different.

of the fire. Joe Rutledge left Tuesday for Baker where he has accepted a position on the Sumpter Valley narrow gauge railway.

Archie Blue has been wearing splints on his nose part of this week. An auto crank—iron, not man—hit him when it slipped. One of the small bones of his nose was broken.

Mrs. Cora Guyton was in Moro last week taking teachers examinations.

Guy Walton and wife were Kent visitors here this week.

Revised Version The cadets were eagerly awaiting their dinners at a certain RAF training school, where the sea air seems to create perpetual hunger. One of them was heard to remark: "Never was so little waited for by so many for so long."

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

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MOTORLOGGERS FOLLOW CAVALRY OFFICERS ON BUYING TOUR THROUGH EASTERN OREGON

BY D. J. CONWAY

This is one of a series of articles condensed from The Oregonian, recounting journeys to interesting areas of the Pacific northwest made in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association. The complete article will appear in The Sunday Oregonian.

Does the army still use horses?

To obtain the answer to that question an Oregonian-AAA motorlog party traveled across eastern Oregon nearly to the Snake river to observe army horse buyers in action. They found the answer in Pine Valley in the foothills of the Walla-walla mountains. A tiny, blonde, 13-year-old school girl, Kathleen Curtis, dramatically supplied the answer. It was an emphatic but a heartbreaking "yes."

Armies do use horses, for three army officers came to the quiet, picturesque Pine valley and bought many horses. But what made Kathleen an authority was that they bought a horse she had helped raise. They bought her Percy's Pride, a half-thoroughbred, four-year-old, sorrel gelding, with two white stockings and whose sire was Brown Sugar, an army remount stallion.

Like Member of Family

To Kathleen it was almost like buying a member of the Curtis family. When she found out Percy's Pride had joined the army brave tears coursed down her sun-tanned cheeks as she said him goodby.

What do military authorities say about horses in modern warfare?

Colonel E. N. Hardy, chief of the army remount service, in a recent speech said: "Why do they still use horses? Horses are still used because they can perform some functions nothing else can perform, and can still do some other things better than anything else can do them."



"If I ever get into the army, I want this horse," said Wayne Curtis, holding bride, when he turned "Percy's Pride" over to Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Koester, right, of the cavalry.

Behind Percy's Pride, and thousands of other horses the army is now buying, is a story of long-range planning on the part of the United States army in co-operation with hundreds of ranchers. During world war No. 1 it was not easy to obtain horses ideally suitable for military use.

In 1921 congress authorized a horse breeding plan having as its primary object the production of large numbers of good horses suitable for riding, which would be available for purchase in the event of a national emergency.

Army Lends Stallions

Under this plan the army has acquired pure-bred stallions of proper type to produce good riding horses. These stallions were placed in the hands of ranchers and other civilian

agents in communities where there were adequate mares available. The use of the stallions has been supervised by army men representing the remount service.

Oregon east of the Cascades has been known for its good horses for more than a century. In the early days large bands of Indian horses, descendants of Spanish importations, ranged the bunchgrass lands.

The remount service has just completed a ten-day buying tour throughout eastern Oregon. Many excellent horses were acquired and immediately shipped to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, for conditioning and issuance to various branches of the service. Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Koester, officer in charge of the western remount area, was in charge of the buying party.



The Oregon State Motor association's familiar white car stops beneath the gateway of the famous Diamond-and-a-Half ranch in the Burnt river valley. The ranch is noted for horses.

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