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WE BROUGHT BACK THE GRASS

Everyone remembers the story of the flea and the elephant crossing the bridge. The flea remarked as they reached land, "We sure shook that bridge, didn't we?"

Reminiscent of this story is the remark made by a Willamette valley newspaper in boasting of the activities of the Keep Oregon Green committee this summer. This is the committee organized to prevent forest fires, a most worthy objective, and no doubt a good and hard working committee.

A similar boast is being made for the government bureau, name forgotten among the many; that was given responsibility for curing the dust bowl problem in the mid-west. A recent news story says that the bureau has been successful in reclaiming the dry land and making it productive again.

The Taylor grazing administration is also destined to boast that it brought the grass back to southeastern Oregon ranges.

The dry cycle caused many disturbances in agriculture that nothing but the return of a wetter cycle could cure. That is what brought back the grass and what made the dust bowl productive again. Nothing that man can do can take the place of rainfall in the production of crops except irrigation, perhaps.

Likewise rain is the best antidote against forest fires and the boasts of mere man are in the same class as that of the flea.

BUDGET TIME

A school for budget officers is to be held in The Dalles next week. It is under the auspices of the state finance officers and is called a finance officers school. Explanation of the new laws regarding the making of budgets will be made.

Those who have the duty of making the estimates for county, city, school district or other municipal corporation this year might well plan to attend next Wednesday.

Sherman county has never had a legal budget. The same is true of about 30 counties of the state. Estimates on the number of legal budgets varied from four to seven, but few of them followed the intent of the law. The last legislature tried to make the budget law simpler and more specific.

Furthermore the secretary of state was instructed to prepare forms for budgets—and other public papers—and send them out to municipal corporations as samples of how the law intended the forms to be prepared.

Another new law changes the fiscal year of the counties and cities to June 30 instead of December 31. A budget for a half year will be made this fall and a full year's budget will be made next May or June. This will permit the state and other subdivisions to conform with the federal government. Main taxpaying time will be November 15 instead of March 15, which interferes with the federal income tax paying date.

The machinery of budgeting has therefore been greatly changed within the last year. Perhaps that is not the most important thing. With the federal government taking more money than ever before, and planning to take more, it will suit taxpayers, very well if local and state agencies can reduce taxes.

When money is fairly easy to obtain it is customary for taxes to be levied for many purposes that will not stand reasonable criticism. People, and budgeteers, would rather let an appropriation pass than be thought penurious. When times are hard oft times the actual necessities are curtailed. It is advisable to be careful

in good times to prevent the necessity of being penurious in bad times.

The school will teach nothing of this. The instructors will be concerned with the machinery for doing it. It is upon the judgment of the budget makers that economy depends.

COUNTY FAIR

Probably no fair in recent times in this county has been started with as much talent hired for the entertainment of the cash customers.

No reasonable expense has been spared to make this an outstanding event in the county's entertainment year. It should appeal to everyone whether he likes horse racing, bucking, music, vaudeville, exhibits of live stock or the many other things that attract people to a county fair.

This is Sherman county's fair. To a greater extent than most county fairs it has a personal concern for every citizen. Nearly every family brings exhibits of stock or pavilion entries or have a horse for some of the races.

The fact that this has been kept a county fair with entries of both exhibits and racing stock restricted to this county as a general rule, has aided the interest in the fair.

Visitors at the grounds today, Saturday and Sunday, will find an exhibition indicative of the life and activities of the county. The best will be on display. And Sherman county's best is always worth seeing.

Secretary of Interior Ickes says that one man should be given complete authority over the power projects of the northwest and that private power companies should immediately sell out to the government. There are people who have been in the northwest longer than has the valuable secretary who think otherwise. Some prefer a three man board so Oregon could have representation and perhaps a private power company or two would give a check on government management's efficiency, just as government power gives a measuring stick for private power.

In Other Days

From the Observer Sept. 12, 1902

W. A. Raymond, one of the best mechanics in Oregon, was the successful bidder for the construction of the brick annex to the Moro High school building. The contract calls for the annex complete, 22 x 23, two stories from foundation to finish for \$2020. His well known ability is assurance that the work will be done well.

Mesdames Mitchell, Strahl, Dunaboo and Mowry have inaugurated the social season in Moro by giving afternoon teas recently.

The power stacker in use in grain warehouses save lots of back bone. The old man killing way of passing sacks from hand to hand until they reached the top of the pile is eliminated and the bags reach the top at once and by direct route.

Mrs. West is enjoying her visit in Moro very much.

From the Observer Sept. 13, 1912 Mrs. L. W. Ross and children have arrived at their new home in this city, temporarily at rooms in the Meach building until they can move into the residence now occupied by Sheriff Freeman, who expects to move into his new residence across from the M. E. church.

Col. and Mrs. B. F. Pike left for Los Angeles last week to attend the National encampment, G. A. R. after which they will spend some time visiting.

Dr. Marie M. Goffin visited relatives a few days last week in the Rose city.

Mrs. Roy Vinton was a visitor in Moro last week from Grass Valley.

From the Observer Sept. 15, 1922. Chas. Boardman and family, accompanied by Miss Jennie Hogue, were in Moro this week from Kent.

Mark Henkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Henkle of the Harmony district, graduate of the Moro high school who has been attending OAC for two years, has taken the position left open by Lee Stewart, as clerk in the Bank of Moro.

S. H. Arbuthnot is back in town for a few days.

Several young people in the community are making preparations to attend college this fall. O. A. C. will have an enrollment of five from here this term: Lee Stewart, John Searcy, Seral Searcy, Greta Freeman, and Evelyn Ragsdale. Those who will attend the University of Oregon are Richard Ginn, Ray Messinger and George Belknap, the last two, entering the Freshman class. Collis Moore intends to enroll later in the year at the U. of O. Frank Wilcox of Grass Valley will resume his work at the state university, and Harry Dutton of Grass Valley will don the green turban of the same institution.

A miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Gwendolyn Reese, bride elect, was given at the home of Mrs. J. C. Harper Thursday evening, September 7th.

Kelly's Column

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materials delivered, but freight car builders now have been given priority rating IA-3 which places them on a par with plane and ship builders.

Urgent need for foreign exchange

with which to purchase war supplies is given as the reason for England's attempt to sell steel tubes for an oil pipeline in Argentina and materials for the electrification of a Brazilian railway while at the same time taking enormous quantities of steel from the United States under the lend-lease act. American steel men complained that the British demands were so great that they were prevented from bidding on the South American business and intimated that Great Britain was using the lend-lease act to promote its private enterprise. The controversy has been ironed out by the British agreeing not to compete with American exporters in foreign markets with any products made of the same material being received from the United States.

Not since the days when they received their land grants as a bonus for building westward has there been such a concerted move by the railroads entering the Pacific northwest to "sell" the west to the government. Every day for weeks the carriers had chemical experts and mineralogists on the witness stand at the national capital explaining where there are large deposits of valuable material which should be developed with government money for national defense. This testimony supplements the statements which have been made by Pacific coast representatives but is more in detail, giving exact locations of mineral deposits, how these minerals can be treated and how much it would cost. The railroads admit that they have been engaged in extensive explorations. However, no mention was made of the chrome deposits in southwestern Oregon or the possibility of increasing the mercury yield from that state.

LINDBECK'S STATE NEWS

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the increased population and the Hermiston schools can not begin to take care of the added burden occasioned by the arrival of families of workers with many children of school age. Inasmuch as the Hermiston emergency is of a temporary nature, expected to end as soon as the contract on the army ammunition dump is completed shortly after the first of the year it is not felt that the expense necessary to the extension of water mains and sewer system as well as the construction of additional school rooms would be justified. Similar situations but of a somewhat smaller scale are expected to confront Corvallis, Monmouth, Independence, Medford and other Oregon communities with the construction of cantonments and other defense projects which are on the federal program.

J. C. Lindley who has been employed as an examiner in the state banking department since 1934 has been promoted to the post of assistant superintendent to succeed S. Dietrich who recently resigned to accept a position with the United States National Bank of Portland. A. A. Schramm, former superintendent of banks but more recently employed in a bank at Corvallis, has accepted a position as examiner in the banking department.

Governor Sprague is very much encouraged over the success of the "Keep Oregon Green" campaign. The fire season of 1941, he said, has been the lightest in many years. A report submitted by State Forester Nels Rogers shows that only 7659 acres of timber land outside the national forests have been burned over. Only 312 man made fires have been reported as compared to a normal 700 for a fire season. Lightning fires were responsible for more than 90 percent of the damage suffered in timbered areas of the state this year.

Increased employment is being reflected in a substantial decrease in unemployment compensation

Want Ads

FOR SALE: Rye Seed, J. E. Brown Grass Valley. 45 pd FOR SALE: Dugger house property in Grass Valley. \$350.00. Vada Dugger, The Dalles.

Whoever borrowed Jay Freeman's hat stretcher will please return it to the store. Freeman's Store.

WHEAT TREATING—See Ira Fridley at Wasco.

FOR SALE: 3-year old Lincoln Ruck. Clifford Trumbo, 405 Wasco.

benefits. A statement issued by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott shows that only \$432,460.24 in jobless insurance was paid out during June, July and August compared to \$813,664.28 for the same months in 1940. Public welfare costs during August amounted to \$829,001, Scott's statement shows. Of this total \$464,912 went for old age pensions, \$181,379 for general relief and \$91,757 for aid to dependent children.

With second half income tax payments now coming in state tax officials expect the grand total of revenues from this source for the year to reach \$8,000,000, or nearly \$2,000,000 above the original estimate upon which the 1941 tax levy was based. Penalty and interest will accrue on all payments not made by October 1.

Only 55 of the 61 young lawyers who passed the state bar examination were present this week to receive their certificates at the hands of Chief Justice Percy Kelly of the state supreme court. Most of the absent ones have been called into the military service.

Preliminary plans for the new treatment hospital to be constructed at the state hospital for mentally ill at Salem have been approved by the State Board of Control. The new building will provide a "work shop" for the treatment of mental disorders for the entire institution and will, in addition, provide beds for 120 patients. Increased labor and material costs have made it impossible to provide the 300-bed hospital as contemplated at the time the legislature made the \$325,000 appropriation for the new building. Superintendent John C. Evans told the Board. The structure will be of concrete construction faced with brick veneer. It will be two and three stories high and more than 2200 feet long and will be located near the present receiving ward and north of the main institution. Plans provide for the addition of more ward space as additional funds are made available by future legislatures. The new "work shop," according to Superintendent Evans, will contain a therapy room, a pool, beauty parlor and barber shop and will be as modern in design and equipment as is to be found in any similar institution in the entire nation.

Appointment of Dr. Donald Wair to be superintendent of the State Hospital at Pendleton was announced by the Board of Control this week. Dr. Wair was for many years assistant to Superintendent W. D. McNary who resigned as head of the Pendleton institution several months ago. The appointment of Dr. Wair is in line with a policy adopted by the Board several years ago under which competent subordinates are promoted to positions of greater responsibility as vacancies occur. Under this policy Dr. John C. Evans, Wheat parity payments under the 1941 program totaling \$1,448,975.19 have been received or are on their way to Oregon farmers, the state AAA office announced September 1. Ninety-five per cent or 12,202 of the estimated 12,840 applications for payment have been received from the counties and approved in the state office. Sixteen counties have completed their applications and nearly all the remaining counties are 90 per cent completed. Checks are usually on their way to the grower within 10 days after applications are approved in the state office.

former assistant superintendent at the State Hospital in Salem, became superintendent of the institution upon the resignation of Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner. Mrs. M. Wilson Savage who received her training as assistant to Superintendent Clara Paterson Durbin of the State Industrial School for Girls, is now head of that institution. Dr. Horace Miller, new superintendent of Fairview Home,

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient 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 in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient and visiting members welcome. Helen Martin N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Wendell Balsiger W.M. Roy J. Baker, C. V. Belknap, Secy.

was formerly a member of the medical staff of the State Hospital at Salem. Dr. J. M. Odell, present superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis Hospital at The Dalles, won his spurs as a member of the medical staff of the State Tuberculosis Hospital at Salem. George Alexander, warden at the state prison was formerly assistant superintendent of state police and was transferred only after E. C. Halley, deputy warden had declined an offer of promotion following the death of Warden James Lewis.

In spite of the fact that the World War Veterans State Aid commission has sold a total of 2500 farm and city properties in the past few years the department is still in the real estate business in a big way. A report just issued by Jerrold Owen, secretary to the commission, shows that as of July 31 the commission owned 409 farms representing an investment of \$976,980.97 and 619 city properties in which it had invested \$1,331,694.93.

Defense industries are calling for workers faster than the vocational schools can train them, according to O. I. Paulson, acting state director of vocational education. Oregon has been providing more than its share of these workers to date Paulson said.

The Oregon National Guard will be continued in federal service for an indefinite period up to a maximum of 30 months, the war department has notified Governor Sprague. Individual members of the guard, however, will be released, as circumstances warrant. Oregon troops are now stationed at Camp Murray, Washington, and at Fort Stevens, Oregon, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

TAVERN RULES FOR 49'ers A placard on the walls of a California hotel in the gold-rush days of '49 stated:

"Board must be paid in advance. With beans, \$36; without beans, \$12. "Salt free, potatoes for Sunday dinner, pocketing prohibited. "Extra charge for seats around the barroom stove. "Lodgers must feed their own straw. Beds on barroom floor reserved for regular customers. "Lodgers must arise at 5 a. m. In the barn, 6 a. m. "No fighting at table. "Anyone violating the above rules will be shot."—Exchange.

LOOKING AHEAD

The latest comment on our automotive civilization comes from a Navajo Indian and is worth a moment's thought.

An official in the Indian bureau at Washington had the idea that the Indian schools should give the young men courses in auto repairing so they could earn a living in the neighboring white men's towns. The Indian bureau teachers mostly approved but the venerable Navajo chief refused to let the boys of his tribe take the course.

"What good will such work do our youths," he asked, "when the white man and his cars are gone?"

American citizens! Heed the declaration of emergency by our President! Buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps regularly.

NOTICE OF SEASONAL DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given that the employers listed below have been determined to be seasonal employers within the meaning of Section 126-707 O.C.L.A. Any interested party may request a hearing before the Commission within ten days after final publication of this notice. The "off-season" (in calendar weeks) of each seasonal employer in Sherman county is as stated below:

Moro Grain Growers, 39-8. OREGON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COMMISSION Dated and first published this 12th day of September, 1941. [Date of last publication 19th day of September, 1941.]

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY In Matter of the Estate of Hinch Peters, deceased. SS. Notice to Creditors.

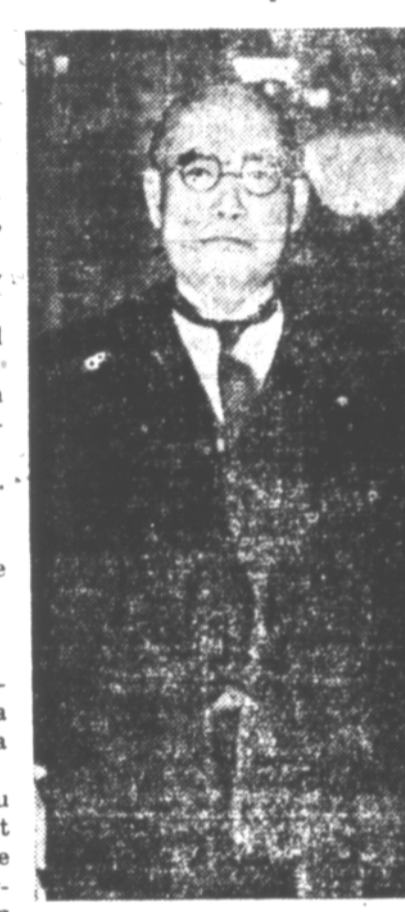
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. You are hereby notified that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the above entitled estate, by the County Judge of Sherman County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present them, with the proper vouchers annexed to me at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

First publication being September 12th, 1941 and last publication being October 10th, 1941.

Herman D. Peters, Administrator. Roy J. Baker, Attorney for Estate.



Warned by U. S.



Japan's Ambassador K. Nomura, after a conference with Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles, expressed the hope that U. S.-Japanese relations would get "better and better." Welles, however, said he told Nomura, that Japan's actions in Indo-China were a threat to U. S. "security."

Light Company Holds Jobs Open

Even though terms of enlistment have been increased to 18 months, Pacific Power & Light company has arranged to continue in effect the group life insurance policies of the 17 members of the organization who have already been called into the nation's armed forces, according to R. V. Lockhart local agent at Moro.

The arrangement, which also covers power company employees who may still be called for military service, has just been completed between Pacific Power & Light company and the insurance company that handles its group coverage. Leaves of absence of all Pacific company employes summoned for military service have also been extended to 18 months.

Patronize Journal Advertisers

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco

EOCE Expects Heavy Enrollment

Eastern Oregon College of Education, LaGrande, Aug. 29. (Special)—Applications for admission to the Eastern Oregon College of Education are being received daily in the registrar's office from high school graduates throughout eastern Oregon. Other students planning to attend the college should send in their applications now so that everything may be in readiness for registration at the opening of college on September 22.

New students from Sherman county who have already sent in their applications to enter here this fall are Helen Blau, graduate of the 1941 class of Wasco High School, and Margaret McDermid, Wasco, who is an advanced student transferring from Oregon State.

This is the time to... Lay in a Supply of Staple Groceries

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