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CONGRATULATIONS

It was certainly with no little community pride that Sherman contains read Wednesday morning of the success of the county's two horse herds at the Pacific International.

We knew we had some good horses, worthy of being shown any where against anybody's horses. We thought they ought to win. Nevertheless we were overjoyed to learn that grand championships in both mare and stallion classes were won by our own Sherman county horses.

This county has about one-five hundredth part of the state's population but it has all of the state's best four horses. Not only that, it must be remembered that horses from all over the northwest and Canada are shown at Portland.

Sherman county has long been famous for its fine draft horses. However, we do not recall such evidence of success as a double grand championship in the two most important breeds at the same show. Congratulations of the most hearty sort to Mr. Fraser and Mr. Rolfe, and their aids, too, for the showing.

MY SHEKLES, O MY SHEKELS

Worry about Russia's religion and the movement to insist that the leaders embrace our beliefs is but another of the many indices of the unreadiness of this nation to go to war.

We seem to look upon this war as another of the sporting contests we so enjoy, as an international bombing series an Olympian munitions conflict on which we had bet on England and her allies and therefore hoped she would win. As far as sacrificing anything toward that end—nothing doing.

The administration itself has refused time after time to let pass any of its attempts to reform this nation into the type it prefers—whatever that is—and it still insists that the political atmosphere be kept safe for the new deal, regardless.

Labor hopes, according to the AFL leaders, that Hitler loses as long as it can be done with a 30 hour week at high wages. Farmers enjoy high prices for food stuffs.

Men drafted into the army protest their low wages. Apparently we look upon this war as a chance to obtain more wealth and position for ourselves. We do not seem to consider it a threat to our form of government, our way of life but as an opportunity to get rich. No wonder Europeans call us Uncle Shylock.

A part of the people speak ill of Col. Lindberg for wanting us to keep our armaments at home. A part of us speak ill of the president for trying to lead us into war.

We are buying millions of dollars of defense bonds and stamps and the question seems pertinent whether we are doing it to speed defense or because it is the best investment for our war made dollars.

The answer to it all will undoubtedly be that wars are not won without sacrifice, not against such a war machine as Germany has developed. We don't seem to be scaring anybody by thumping our chest and making resounding orations against dictators: certainly we are not scaring anybody with our slow motion building of armament, surely no dictator is going to begin trembling in the knees at the threat of a nation where men will work but 30 or 40 hours per week at plane building and then strike at will.

Maybe we have decided that this type of government is due for the cleaners anyway and we'd just as well get our share of the pie while we can. Not even a confirmed optimist could be happy over the outlook if we are really planning to get in the war. Neither could a confirmed optimist be satisfied at our actions if we are going to stay out of war.

Unless our national thought jells

into decision pretty soon it won't make any difference what we conclude about this war.

OREGON TAXES

The law that will make unnecessary the 2 mill elementary school tax throughout the state was introduced by men from this legislative district in 1939 when there was little thought that it would take effect so soon.

Had the sponsors of the law had their way the income tax receipts above the amount needed to take up the state property tax and the elementary school tax would have gone to other school purposes instead of becoming a surplus in the state treasury. Surpluses in the treasury are always a temptation to those who have bright ideas about how to spend them.

It is true that the income tax has resulted in Oregon taxpayers of all classes, paying more money for government than before. Taxpayers might well have had to pay more without it. There is a better distribution of taxes throughout the people of the state with the income tax than there would have been without it. Those who are criticizing it are income tax payers and not property owners.

Experience has shown that any new tax results in a greater income for the state. It seems to be impossible to make a tax that will merely be a substitute for an existing tax. States that have a sales tax, whether it was started to take the place of other taxes or not, collect more dollars per capita than do states without such taxes.

Criticism of Oregon's taxation system is always in order for out of it may come a better system. But Oregon can stand comparison with nearly any other state in this regard and any sweeping change is more likely to do harm than good.

Farmers and others who would like to have their tax statement show small or at least smaller figures will have a chance to do something about it Tuesday when the budget committee meets at the court house.

In Other Days

From the Observer Oct. 10, 1902

Mrs. Dan McLachlin met with another fall Sunday seriously injuring her head and shoulders falling down stairs at the farm.

The last act of Uriah Serviss before leaving for his California home was to sell his section of land near town to Harry Lanphere for \$13,000 cash.

O. A. Ramsey has staked off a quarter block at Scott and Second streets and will build a nice residence there.

Martin Holman has leased his land to his brother John and will make his home in Portland. Dr. Goffin's barn is quite a feature on McCoy street. It is a very substantial building veneered with brick making it almost a fire proof building.

From the Observer Oct. 11, 1912

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Davis were dinner guests at the O. A. Ramsey home Friday, using Mr. Yates fine auto as a means of transportation to our fine city.

Our next county judge Fred Krurow brought down a fine exhibit of fruit from his farm near Grass Valley.

Roy Powell has arrived from Prineville to see his new daughter here at Moro.

Eugene Amidon will construct a comfortable tent house on the land he is farming for his family this winter. Go to it, Gene, you'll find it better than a sky scraper for health.

Geo. Crossfield opened the fair a day early by arriving with a long string of farm implements dragged by a tractor of the Caterpillar type.

Henry Root and wife left this week for a four months trip to California. He has been here 34 years.

From the Observer Oct. 13, 1922

The assessment roll for the county showed total property valued at \$12,323,470.

Rev. H. G. Hanson left this morning for Redmond where as moderator for the Pendleton Presbytery he will preside at the installation of Dr. Schnable as pastor at that place.

Alfred S. Powers and Ninus Eslinger were married at the M. E. parsonage here Tuesday, Sept. 12.

A. B. Montgomery and J. E. Montgomery, brothers of Bob Montgomery formerly of Moro and Kent were here appraising land for the Pacific Coast Joint Stock Land bank.

The Christian Endeavorers rallied in strong formation at the hospitable home of Chris Anderson Thursday night. More meetings will be held during the winter.

People's Column

15th Field Artillery Schofield Barracks, T. H. September 15, 1941. To. Editor Sherman County Journal, Moro, Oregon:

Your editorial of August 29th, entitled "A Failing Industry," was especially interesting to me, having recently completed an army short course in mess management, which dealt with the cost of staple articles.

We spent considerable time in the Post bakery, a very clean bakery, producing bread of a quality comparable with any commercial firm. The startling fact was the cost of this bread. Figuring all labor, fuel, depreciation, etc., the cost for the month of August was \$0.025 per pound loaf. The Army figures their bread cost will always be as follows: The cost of flour plus one-half cent for labor, other ingredients, etc., per 1 pound loaf.

The average wage paid the soldiers employed was \$60 per month. This plus the fact that they were using old and out of date machines requiring a larger amount of labor, and coupled with the typical governmental inefficiency means that the Army saying of, "the cost of flour plus one-half cent" is about what a pound loaf of bread should cost our commercial bakers to produce.

History has pointed out that whenever the price of a certain article is set by law or a board whether it be high or low, for any prolonged period, due to the inefficiency is arising from lack of opposition, the industry affected always manages to raise or lower their production costs so that the production cost plus a reasonable return on their investment equals the price as set.

Another fact with which everyone is familiar is that when the price of an article is low the utility is great. While not so apparent in the case of staple articles, it functions nevertheless. You bear this out by the statistics you quote, that is, when baking was a home industry we used six bushels per capita per year and that now it is 4.2 bushels. I think we can reasonably conclude that while Grandma was baking bread it didn't cost her ten cents per pound, so consequently she used more bread.

It seems to me that it's up to the wheat farmers to do something to correct this. I'll grant the fact that our diets have changed some, but not that much. The thirty percent more bread used in the old days would just about take care of our surplus at present. I believe it reasonable to assume that the increase in population would compensate for our change in diet.

If we have to have bakery boards and a set price, let the farmer see to it that the price is five or six cents per pound and not ten or twelve cents per pound. The bakeries might have to eliminate a few of the twenty or thirty kinds of raised bread and some of the fifty or sixty other varieties. There might not be so many Buck Roger stories on the radio advertising the bread that will make the weak man strong and the aft lady thin, but all in all it would be distinctly to our advantage.

If we can get rid of the bakery boards and keep the industry from setting the price on it' own, it would be only a matter of months until the baking industry was producing bread at a cost much lower than at present and one that would encourage far greater consumption.

Wishing you a rainy fall, I remain, Sincerely yours, Paul A. Fraser, 1st Lt. Field Artillery, USA.

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.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d & 4th Tues. day of each month. Visiting members welcome. Helen Martin N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Kelly's Column

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9,000 new workers were on the job in Washington and 8,000 were added to Oregon payrolls. Compared with August, 1941, the number employed in Washington increased 65,000 and in Oregon 34,000. As the defense program speeds up these states will have an all-time high of employment in 1942. The figures give an idea of the number of workers to come under the social security payroll taxes.

RUMORS have been circulating for months that the federal government is contemplating the establishing of a pulp mill somewhere in Oregon or Washington to manufacture an ingredient in smokeless powder, and probably placing it in the "fog belt." This report has reached the territory affected, but no amount of inquiry in the national capital has been able to uncover any supporting evidence. All the present two score pulp and paper mills in the northwest are reported to be working on a 24-hour basis, so great is the demand for their material.

Statehouse Gossip

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When the tax commission some two months ago handed down its now famous opinion precipitating the row over assessments in that county it did so under authority of the legislative act which presumes to give the state commission this authority. In that opinion and order the tax commission held the "variable ratio" system of assessments being followed by the Multnomah county assessor to be in violation of the constitutional and statutory requirements for equal and ratable assessments. At the same time it directed the Multnomah county assessor to bring his assessments up to a uniform basis.

In following out the terms of this order the assessor increased the valuations of residential property in the city of Portland while at the same time reducing valuations on some business properties. Then the Multnomah county equalization board stepped in with an order in which the assessor was directed to ignore the tax commission and re-write the tax roll on the old basis.

In its latest order, issued this week, the tax commission holds that the Multnomah county board of equalization acted entirely without authority but authorized the Multnomah assessor to reduce the 1941 assessments on residential improvements by 25 percent and that of business improvements by 10 percent. While this latest order represents a compromise over the commission's original order the commission still insists that the law requires uniformity of assessments and that the Multnomah county assessor must conform to this requirement as soon as he can make the necessary reappraisal of properties in his county.

Inasmuch as the county equalization board has again instructed the assessor to ignore the commission's order it is entirely probable that the argument will find its way into the courts for a final interpretation of the law.

Mrs. Harold D. Peterson of Dallas has accepted appointment by Governor Sprague to a position heading up the women's participation in the state's civilian defense program.

The high cost of labor and materials may necessitate a halt in the state's building program for the time being. The board of control this week found it necessary to reject all bids for a physician's cottage at the tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles when the lowest bid was found to be nearly double the estimated cost of the building. Plans are being prepared for building at other state institutions including a \$320,000 treatment hospital at the state hospital for mentally ill at Salem.

The 1941-42 edition of Oregon's Blue book is just off the press. It's 351 pages—the largest ever—are crammed full of valuable information concerning the state and its various activities. Copies are supplied free to state officials, schools, libraries and newspapers and are available to the general public at 25 cents each.

The State Employment Service reports an increasing demand for skilled workers and office help are also in great demand.

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.

CHURCHES

Wasco Church of Christ: Church Bible School 10:00 a. m. W. D. Watkins, Superintendent. Devine Morning Worship 11:00. The Communion. Morning Message "The Divinity of the Christ."

The State 90 and 9 Convention is in Portland on Monday 13. Afternoon and evening, at First Church of Christ. Are You Going? F. Claude Stephens, Minister.

Christian Science church services are held every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Subject for Sunday the 12th is "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?" Sunday school begins at ten o'clock and Wednesday evening meeting convenes at eight o'clock. The reading room is located in the rear of the church building with an attendant after the church services.

Moro Presbyterian Church: Bible school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. "Abraham, The Man Who Believed God." Christian Endeavor Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. James D. Moberg, pastor.

Wasco Methodist Church: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sunday School Rally program 11 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. F. R. Cannell, pastor.

EROSION SERIOUS

The most serious soil erosion in eastern Oregon is occurring on the Columbia basin wheat lands, where heavy soil losses have occurred from both wind and water erosion, according to the report and recommendations of the Oregon state land use planning committee. Acting upon the recommendations of this committee, plans are under way to organize definite programs to combat this erosion of the five principal counties affected.

Citing studies made by the Soil Conservation service on representative farms in the Columbia basin, the planning committee reports that on 42.5 per cent of the crop land up to 25 per cent of the surface soil has been removed. On 51.7 per cent of the crop land, between 25 and 75 per cent of the surface soil has washed or blown away, or been relocated. On another 5.5 per cent of these wheat lands more than 75 per cent of the surface soil is already gone.

The summer fallow type of wheat farming universally practiced in the Columbia basin is conducive to the development of erosion, the committee points out. While this type of farming is necessary as far as present knowledge is concerned, immediate steps will be required if better than half of the crop land is to be prevented from becoming marginal or sub-marginal for wheat production.

Much progress has been made in the last few years in lessening losses from erosion by the adoption of practices such as trashy summer fallow, cross seeding of slopes, and a certain amount of strip cropping using crested wheat grass. The plan of the coming campaign will be to make more general the use of such practices already found effective.

The planning committee also called attention to the danger of erosion developing on the U. S. army bombing range and ordnance depot areas unless preventive measures are taken.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 20 of Sherman County, State of Oregon, that a SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at the school house, on the 13th day of October, 1941, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following objects: For a vote on the sale of the school buildings and school property. Dated the 30th day of September, 1941. Clyde Crites, Dist. Clerk. S. A. Hall, Chairman Board of Directors. 48-49

Grass Valley THEATRE WEDNESDAY, October 15 JUDY CANOVA IN "Puddin' Head" Also Cartoon and Travel Talk SUNDAY, OCT. 12 CHARLES GRAFEWIN IN "Tobacco Road" Plus Cartoon

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