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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

The injunction in what is hailed as the American battle cry will now be easy for the men who were in charge of our armed forces on that fatal December 7.

One who reads the magazine accounts of the inefficiency of the Italian army and navy because of bureaucracy will find much that is similar in the causes for the Pearl Harbor disaster. It was said that Italian generals were put in power because of favoritism and that they held their places because of other qualities than ability at fighting.

It is to the credit of the government that it permitted the report to be published. Perhaps something may now be done to remove the conditions that must prevail in our army and navy when commanding officers are derelict in their duty.

FEBRUARY WEATHER

Now we await the day given over to meteorological prophesy from the animal world. It is next Monday and the ground hog is destined to come from his winter quarters and take a preliminary peek at the world to determine whether it is time to get up or no.

We find that our faith in the ground hog's ability as a weather prophet is slight indeed. In fact, it is slight as to all prophets of the weather but the ground hog rates very low. Nevertheless it is of some amusement to recall each February 2 that he is about to see his shadow if possible.

The older residents have said that if the snow had remained another two weeks we would have had spring when it went off. If it leaves by the first of February they are not certain. There may be March storms or a February blizzard. They may have been around longer than the ground hog and are not afraid of their shadow.

Our prophesy goes so far as to state that we will have weather every day during February and to about half the people it will be unpleasant, depending, not so much on the day as on the disposition.

CLEVER—NO END

The news was released this week that the "tire" had been dropped from the titles of the newly formed "tire rationing boards." Thus they are made just plain rationing boards with authority, apparently, to ration anything.

It makes little difference for we expect rationing in time of war and here is no complaint about the local board or doubt of its ability to function properly in rationing food or clothing as well as tires. Yet it seems that a bolder and better plan would have been to announce the appointment of rationing boards in the first place instead of naming a special board and then giving it inclusive powers.

GREEN PATCHES

It began on the south side of the trees, along the sunny side of the barn and by Monday afternoon the grass was showing on broad expanses of south slopes.

There is nothing strange about the disappearance of snow to uncover freshly green grass. It happens nearly every year. This year the snow laid on so long it seemed a bit strange to find that the earth bore a green covering.

The moralists of another day would have found something prophetic about it and would have called attention to the matter, saying, it is possible, that just as the green grass grew under the snow and came forth again with a warm day or two the dark days of the war would likewise be over and the world be bright again.

There will come a day when there will be tires once more, and sugar enough for the hungriest sweet tooth, and machinery for those who would work.

PRICE CONTROL

News from Washington is that the president is expected to sign the price control bill despite the criticism he made of it when it was amended by congress. He probably feels that it is good a bill as he will be able to get and that its good points equal its bad.

It is possible that Leon Henderson, with his force and ambition, can do something with such a law. There will be something of bluff in what he does, however, if he is at all successful.

Actually the bill is impossible. It purports to control prices but does nothing about wages and gives agricultural prices a chance to rise by ten or fifteen percent. With wages and food both up it will be hard to control the price of other things.

The farm bloc in congress amended the bill to permit agriculture to obtain a 110 percent parity. As long as wages were left out of the bill through administration edict there can be little blame given the farmers on that score. Costs of farming depend to a large degree on labor costs.

The administration is responsible for the parity principle which can hardly be justified. Parity is based on the theory that the price of agricultural products should bear the same relation to other goods as in a specified period of history. This tends to freeze price relationships.

The individual farmer income is not held at parity; it is the price of the product by bushel or pound. The farmer who has been able to increase his holdings gains and the tendency to increase holdings is given a boost. In this county the results are apparent on every side.

No note is taken in the parity theory of the increased efficiency in agricultural production because of new machinery, reduced costs on account of lower freight rates or expanded farms.

The parity theory never had to run the gauntlet like other economic panaceas but was given to the nation by pressure passed law. It is quite possible that the farmer would fare better as to prices if the parity theory was forgotten during the war. Wages are higher than in the last war and food prices still much lower. Regardless of what is being said about the price control bill and the farm bloc's amendment to it, the farmer cannot yet be called a profiteer.

It does not now appear that price control will be a success, except in a limited way. It is not yet proven that the administration either wants or expects it to be successful. Surely its economists do not even hope that the gargantuan debts can be paid off with the dollar worth as much as it is today. We'd like to know what the present leaders really think about it.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Feb. 2, 1923 A call has been issued for a mass meeting by Rev. H. G. Hanson and Rev. U. G. Smothers, the purpose given being to form a law enforcement league.

G. E. Mathews has had the floor of the Moro Opera house sanded and polished by an electric machine.

C. L. Powell was a visitor here last week from Portland. Mrs. Powell is a resident of Los Angeles where Lucille and Marion are attending school.

The house on the O. L. Belshe place occupied by C. W. Smith caught afire Monday morning while Mr. Smith was thawing water pipes with a blow torch. He had the fire out before help arrived.

From the Observer, Jan. 31, 1913 The bridge in Grass Valley canyon near the Wheat place has been washed away and teams using that road are forced to cross the canyon in front of Oscar Ruggles home.

The Wormaldehyde company has been incorporated, composed of E. O. McCoy, L. Barnum, R. D. Jackson and B. F. Peetz.

A. R. Kessinger has been suffering with an aggravated ulcerated wisdom tooth which has cut thru the gum but will come no further. Our snow left in a hurry Saturday and Sunday. A hundred feet of railroad track was washed out near McDonald.

From the Observer, Feb. 6, 1903 I. L. Peetz and W. S. Powell both have cut hands, Lou from an accident while butchering and Bill while doctoring a horse's hoof. A. H. Barnum and Miss Maggie Forra were married in this city Tuesday evening at the home of L. Barnum.

Cards have announced the marriage of John T. Johnson and Miss Cornelia Smith at Bement, Ill., January 27.

One of the new banks at Grass Valley will be known as the Citizens bank and be incorporated by Messrs. C. W. Moore, C. A. Buckley, A. Scott and Baker Bros.

The Grass Valley flour mill will get its power from the Tygh Valley electric plant.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from page one) billion dollars and included all the improvements on Oregon and Washington coasts, has been revised and \$600,000,000 eliminated, and this may be slashed again before congress is through with it. Power plants and key harbors of military significance appear to be left that is left in the measure. Fate of Umatilladam has not been determined by the committee.

Visitors to the national capital from the northwest have been telling stories of the many troop trains they passed on their way, the soldiers headed for the west. One attorney reported that he passed 50 of these trains between Portland and Chicago. The office of facts and figures now reveals that 600,000 troops were shipped to the west, the largest troop movement in the history of the war department, and all without a single casualty. The troops were distributed from Alaska to San Diego and back almost to the Rocky mountains. Following the old theory that the Pacific northwest is the most likely spot that the Japanese would attempt to invade, that area has been well protected. So far there has been complete silence on what the army and navy air corps have been doing on the Pacific coast.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one) seven bridges were constructed during the year and three grade separation structures.

Of the 7203 miles of highway on the state's primary and secondary system 5420 miles are now paved or oiled, 1077 miles have been rock surfaced, 334 miles have been graded and only 372 miles remains unimproved.

In order to overcome the threatened shortage of labor for the harvesting of spring and all crops Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, is advising schools in the affected areas to rearrange their schedules to as to release school children for this work without interfering with their educational program. Inasmuch as the needs for labor vary in different parts of the state Putnam points out that no state-wide program would be practical but that the problem must be worked out by each district based upon the local conditions. Among other steps that may be taken to meet the situation, Putnam points out that extended vacation periods and school days taken for county institutes may be eliminated and that provision may be made for making up school work for individuals missing school in the fall or anticipating absence in the spring. Putnam, however, calls attention to the fact that the Oregon law forbids the conduct of school on Saturday and requires that a full year of school must be taught.

Oregon householders will set their clocks ahead one hour on the morning of February 9 in conformity with the national program for daylight saving. Governor Sprague decided that Oregon should cooperate in the move to conserve daylight after conferring with the governors of Washington and California both of whom favored the plan.

Oregon motorists set a new high record for gasoline consumption during 1941 when they used a total of 297,966,614 gallons, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. This was a gain of 14.2 percent over the figures for 1940. Gasoline taxes paid to the state by Oregon motorists during 1941 totalled \$14,898,331, an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 over the figures for 1940.

The state supreme court which heard arguments in the mandamus suit against the cigarette tax last Friday is expected to hand down its decision promptly because of the importance of the case. Should the court refuse to issue a writ collection of the tax will continue uninterrupted. If the writ is issued placing the tax act on the November ballot collection of the tax will be automatically suspended pending the decision of the voters.

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Kent Teacher Married At Goldendale

Miss Shirley Braat, teacher of the upper grades, and Floyd Miller of Salem were married at Goldendale by Rev. C. J. Hall, at the Methodist parsonage Saturday noon. They were accompanied by Miss Esther Cammack and returned to Kent Saturday evening.

A small reception was held at the Kent hotel Sunday afternoon in honor of the newly weds. About 20 friends were present. The wedding cake was served after being cut by the bride, assisted by the groom.

Mrs. Miller will continue her teaching here while Mr. Miller left Monday, for his home at Salem, where he is a mechanic at the California Packing Association.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL, SHERMAN COUNTY, 1941. Classification of Property, Number, Value, Unit Value. Acres of all land 457,224 \$5,967,770 \$13.05. Acres of tillable land 268,818 5,680,040 21.29. Acres of non-tillable land 190,406 287,730 1.51. Improvements on deeded or patented lands 437,270. Town and city lots 45,990. Improvements on town and city lots 224,170. Machinery and equipment, garage, warehouse, elevator, etc. 14,060. Merchandise and stock in trade 73,880. Farming implements, tractors, furniture & equipment in commercial use; hotel, store, office 14,230. Horses and mules 1,490 33,150 \$22.25. Cattle 7,405 143,010 19.31. Sheep and Goats 8,212 20,350 2.48. Swine 2,346 14,120 6.02. Net value of taxable property 7,253,260. Soldier's exemptions deducted from above totals 2,220. Other exemptions including state & county foreclosures 72,380. 7,327,860.

Dated September 9, 1941. Note: This does not include bank stock nor intangibles which are subject to the State Tax Commission; nor does it include rail roads and other public service corporations which are assessed by the State Tax Commission. Valuation of public service corporations in 1941, \$1,759,515.03. Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor.

The following items added materially to the public service valuation: Louest Grove Electric \$4,355.00. Kent, P.P.&L. 8,040.00. Rufus, P.P.&L. 40,160.00. 52,555.00.

Total value \$9,014,857. Local value 7,255,340. Public Service value 1,759,517. Total Tax 50,210.57. Local Tax 36,392.50. Public Service Tax 13,818.07. Local Tax on real property 32,820.86. Local Tax on personal property 3,571.64. O.W.R.&N.C. tax \$10,458.47. Oregon Trunk tax 36.87. 10,495.34. 20.9% of total tax Public Service tax \$13,818.07. 27.5% of total tax Local Personal property tax 3,571.64. 7.1% of total tax Local Real property tax 32,820.86. 65.4% of total tax.

Those present were: Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Everett, Gene and Sharon Cantrall of Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter, Ted von Borstel and Eugene Norton.

Albert Pluemke of Salem, Mrs. Paul Smith and Geraldine Norton are spending a few days at the home of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Pluemke and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton.

Miss Mary Hoskinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hoskinson, is employed in the office of Major Harry Lynch, in Ogden, Utah. She left two weeks ago.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County their final Report and Account as Executrix and Executor, respectively, of the last will and testament of George Hennagin, deceased, and that Saturday, the 28th day of February, 1942, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day, at the County Courtroom, at the Courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate. Daisy Hennagin-Belshe, Lloyd L. Hennagin, Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Executrix and Executor. 13-16

NOTICE OF HEARINGS ON PETITIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF THE MID-COLUMBIA PEOPLES' UTILITY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that three public hearings will be held by the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon, the first hearing to be held on Friday, February 20, 1942, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in the Circuit Court Room of the Court House in Moro, the second meeting to be held at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, February 21, 1942, in the Circuit Court Room of the Court House in Condon, and the third hearing to be held at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, February 21, 1942, in the Circuit Court Room of the Court House in Heppner, to consider the voters' preliminary petitions for the formation of the Mid-Columbia Peoples' Utility District, which petitions were filed in the office of the Hydroelectric Commission on December 27, 1941. The proposed district would include a parcel of territory and the municipalities of Arlington and Condon in Gilliam County, a parcel of territory and the municipalities of Heppner, Ione and Lexington in Morrow County, a parcel of territory and the municipalities of Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco in Sherman County, and a parcel of territory and the municipality of Fossil in Wheeler County. Maps showing the boundaries of the proposed district are on file in the offices of the county clerks of the counties involved and available for inspection by persons interested. The boundaries of the parcel of territory in Sherman County are described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the north line of Sec. 31, T. 1 N., R. 20 E., W. M., with the Gilliam-Sherman County line, thence along section lines as follows: west approximately 1 1/4 miles to the S. E. corner Sec. 27, T. 1 N., R. 17 E., W. M.; thence north 3 miles, west 1 mile, north 2 miles, west 1 mile to the northwest corner Sec. 4, T. 1 N., R. 17 E., W. M.; thence south 6 miles to the S. W. corner of Sec. 33 said Township and Range; thence east along the Township line to the N. E. corner Sec. 4, T. 1 S., R. 17 E., W. M.; thence south one mile, west 2 miles, south 2 miles, west 2 miles, south 1 mile, west approximately 3 1/2 miles to the Sherman-Wasco County line; thence in a southerly direction along said line to its intersection with the north line of T. 2 S., R. 16 E., W. M.; thence east along the north line of T. 2 S.,

R. 16 E., W. M. to the N. W. corner of Sec. 3, said Township and Range; thence south 13 miles, east 1 mile, south 2 miles, east 1 mile, south 2 miles, east 2 miles and south 2 miles to the S. W. corner Sec. 5, T. 5 S., R. 17 E., W. M.; thence east 3 miles, north 3 miles, west 3 miles, north 3 miles, west 2 miles, north 13 miles to the N. E. corner Sec. 2, T. 2 S., R. 16 E., W. M.; thence east along the Township line to the S. E. corner Sec. 31, T. 1 S., R. 17 E., W. M.; thence north 3 miles, east 2 miles; north 2 miles to the S. W. corner Sec. 3, said Township and Range; thence east approximately 1 1/2 miles to the Sherman-Gilliam County line; thence in a northerly direction along said line to the point of beginning.

All persons interested are invited to be present at the hearings at which times the Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon will make a report of its preliminary investigation and will hear evidence in favor of and against the formation of the proposed district.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 20th day of January, 1942. Hydroelectric Commission of Oregon. By Chas. E. Strietkin, Secretary.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN CITATION

In the Matter of the Adoption of Robert Kelso Bixby a Minor. To - Joseph Rollin Bixby, father of the above named minor: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON.

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in this Honorable Court a verified petition of Arthur B. Christianson praying for an order of this Court that said minor be declared to be the adopted child of said petitioner and that the name of said minor child be declared to be Robert Kelso Christianson.

Now, therefore, you are hereby cited and directed to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, at the courtroom thereof, at the courthouse in Moro, Oregon, on the 21st day of February, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. of that day; then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said minor child, Robert Kelso Bixby, should not be by this Court declared to be the adopted child of the said Arthur B. Christianson and the name of said minor child declared to be Robert Kelso Christianson.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, this 21st day of January, 1942.

Ross Ornduff, Clerk. Date of first publication, January 23, 1942. Date of Last publication, February 13, 1942.

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