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RAILROAD CASE

Just who or what started it all has not been possible to learn. Either the Union Pacific officials, having looked at their balance sheet, decided that there was no further profit in the Shaniko branch and voted to abandon it, or the government bureau told the Union Pacific that it would have to furnish rails and scrap to aid the war effort and this caused the abandonment proceedings.

Anyway an abandonment petition was served on the Interstate Commerce commission in mid-June. Local men entered a protest and asked that a hearing be held on the petition. The ICC obliged and set the hearing for September at The Dalles.

The local case was prepared through the newly formed Sherman County Traffic association. It was thought at the end of the hearing, from comments made by those who had participated in other such hearings that the case of the Sherman county wheat growers had been presented very well, that the need for the railroad's continuance was definitely shown.

Ballheaded bureaucracy

It was with some surprise that local men learned early Friday morning that the railroad had been requisitioned by the Metals Reserve corporation, a division of the War Production Board. The decision had apparently been made in Washington D. C. for no one from this corporation had been over the line or had tried to obtain information about the use made of the branch, the amount of wheat shipped over it, the bushelage stored along it, the possible alternate transportation facilities or any other information.

Apparently some one in Washington looked at the map and found that the Shaniko branch ran close to the Deschutes branch, and not too far from the Condon branch as the crow flies, and gave the order to take it up, knowing, no doubt, that abandonment proceedings had been started.

An attempt was made to have the Oregon senators, McNary and Holman, intercede for the Sherman county wheat growers and ask that the Metals Reserve corporation heads at least read the testimony in the abandonment case before making their decision final. It seemed only fair that since this testimony had already been taken the bureau avail itself of it and not make a decision affecting so important a branch without full information. In other words even an all powerful government bureau should make its decisions on knowledge and facts whether it be war time or not.

A representative of the Metals Reserve corporation went over the line Saturday having already been sent here for that purpose. He wanted the line immediately, reportedly saying that the need for metal was greater than anyone thought.

There is not a person in the county, we think we are safe in saying, who would not be willing to give the government the railroad (and even help take it up) if satisfied that it was necessary to live the war effort or save the lives of American soldiers.

There are, however, many who do not believe the emergency has grown so acute since early summer when Portland officials begged the government bureau to take up and use some 90 tons of rails in the city streets which were later buried in concrete. There are also many who think a hearing should be held before a county is deprived of its transportation, and the results of that hearing be considered.

SONGS OF PEACE

They are bringing old phonograph records into the Journal office at the request of the Amer-

ican Legion which will send them to be used in the war. It seems almost sacrilege that the fine old ballads of another and more peaceful day should be remelted in their physical state to make war. When young folks gathered around the phonograph on Sunday afternoons and heard, "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland" there was neither war nor thought of it.

Remember, they used to ride over to the neighbors in the surrey on Sunday afternoons—the whole family—and after the men folks had looked over the pen of fattening shoats, talked about the host's horses and sighed over taxes, they went into the darkened parlor while the women got dinner. They played the phonograph and the discs or cylinders that are now waste material gave forth, rather squeakily, the ballads of the day.

There was nothing about smiting the Jap, sending the German back to his lair or anything resembling hate or fear. The old ballads told of love or of jest. "I'd Love to Live in Loveland With A Girl Like You", "He's A Devil in His Own Home Town", "Underneath the Silvery Moon". There was time then to spend a day with neighbors; there was feeling for a sentimental song. Now even the platters that made the songs possible are thrown into the war and the jangle of battle leaves no room for memory of their more peaceful day.

THE LAST BLUE CHIP

The people of Sherman county are not ones to get up from a poker game with one blue chip in front of them; they are not the kind who quit until the game is played out, until the final whistle has blown. Their action Wednesday in voting to send representatives to Washington to try to save the Shaniko branch is evidence of their spirit.

There was little expectancy at the meeting that it would be possible to change the minds of bureaucracy that has already given an order. But, argued the embattled farmers, if there is any chance at all, we want to take it. So take it they will.

It is probably true that it should not be necessary for men to go clear to Washington, to the busy capitol, to obtain a hearing on a matter so important to the economic life of the county. The fact remains that under the present conditions it is necessary according to the advice of men whose opinion was respected.

Metaphorically the people of the county shoved their last blue chip into the pot, called for the deck, and prepared to deal a jackpot. In which they would have a chance to show down their cards and let the other fellow see what they had. If that can be done, they feel, their case (hand) is good enough to bring home the pot.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Sept. 26, 1913
 Wesley Fuller, who had both bones in his right leg broken when a horse stepped in a badger hole with him, is improving under Dr. Poley's care.

Sherman county will be represented at the Tri-County fair at Condon next week by a crowd of boosters who will leave here by special train.

Alex Hunter has a fine little pear orchard on his Moro residence property, a sample from which measured seven inches long and 12 inches in circumference.

Neighbors and friends of J. K. Morsinger called at their home on the T. H. Fraser farm Saturday and gave a farewell party for them.

From the Observer, Sept. 25, 1903
 Up to Saturday last Hugh Shull has averaged 1100 sacks per day threshing. His best day's run was 1432 sacks of wheat for R. J. Ginn.

A report will be made to the county court next week by the delegation appointed to survey a long-awaited road from Kent to the John Day river. It is learned that the report will not favor such a road.

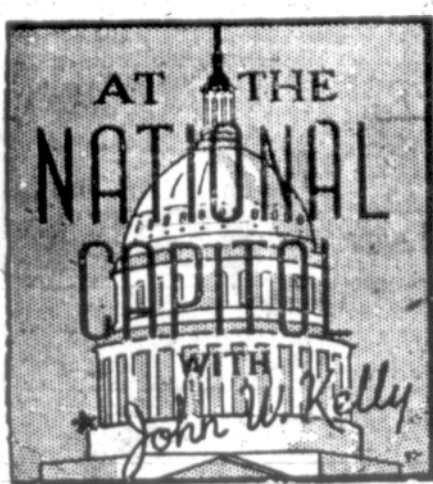
O. J. Bales averaged 33 acres per day with his new Holt combine. He cut about 1250 acres in 35 days.

Dr. Goffin caught a ten-pound salmon in John Day Sunday using his whip stock for rod, line and bait.

From the Observer, Sept. 28, 1923
 J. N. Landry captured most of the horse prizes at the Tygh Valley fair.

Miss Mary Johnson left Friday by auto for Portland accompanied by Alida Douma and Mildred Ginn, the last two enroute to Monmouth to attend state normal.

J. F. Foss has a sore arm, caused by a piece of steel which came off his hammer head while blacksmithing.



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 Important, if not the leading wood which may be used in meeting plywood airplane specifications. By converting logs into veneer and plywood the Pacific northwest gets the maximum payroll which has yet accrued from manufacturing this material.

There is more so-called farm bloc opposition to proposed rubber legislation than selfish interest on the part of the representatives of the farmers. Many members of congress actually feel that if we are to be engaged in a long war artificial rubber should be manufactured from materials that can be grown in a short span of time rather than from products that, once used, are gone forever. It is easier, they believe, to establish a new industry on a sound basis than to correct later a manufacturing process that has been started off on the wrong foot.

John Wilsons Move To City From Kent

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and son Kenneth will leave for Portland, and Walter Wilson and family are taking over the ranch.

Bert Cox, Fred Cox and son Donald, and Kenneth Crews, all of Grass Valley, are here at the Sather ranch helping Mr. Sather chop hay.

Robert Tatum stopped at the Sather ranch enroute to Corvallis.

Kent Grange will hold its first meeting for the fall term Saturday, September 26, with every member encouraged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman were visitors at the Sather ranch last Thursday.

Helen and Cassie von Borstel left duquay morning for Corvallis to start school.

Merrill Sather, who has been working the past week for his brother Kenneth at Moro returned home early Saturday to get ready to leave for Corvallis that day. Glenn Sather took him to The Dalles to catch the stage.

Kaye McKay is visiting at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Bert Cox in Grass Valley.

Shelton Fritts of Grass Valley has bought the L. E. Clark ranch and his family will move to it in the near future. The Clarks have left for Portland to live.

Luther Warren Davis left last Wednesday for college at Corvallis.

Sunday school next Sunday at 10:00 and church services by Rev. O. H. Jones following immediately after school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson left for Portland and valley points to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jerry Wilson entertained Rev. O. H. Jones and daughter and brother Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughter, Karen were visitors in The Dalles Thursday. Leona Sather accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson home that day.

Duane Lemley was a guest last weekend of Lloyd Kelley returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox and son Don of Grass Valley were visitors at the Sather ranch Sunday.

Lawrence Amick was taken to The Dalles Thursday for medical attention. Word was received that he was feeling much better. The Amicks recently sold their farm to Mike Smith of Moro.

Eugene Norton and Warren Morgan left for Portland Sunday. Glenn Sather took them to Cow canyon to take the stage.

Miss Dolores Gregg and Mrs. Charles Purchase of Portland were here to spend the weekend visiting with their mother, Mrs. Grace Gregg and Mrs. Purchase's son Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton took their son, Ross to the hospital last Friday where he was operated on for a rupture. Word was received here Sunday that he is doing nicely. Mrs. Norton stayed with her son.

Louis Sather and son Glen and grandson Louis Miller, Lloyd Kelley and Duane Lemley were visitors at the Millard Eakin ranch Sunday.

"Give Him Both Barrels Son"



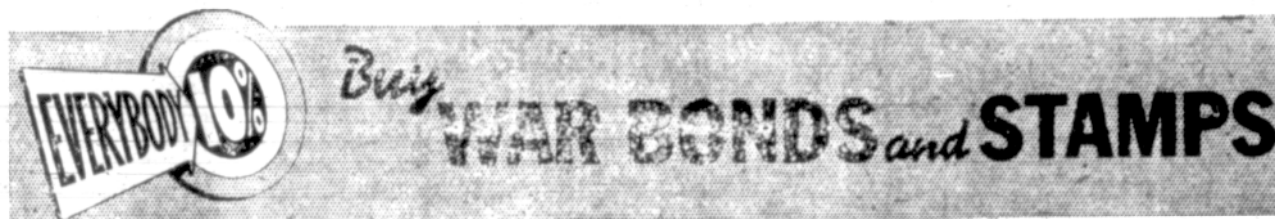
★From six to sixteen (and over and under)
 America's youngsters are helping to fight the war.

They're buying War Bonds and Stamps with the money they get for collected junk.

They're making it easy for others to buy War Stamps when they deliver newspapers.

They're studying to take their places in the ranks of America's fighting men when their call comes.

They're All-Out for America—and we're all-out for them and their Schools at War Program.



Pacific Fleet's Cincus With Jap Sword



Adm. C. W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, holds the samura, sword of the Japanese commander at Makin Islands, after the recent successful raid by U. S. marines, in which Maj. James Roosevelt was second in command. Others to Admiral Nimitz' left are, Commander J. M. Haine, USN; Lieut. Col. E. F. Carlson, U. S. marine corps; and Lieut. Gen. D. C. Emmens, USA.

Arthur Christianson is having to drive the Boardman school bus until the district can hire some one to relieve him.

Bob Gillmor is here this week to visit his parents a few days before reporting to OSC for his last term as a student there.

The county road crew is going to move the powder house to a spot near the city of Moro dump

yard in order to comply with regulations. An entirely new house will be built with new specifications.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ginn left Saturday for a short trip to the coast for a little vacation.

All candidates who were nominated at the May primary have accepted the nominations which

means that the names of George Potter for county judge and Vernon Miller for commissioner will appear on the November ballot.

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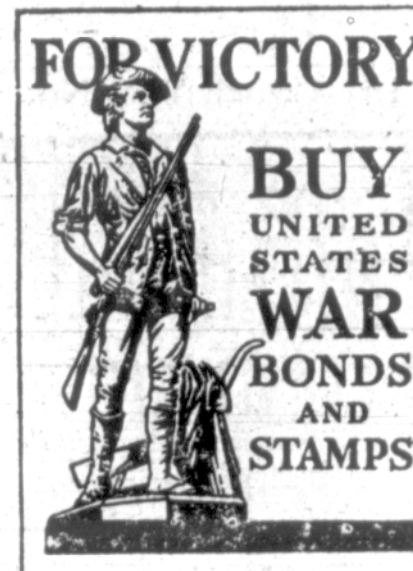
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, In the Matter of the Estate of G. C. Vinton, deceased.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of G. C. Vinton, deceased, by the above entitled court. And all those having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same with proper vouchers annexed, to the undersigned at the law office of Roy J. Baker, in Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Date of first publication being September 4, 1942.

Echo B. Vinton, Executrix.



Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78.0.E.N. Mo. o. Oregon

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Paul May, N. G. Percy Thompson, Sec.

From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

In the square of a little village not far from here I came on the prettiest flower garden you ever saw.

It was a lot of flowers all mixed up—hundreds of different kinds, I guess. So I asked a passerby if he could tell me about it.

"Well," he says, "in this town whenever anybody plants a flower garden and has any seeds left, they scatter them over this plot."

Then he leans over and pulls out a couple of weeds. "We all have to help pull out the weeds too," he tells me. "That way the village has a flower garden to be proud of."

That's about as pretty an illustration of co-operation as I ever came across. But there's plenty of examples of co-operation and civic spirit these days.

We were talking just yesterday about how the brewers and the beer distributors are working together and co-operating with law enforcement authorities.

You see a lot of friendliness and fine old customs have grown

around beer. But the weeds—well—they've got to be pulled out, too.

Everybody has to lend a hand. And the brewing industry is just sensible enough to recognize that. But what's more—they're doing something about it.

The brewers don't want their beer sold in the wrong kind of places, and so they've teamed up with the authorities in a self-regulation program to make careless beer retailers "clean up or close up," as they say.

From what I read, the plan is working out mighty successful in a number of states, and is spreading out into others.

From where I sit, it looks like a fine idea... a mighty practical example of how honest co-operation works out to the benefit of everyone—the brewers, the beer retailers, and us plain citizens that like our gardens and our pleasures—with the weeds kept out.

Joe Marsh



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