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UNWARRANTED

A news report states that The Dalles Elevator is to be sheathed with sheet iron within the next month or so.

Coming as it does in less than a month after the rails on the Shaniko branch have been requisitioned the announcement will stir many to righteous anger. It ought to.

Sheathing elevators is considered good practice nowadays—making considerable saving in depreciation costs. Few of the elevators in Sherman county—and some have stood 25 years—have been sheathed, so it can hardly be advanced as a necessity. Doing such a job in wartime, in a nation so short of steel that it must requisition needed railroads, certainly comes under the head of non-patriotic endeavors, and people have been sent to jail for smaller interferences with the war effort.

How many miles of the badly needed Shaniko branch would be required to cover the new 500,000 bushel elevator, we do not know. We do know that the Shaniko branch is a necessity to the people of Sherman county, even in wartime, and the sheathing of an elevator is not a necessity, even in peacetime.

Such inequalities emphasize the mistakes that are being made under the priorities system. The search for iron and steel, it appears, might better be conducted in offices back in Washington where unnecessary priorities are given than on branch railroad lines that are being used to haul the food the nation needs.

FOUR ON THE WATER NOW

Anyone who has produced anything for human consumption knows that in most articles or farm crops the greatest cost is for labor. Anyone who can read a newspaper knows that the number one aim of labor organizations has been constantly shorter hours and higher wages.

Government has cooperated with labor along these lines. Many of the objectives sought by this program have been in the public interest. But as in every movement that becomes monopolistic and political, grave abuses creep in, for which the public pays.

We are witnessing that result now. The government policy has been that labor must lose none of its gains in short hours, high wages, closed shop, etc. Then, after everything that goes into the cost of production has reached a record ceiling, there is a great hullabaloo raised that the cost of farm products is responsible for the high cost of living.

The situation is pretty much like the old story of the pot calling the kettle black. No group in this nation can long profit at the expense of another group. The people can't have cheap food while the farmer pays war wages.

We are now in a war to save our own necks, rather than to save wage or hour or price gains made by labor, industry, or the farmer. We are in exactly the same position as a man whose house is a fire and who refuses to exert himself to keep it from burning—he is faced with a condition that recognizes no social gains, or leisure, or soft hands. He may have to work to exhaustion to put out the fire, or lose his house.

If the Axis wins this war, there will be no more labor unions or free enterprise, or the right to say or do as we please—there will remain only the ashes of ideals and freedoms that we have enjoyed, just as there would remain only the ashes of a house which the owner refused to work to save, after hours, or over hours, or double hours, if necessary.

We hear a lot about lack of manpower in this nation, while there is resistance to working harder or longer than in normal times. If we are running out of manpower, the men privileged to stay

4-H Club Fair To Be Friday And Saturday

The Sherman County 4-H club fair will be held at the fairgrounds Friday and Saturday of this week. Merrill Oveson is in charge of the stock show, and Clifford Conrad, county agent of Morrow county, will do the judging. Dewey Thompson will be entry clerk.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 15, 1933
J. C. Freeman is having a 10x15 foot annex onto the rear of his store building, to be used as an office when completed.

Miss Marlam Cox, teacher in Moro schools, will favor the congregation at the Methodist church next Sunday morning with vocal selections. In the evening the choir will render a special anthem.

Mrs. H. B. Lusk is in charge at Hotel Ellsworth during the absence this winter of Mrs. Ellsworth, who is visiting with her son at Bozeman, Montana.

From the Observer, Oct. 2, 1903
Messrs. Ed and John Kaseberg and families returned Sunday from The Dalles. They sold their wheat at the river for 75 cents, realizing very near the top price for this season.

L. W. Shanks & Son at Grass Valley are doing a good business in harness that is guaranteed to wear and last. Among those who have purchased sets of harness are Fred Krusow, E. C. Davis, Harry King, O. P. King, Chas. Huff, E. O. L. Co., Ed Smith, Carson von Eorstel, Emerson Barzee.

Wallace Bruce, who bought out the DeMoos dray business has rented the W. E. White residence property for one year. This place being centrally located is well suited for a drayman home. One man of the business moved out and another moved in.

Twenty-four teams laden with wheat were seen at one time descending the hill at Ragsdale place last Friday into Moro.

From the Observer, Oct. 3, 1913
Ernest M. Eslinger and Miss Letta Fay Newton of Grass Valley were married at the Moro M.E. parsonage on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 25th, Rev. John S. Andersen officiating.

The prize Berkshire boar given by the O.V.R. & N. Co. as a special prize at the Sherman county fair will arrive Monday and be on exhibition at the fair next week.

The Wilcox school, south of Kent, will begin a term of school next Monday with Miss Stella Woods as teacher.

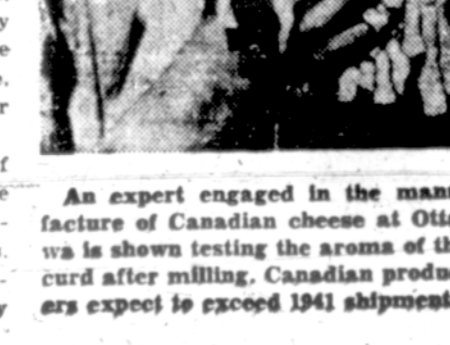
Mrs. Julia Hansen returned Monday evening from a short visit to the Rose City.

Quota Increased For Engineers

The war department has announced that the quota of registrants who may be accepted as volunteer officer candidates for the purpose of competing for selection to attend officer candidate school of the engineer corps has been increased. A portion of the war department announcement is quoted below:

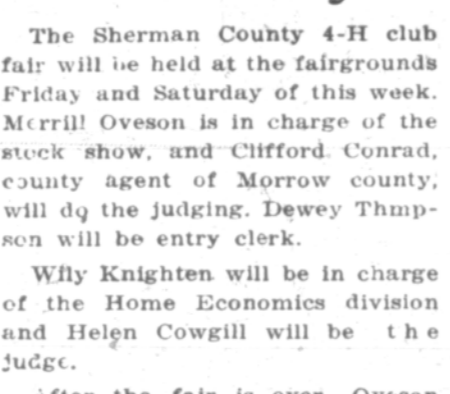
"It is desired that wide publicity be given within your service command to the opportunities afforded selective service registrants in the corps of engineers through the volunteer officer candidate program. Technical education or experience, while desirable, is not essential. The most important requirements are the desire to earn a commission, leadership ability, plus sufficient mental ability to complete the course of instruction satisfactorily."

The Acid Test

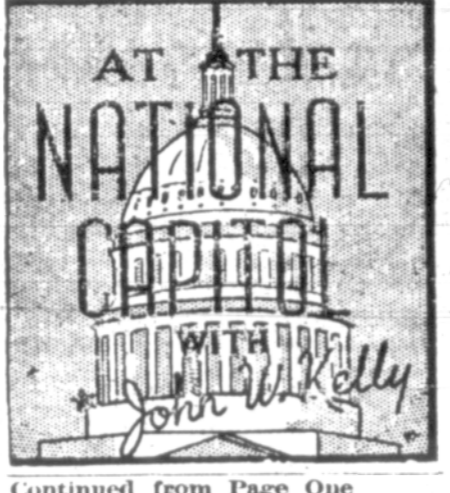


An expert engaged in the manufacture of Canadian cheese at Ottawa is shown testing the aroma of the curd after milling. Canadian producers expect to exceed 1941 shipments.

Out of the Maelstrom of War



B. D. MacDonald, head of the American Red Cross in the Middle East, is shown with some of the Polish children who are now being cared for in refugee camps in Iran.



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wise might be attracted to metropolitan centers.

Chrome ore miners of Oregon have been very critical of existing common carrier facilities and have been seeking relief in the national capital. One trucking firm has had a virtual monopoly on the hauling of ore from mines to a stockpile at Grants Pass, the miners claim, since it was the only common carrier serving most of the chrome mining region of that area.

Clyde B. Atchison, chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission, announces that his commission will make every effort to compose the differences between the miners and the common carrier, and also passes the word along that pending a satisfactory settlement the miners can haul the ore themselves. In their own trucks, or trucks they can lease. An alternative method may be reached, he says, under emergency clauses of the second war powers act which would permit miners to use "authorized contract carriers," and if no authorized contract carrier exists the commission will do everything possible to "expedite disposal" of such application.

WASHINGTON TRAVELOGUE

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trains. Went across Indiana, Ohio, and to Harrisburg, Pa., by night, and down in the morning through a rather poor farming country—eroded and some deserted farms.

Although we talk of the differences between east and west, there are more similarities than differences. There are the same stereotyped service stations, the same wrinkled suits of clothes, the same funny female hats, the same cars, the same cigarettes, and all the slight variants of the same language—where else can one go 3000 miles and be readily understood?

Washington, on first observation, has lots of old red brick buildings, and new concrete ones, rather low buildings, too.

Not so crowded in this part of town, even at noon—about like The Dalles on Saturday afternoon. It may be different around the government buildings.

Everyone we have talked to has said that going to Washington with problems is a good thing to do—maybe it is. We will find out today or tomorrow.

Dressed to Kill



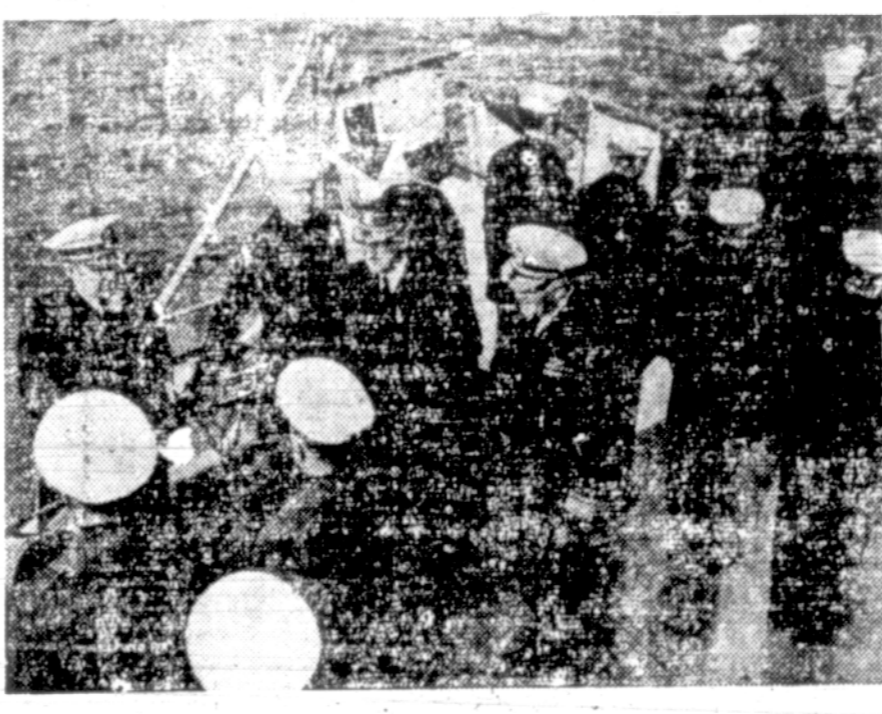
On maneuvers in North Carolina, Lieut. Col. Frank Murphy, who has taken a holiday from the bench of the supreme court of the United States "for the duration," is shown in his tankman's uniform, "armed to the teeth."

War Conditions Affect American Consumers



Mrs. America's home will be as bright as ever despite a simplification order decreasing the number of types of bulbs manufactured. Adequate supplies of the permitted types of bulbs will be produced to make up for the discontinued lines.

Commander in Chief Visits Atlantic Fleet



At Sea . . . Adm. Harold Stark (arrow) commander in chief of the European fleet, inspects the guard of honor on one of the ships of the Atlantic fleet.

Mrs. Hoskinson Now Teaching At Mitchell

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hoskinson left Sunday for Mitchell where Mrs. Hoskinson was to start teaching Monday morning.

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Advertisement for G-NASHING the AXIS WAR BONDS, featuring illustrations of soldiers and a tank, and text promoting the purchase of war bonds.

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Advertisement for 'Ten Per Cent OF YOUR INCOME should be going into U.S. War Bonds and Stamps', featuring a cartoon character holding a sign.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, Executrix of the Estate of Herman Julius Schilling, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned with vouchers properly verified as by law required.

- List of various fraternal organizations including Bethel Chapter No. 78 O.E.S., Morro Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M, and others, with their meeting schedules and officers.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

I MISSED getting my hair cut this morning on account of the scrap collection. When I climbed into the barber chair, Ray says to me: "Sorry, Joe. Ain't got time for you today. We're closing up this morning at ten."