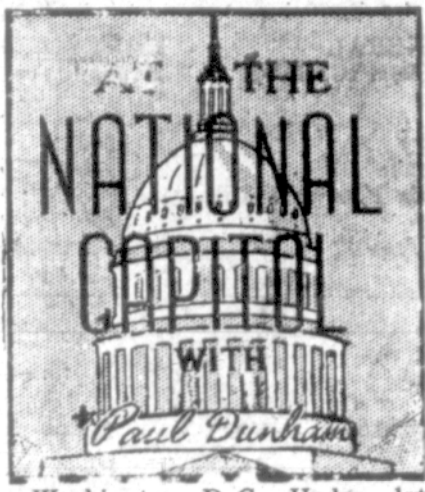


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Washington D. C.—Under date of June 4 two weeks ago, this column called attention to certain remarks made by Representative Voorhis of California concerning a contract entered into between the navy department and Standard Oil Co., for development of the Elk Hills naval oil reserve. This column further stated: "Charges reminiscent of the Tea-pot Dome scandal of the Harding administration were made on the floor of the house." Last Monday rumors of conniving and fraud broke out in the open. Several senators will join in a resolution demanding a thorough probe of the whole affair. It is said that Secretary of the Navy Knox, and others, will be called upon to explain the whole deal. In the next few days this matter will make headlines and it has all the earmarks of a coming field day for the orators of both houses of congress.

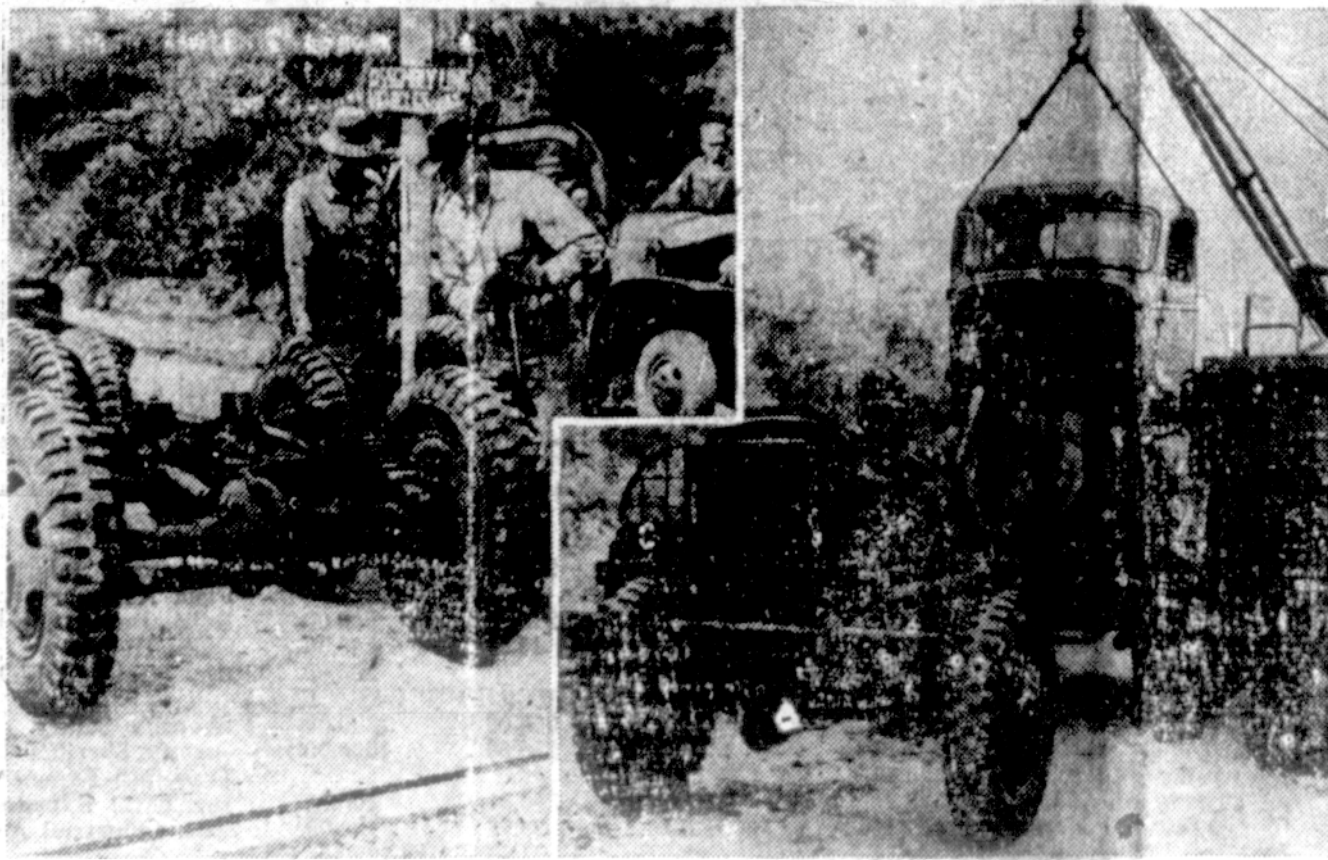
Big chief of chiefs, "Honest" Harold Ickes, who besides being secretary of the interior, is high mogul over all gasoline, fuel oil coal mines, Bonneville, Grand Coulee, and several other things, last week flatly declared that all gasoline for pleasure driving, anywhere, any time, was absolutely out. Reports just reaching here state that Mr. Richard Montgomery, chief of OPA for Oregon, tells the home folks they can save up their gasoline for short pleasure trips which OPA is happy to allow. All of which proves that Oregon's OPA Montgomery used to do a swell job delivering book review programs via radio. Ain't we got fun?

A senate resolution adopted a few days ago calling for an investigation of supply and distribution of hydro-electric power in the west has some funny angles connected with it. Generators at both Grand Coulee and Bonneville are running to capacity. Some of the smart boys around these parts say the investigation will show a big shortage of electric power necessary for war production work in the west. Therefore, it is important that additional power be made available at once. All of which could mean a new and different move to persuade the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho that they need more water storage dams for the Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects or other hydro-electric developments, such as Umatilla rapids.

About once a week the mail brings several pages of mimeographed reports from the budget director of New York state or other departments showing the splendid state of affairs of all departments in the state and proving beyond doubt that Governor Dewey is really doing a grand job. Every newspaper man in the national capital gets these weekly releases, and we hear that all newspaper publishers throughout the United States will be put on the list shortly. Now, why should newspaper publishers be interested in New York state, especially those out west, 3,000 miles away? It's easy to figure out why newspaper men here receive these beautifully worded releases each week. Nothing more or less than a big buildup for Governor Tom Dewey, who regardless of his previous statements on the subject, would like to be elected president. These reports show Governor Dewey to be a brilliant executive successfully directing the expenditure of hundreds of millions annually in handling the

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Assembly Line in Southwestern Pacific



Mechanically minded American soldiers are taking their mass production assembly line methods with them to the Southwest Pacific. Here troops take parts of trucks, jeeps and ambulances as they come from the ships and put them through the line. One improvement on the assembly line system is their "Change over." When the boys tire of one operation, a command switches all members of the line to a new position and a new job. Left, rear running gear of a two-ton truck is assembled. Right, a cab is added to the truck and soon it will be ready for duty in a battle zone.

Old Record Show Wheat Sales of '90s

Records of wheat sales as far back as 1896 have been found by Ross Ornduff and Vernon Miller who are tearing down are old Ginn Coleman shed on First street Moore Bros. & Ginn were buying wheat in those days from Hay Canyon to Kent and paying around 40 to 45 cents for it. There was a great proportionate cut for poor quality wheat.

One year a lot of wheat was damaged by rain and there is the record of so many sacks molded, and of so many cents per bushel loss.

Found also are records of hardware, and machinery business charges made for equipment and repairs at prices that make the farmers happy in memory—a memory entirely offset by recollection of the price paid for wheat.

Probably the records should be kept in some storage as mementoes of days gone by, but no one is doing it.

Maloney Warns of Car Sticker Due Date

J W Maloney, collector of Internal Revenue, announced that the Federal Motor Vehicle Use Stamp in the denomination of \$5.00 were placed on sale at all postoffices in Oregon Thursday, June 10. The stamp will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943, and must be purchased on or before that date. The stamps are serially numbered, gummed on the face, and have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and state license number of the vehicle. If the vehicle is in storage it will become subject to tax as of the month it is placed on the highway. Collector Maloney said that, to guard against loss or theft, it has been suggested that the vehicle owner should dampen the windshield rather than the adhesive side of the stamp when affixing. Another method is to brush clear varnish over the stamp after it has been affixed.

Meat Board Named

Appointed to the board to handle federal regulations about farm killed meat were William Clothier, who will be chairman, Roy Powell, representing meat producers, G. Douma, representing retailer, William Nesbit, representing OPA and Wily Knighten, school superintendent. Appointments were made by the county war board Wednesday.

Rain Dampens Wheat, Not Farmers Spirit

Rain fell in copious quantities all over the county Saturday although the largest amount fell in the south end of the county where it will probably do the greatest good.

The rain began in early morning south of Grass Valley and it was nearly noon before it was raining all over the county. At Moro 42 inches fell, and while that is not a big June rain it is enough to give material aid to the crops if the weather stays cool. Moisture in the soil is above normal.

The weather has been cool and cloudy and more rain may be forthcoming if appearances have anything to do with it. Long experience indicates that appearances have little to do with it, by the way.

Wheat has grown very rapidly for the past three weeks and now has reached a height except in the south end of the county where the spring wheat is stretching up later than usual. Chances for an early harvest have gone and it may be August before any large part of the fields are being cut.

Potato Bugs Attack Spud Patches

County Agent LeRoy Wright reports that many of the potato patches in the north end of the county are infected with Colorado Potato Beetle. This beetle starts as a small, short, black bug with spots on the side and develops into a winged beetle with stripes. Treatment for the plant pest is rotenone dust, spread through a cheese cloth as a dust, or Paris green mixed one to spoonful to a gallon of water. Rotenone dust may be obtained a pound at a time from the county agent. Application every two weeks is necessary to keep the beetle from destroying the spuds.

COOKERS ALLOTTED

The ten pressure cookers allotted to Sherman county will be allotted to families next Monday night by the committee in charge of that detail. There are some 25 applications and those will receive preference that specify more than one family as potential users of the cookers.

Plans for home food driers may be obtained from the county agent now. These plans show methods of construction and instructions as to the use of these driers, which are a good method of preserving foods for winter use.

School Election Day is Next Monday, June 21

School elections for each district in the county and the non-high school district will be held next Monday, June 21, the third Monday in the month.

On the non-high school board by appointment is George Wilcox who succeeded Grover Young when Young moved into the Kent district. Position from that zone is the one up for election. Reasoning will probably be done this year, but it will not effect the term of Mr Wilcox or anyone who might succeed him.

The county has been free from school district fights this past year and it is expected that most of those now in office will be retained although some changes will be made because of removals and refusal to serve longer.

Mrs. Verna Brown Buried Thursday

Mrs Verna James Brown was killed in an automobile accident Friday night, June 11, near White Salmon and was buried in The Dalles Thursday afternoon under the direction of Zells.

Mrs Brown was born near Halsey, Ore. April 11, 1899 and spent her girlhood there. Surviving are her husband, Lewis Brown, her mother, Mrs Alice Schuknecht of Grass Valley, a daughter, Frances James of Portland, and two uncles, Tom and W E Garrett and a sister, Letta. Mr Brown had been one of the crew working on the rock crusher at Grass Valley for the past few weeks.

RATION REMINDER

Gasoline: "A" book coupons No. 6, good for four gallons each, outside the eastern gasoline shortage area. Within the east coast shortage "A" book coupons No. 5, good for three gallons each, must last through July 21. "B" and "C" coupons cut to 2 1/2 gallons in shortage area.

Sugar: Coupon No. 13 good for 5 lbs. through August 15, coupons No. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes.

Housewives may apply to their local ration boards if necessary.

Coffee: Stamp No. 24 (1 lb.) is good through June 30.

Food Oil: Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30.

Shoes: Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) becomes valid June 16.

Meats, etc.: Red stamps J.K. L.M. good through June 30, become valid June 20.

Processed Foods: Blue stamps K.L.M. continue good through July 7.

Route of Old Oregon Trail Surveyed

Barlow Cut-off Through Sherman County Object of Trail Officials Trip

Locating the bit of the Old Oregon Trail through Sherman county was started Friday when Walter Meacham, secretary of the Old Oregon Trail Centennial Commission, and Francis Lambert, one of the directors, went over the route accompanied by A. H. Barnum, Claude J. Thompson, Wily W. Knighten and Giles L. Pritch of Sherman county and A. J. Price of North Bonneville, who was born in Sherman county in the middle sixties and remembers the trail from boyhood.

Nearly all of the route taken by the pioneers has been gone over preparatory to putting up markers this year. The celebration planned in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the big trek of 1843 cannot be held but "Pioneer" half dollars will be sold to buy the markers and have them put up.

Markers in this county will be put up at the ferry on the John Day, at the head of McDonald canyon where the roads forked, near Emigrant Springs, where the road crossed China Hollow near Richelderfer's place and at Mud Springs to mark the original Oregon trail.

Markers to commemorate the route that ran from McDonald ferry to a spot near Sherar's will be established at Nish, where the old road entered Grass Valley canyon, where Lone Rock road crosses Grass Valley canyon, at Grass Valley, near Michigan cemetery where the highway crosses the old road and near Sherar's bridge.

Mr. Meacham had with him several copies of diaries of pioneers who had made the trip across the plains. After a hundred years landmarks are hard to identify and the exact route taken by the wagon trains cannot be followed at this day.

However, there is general agreement that the old trail crossed the John Day river a little north of the mouth of Rock creek. (The Scott family train came down Rock creek and a mile down stream to the ford.) Then most of them speak of climbing to the tableland up a rocky, steep canyon probably where the present road goes. Others apparently climbed the hill as signs of the trail may be found there.

After the Barlow route was built many of the wagon trains crossed the county to the Deschutes river at Sherar's instead of going to The Dalles and rafting down the river.

This road came into Grass Valley canyon at Nish and followed that canyon (then less rocky than now) to the town. From there it followed a general southwesterly direction going just east of the Michigan cemetery, and the old Michigan schoolhouse, past the Jones place, down the canyon past the old Buckley place and thence around the ridge to the south of there until it circles back to Buck Hollow about amile above its junction with the Deschutes.

There is argument that the trail followed the ridge just north of the canyon formerly followed by the Sherar's grade but others claim this to be a pack trail over which the pioneers drove their stock.

One old diary mentions losing two mares and a mule that went over the falls (West's diary) but it is practically impossible for a wagon train to come to the river above the falls.

How they crossed the river, even if Cyrus Olney did have a ferry, is still unknown. It might have been possible for well caulked wagons to have crossed the Deschutes near the mouth of Buck Hollow on a cable ferry.

Whether the old trail went up

Portland Singer, What Happened In Norway, Told Crowd

Local Musicians To Be Heard

The program for the Saturday night recital in which several Sherman county musicians will assist William Gynther of Portland, will be given at the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock.

This is the second appearance of Mr. Gynther here and is due to the reception given his singing last June. Assisting him will be Miss Sybil Belshe, accompanist, Miss Claudine Thompson, soprano, William Clothier, pianist and Tom Fraser, basso. A full evening's program has been arranged.

The recital is being sponsored by the Moro Woman's club which will receive any funds remaining after expenses are paid. This is an opportunity to hear one of the state's best singers as well as Sherman county musicians.

Reids Have Stock Of Dry Goods

W. R. Reid and Son, with Mrs. Reid as manager, have taken over the Gift Shop at Wasco and have added a line of dry goods to the line of gifts, novelties and jewelry carried by Mrs. Feldman.

Men's clothing, baby goods, dishes are among the new additions to the line and a supply will be kept to make it possible for the county to supply its wants of this merchandise.

Mrs. Gordon Rich Dies In Portland

Georgia Harriet Rich passed away at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Arthur Bracken 7216 S W 31st Ave. Portland, after an illness of almost one year. Her family have lived in Portland for the past fifteen years.

She was a teacher in the Wasco Public School during the school years of '39 and '40, and she taught at Redmond during the year of '41.

On July 10, 1941 she was united in marriage to Mr Gordon H. Rich of Wasco, at the first Christian church in Portland, of which she had been a member for a number of years. This union was blessed with one child, little Susan Virginia.

Funeral arrangements are pending in Portland, of the arrival of her sister, Mrs Harold Kimsey, from Pecos, Texas. The arrangements are in charge of J P Finley and Son.

While in Wasco she made a number of close friends who, with her family, will mourn the untimely death of a dear mother, wife, daughter and friend.

DEALERS TO ACT

Farmers who have machinery applications already filed do not need to do so again. A farmer should see a dealer. If he can obtain the needed equipment the committee will issue the required certificate.

LUMBER MAY BE HAD

While lumber is frozen for all purposes not covered by a ration certificate farmers may obtain lumber for repairs to all machinery or buildings other than his own house.

SCRAP PAYMENTS

Seven of the cars of scrap sent out from Sherman county have not yet been paid for and payment is tied up in a suit against some of the companies receiving the scrap. This may delay payment, but local officials are assured that payment will eventually be made.

The hills across the Deschutes or followed a canyon, has not been made known. At any rate the old timers found Tygh Valley and went up over the Barlow route to Gresham and Oregon City, the site to which they had been pointing for five or six months.

Ivan Jacobsen, Prisoner of Gustapo Relates Story of Norway

Ivan Jacobsen, University of Washington graduate and assistant to the American consul at Oslo, Norway at the time of the German invasion, spoke at the Masonic hall Thursday night to an interested audience.

He compared Norway, the home of his people, to America, saying that Norway was poor in products, but that its people were all comfortable. It had no navy, no army, only a well trained militia. The terrain is difficult for an invading army; the Norwegians bull headed individualists and hard to conquer.

During his first few months in Norway, Mr. Jacobsen lived with an uncle on a small farm—his ancestral acres—and found the habits of the natives to be democratic.

There were few qualms at the time of invasion. Leaders of all kinds were made prisoners. The small group that was making preparations was able to do much to hinder the Germans. The invaders were fine, pleasant young men who tried to obtain sympathy for themselves.

Because Mr. Jacobsen aided the Norwegian underground he fell under suspicion. When he was transferred to Moscow he was met at the Swedish border and put in prison with no charge placed against him. He remained there four months, over six weeks in solitary, on a diet short of calories, protein and vitamins. His friends arranged an escape only to have it fail when two were held as hostages for his return.

He remained another three months the second time. With his cell mate he purposely broke his arm to get to the prison hospital and another chance for escape. When this was about due to occur he was suddenly sent to Berlin to be exchanged for German nationals in America. He has been here 18 months.

Through control of the food the Germans are controlling all of Europe, he said, (natives get around 1100 calories compared to 4400 for American soldiers). Men on insufficient diets are changed men without power to resist. They are not going to arise against the oppressors until fed and strengthened.

The speaker said it was the small towns that were taken over by invaders, not the large towns; that control of production was taken at the source, not in trading zones. He urged preparedness on the part of the people for war, however remote the possibilities might be.

Mr. Jacobsen was introduced by Wily Knighten, civilian defense coordinator and accompanied by H E Cosby of the state council.

Compensation Drops

Unemployment benefits during the first five months of 1943 have decreased more than 87 percent as compared with the same period last year, it was announced today by Silas Gaiser, administrator of the state unemployment compensation commission.

Only \$187,261 has been paid out this year as compared with \$1,481,587 in 1942 and \$3,291,750 in the first five months of 1938, since which time a steady decline in benefits has been recorded.

Last week 172 unemployed workers drew \$2,486 in benefits. Of these nearly half were in the Astoria area where canneries were operating on a reduced schedule because of new seasonal restrictions on fishing. Portland had only seven claims, fewer than Salem, Eugene, Marshfield, Toledo or LaGrande.