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CONGRESS QUITS

Congressmen are entitled to feel tired after six months of work at lawmaking, which can be an onerous job if followed faithfully. Also the summer weather in the nation's capital is not recommended for those who like physical comfort.

Despite these excellent reasons why congressmen might wish to go home for a while there are also some excellent reasons why they should have stayed on the job.

As fighters against bureaucracy this congress has done better work than any since the advent of this authority grabbing administration. When congress goes home it must leave the power in the hands of the bureaucrats who they have been trying to take power from for the past six months.

WAGONS WEST

A little booklet, 'Wagons West' is being distributed by the Old Oregon Trail Centennial commission. Written by Phil Parrish, it tells briefly the story of the treks across the western plains to the green and fertile valley of Oregon.

Its brevity commends it for reading. For one reason it requires but little time. For a greater reason briefly written historical sketches often give broader view than do more exhaustive treatises. In an outline one can see the whole picture more plainly than if it be obscured by the greater detail of a longer work.

The Oregon pioneers just drove across the plains because they wanted to get out of the eastern states and go someplace else. They had their troubles, their fights, made their mistakes, died, were born, on the trip. We doubt if they considered themselves as heroes or especially brave people.

We moderns riding in our closed motor cars on smooth highways can barely imagine the hardships of these first wagon trips. We have heard men scoff and say it was impossible for the pioneers to cross rivers, when the fact is they started from Missouri and came to Oregon in a wagon and they had to cross rivers. They didn't drive around them nor fly over them and ferries were few indeed. They forded them.

Many of us in Oregon have never bothered to learn about the trip early settlers of this state took to get here. Yet it is a fine story of human effort used to overcome difficulties that required resourcefulness. Whether the pioneers were ne'er do wells in the east or not, they were capable and resourceful men and women by the time they reached Oregon.

The story is unique to this state and to a lesser degree to California and Washington. In this year of observance of the centennial of that first trek we might learn more of these men. The little booklet is a good start to further knowledge of Oregon history.

Our armies have been in Sicily long enough now to make it seem reasonable that the island will be taken with no major battles and comparatively few casualties. The will to fight does not appear to be in the Italians and the Germans have not shown the strength of which they boasted prior to invasion. If bombing has done its work perhaps they are brittle enough to crack.

THE OBJECT OF A JOURNEY IS NOT TO REACH YOUR DESTINATION, BUT TO HAVE A GOOD TIME GOING

For years the tendency toward larger farms has gone ahead in the United States with the one crop districts setting the pace. In Sherman county farms have grown from an average of a little over a section to about twice that size. Number of farmers has decreased from over 500 to about 300 this year.

One wonders how far such a tendency can go. In the United States it is announced that average size for farms is 174 acres, up some 15 in ten years. Mechanization of farm machinery, desire of farm lads to go to the cities, are given as reasons.

Another factor now enters the field, one that may halt the growth in the size of farms—that is the income tax. Farmers who have here-to-fore struggled to buy out all their neighbors may stop that practice when it is found that no profit can be made from another section if it puts him in a higher income tax bracket.

Some taxpayers in this county we have heard, pay fifty percent of their gross to the government now. One is said to be in the 80 percent bracket. With normal yields the return on invested capital will be pretty low when taxes are figured, so low, that safe investments may be preferred.

The farmer, who owns, free and clear, a section of Sherman county land and takes time to enjoy living on it seems to live a fuller life than does one who tries to farm the whole country. There is more time for something other than the daily grind, and less danger of being cleaned out by a few unfortunate years. Maybe the income tax will aid in bringing this about.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 15, 1904 G A Meloy has sold Roy Benson three quarters of land at \$12 per acre. Roy is building for a future estate.

A fire alarm from the water works engine about 2 a.m. Monday was caused by an oil lamp explosion in the Blue barn. Gene Cushman, Ned Thompson, Lot Rust and L L Peetz got the benefit of the rain Saturday. That storm seemed specially arranged for Mr Rust, as all previous rains failed to wet his farm, but this one did it good stopping short at the north boundary of his land.

Robert B Hoskinson wants a place to do chores this summer and fall. He is ready and willing to work for reasonable wages.

From the Observer, July 18, 1921 Saturday last a wheat field fire in the Emigrant section northeast of Wasco burned about eighty acres of standing grain on the Wm. Oshman farm now operated by A M Macnab. The fire is supposed to have started from a spark from the caterpillar engine.

The horse power combine harvester owned by Eugene Amidon working on the Frank Burnet farm ended its days work last Friday with a runaway that resulted in quite a bit of broken harness, several horses injured and one horse killed.

The local wheat market became an established fact for the season when the Portland market reached \$1.25 Saturday for 5000 bushels of soft white sold at that price for August delivery.

Melvin Schwadewitz has been busy this week tuning up the H H Christiansen self propelled harvester, which is expected to begin active work in the field end of this week.

From the Observer July 17, 1914 Wednesday afternoon, the 15th E E Kaseberg, west of Wasco, lost about 75 acres of grain by reason of an old stack bottom fire again coming to life.

Will Roos, farming under lease in school district eleven, had a horse fall with him last Saturday breaking his collar bone.

Mrs O C Mortensen is in charge of the culinary department for the Brock and Medler threshing outfit near Wasco.

E W Knapp was in town Wednesday and reports his grain as being all headed and stacked, ready for the threshing, which he does not expect to see in his field for yet a month. H M Hull is threshing in that neighborhood with a gasoline traction engine, the first ever used here, and Hugh does not expect to finish his own 2000 acres before August 6th.

Kelly's Column

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the president.

From all indications, Oregon's senator Rufus Holman intends to make immigration one of his leading arguments for reelection. The senator will be joined in this campaign by several northwest congressmen, who also are to be re-elected or defeated next year. Senator Holman, who is a member of the senate committee on immigration, has made quite a study of the subject and believes that immigration laws should not be relaxed, as advocated by some of his colleagues, but tightened. While vacationing in Oregon during the recess Holman intends to contact everyone possible to obtain their views on the matter.

Among the members of the present congress there are 61 senators and 162 representatives who are veterans of the war with Spain or world war No. 1, and several of the latter who have also seen brief service in world war No. 2. This may or may not be significant of the type of legislation which will be enacted for the benefit of the boys who return when peace is declared, but it is not unreasonable to expect that the general congressional attitude will be more liberal toward veterans than it was during the days of agitation of a bonus for the boys who fought Germany in 1917-18. Already congress has shown a disposition to extend the generous provisions which have been made for dependents of men in the armed forces and when married men with children are inducted a still further expansion is probable.

People's Column

The following letter was received by Joe Brooks from "Buck" Spencer, Wasco boy in the service. Dear Joe,

Certainly was a pleasant surprise to hear from you. Joe, and get some news from the old home town.

I'm in a fairly nice spot down here in New Caledonia. We have an excellent camp here, considering everything. We live in tent-houses and have more or less permanent frame buildings for our offices, mess hall, galley, etc. We built the whole thing ourselves, not long ago. Headquarters Company that I'm now in, even has a hot and cold shower. As for scenery, everything is nice and green close at hand and farther out, to the east, there is a range of craggy green mountains. On the other side we have a good view of the bay which is a beautiful blue on clear days.

This climate certainly agrees with me. I've gained about 20 pounds and now weigh 183 which is going some for me.

I surely do hope you write again Joe, your letters are always welcomed.

Your friend, Buck

CHURCHES

Moro Community Presbyterian Church James D. Moberg, pastor. Bible school at 10:00 A. M. Morning worship at 11:00 A. M. Sermon, "Thou Shalt Catch Men" Luke 5:10

Vocal solo, Winifred Belshee Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 P. M.

Christian Science Society Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. Subject: "LIFE" Wednesday night service at 8 includes testimonials of healing. The reading room in the rear of the building is open. All authorized Christian Science literature can be bought or borrowed.

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Preaching Service at 11:00 A. M. Potluck dinner at the city park after the morning service. Epworth League at 7:00 P. M.

Rev. F L Cannell, pastor

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Wake Up America Should the Federal Government Subsidize Education?

As debated by Dr. William G. Carr Associate Secretary The National Education Association of the United States

DR. CARR OPENS: The Federal Government should appropriate money to the States for schools. First, the National Government has a life-and-death interest in education. An educated citizen is the only basis upon which popular government can operate effectively. Second, each State is affected by the quality of education in every other State. Third, only through the federal tax system can all incomes be taxed where they are in order to educate all children where they live. Fourth, many States do not have enough wealth to give all children satisfactory education. Space will not admit supporting evidence, but that evidence is conclusive. Fifth, aid to education is a national policy inaugurated in 1895. Grants to colleges have been made regularly since 1892. Sixth, Federal grants will not take educational management away from the people of the localities. The notion that control of education inevitably and always follows types of financial grants is not supported by our long experience in aiding higher education. If we really want to secure a complete Federal system of education, we need only to continue to drain all the tax resources in Washington, refuse to allocate any part of it back to States and localities for education, and thus starve local school districts out of business.

DR. SAXON CHALLENGES: The Supreme Court has not declared education to be interstate commerce. The Federal Constitution gives no jurisdiction to the Federal Government in this field. The State of Pennsylvania pays almost 45% of its total expenditures annually to the advancement of education. The Department of Education, in most major states, has become the major spending agency. Because certain backward southern states fail to spend a like percentage, state expenditures for education is much smaller. This should be corrected by popular opinion within each state—not used as an excuse to siphon money out of New York to educate undereducated Louisiana or Tennessee.

DR. CARR REPLIES: Professor Saxon says that in "certain backward Southern states" the percentage of total state expenditures for education is smaller than elsewhere. The facts are inconvenient for this line of argument. On the average, 25 percent of state operating expenditures are allotted to education. All the so-called "backward" Southern states exceed this national average, most of them by a great deal. Let us examine the evidence. A democratic equality of educational opportunity depends absolutely upon Federal subsidy to the states. Such subsidies have been granted, and can continue to be granted, without undesirable Federal control.

DR. SAXON REPLIES: Control of educational funds means control of education, regardless of high-sounding legislation. Federal subsidy could easily destroy freedom of thought, writing and research and regiment students as viciously as the Germans have. Historically it is the final step toward totalitarian government. Political freedom rests upon freedom of education and freedom of speech. If no professor can teach unless he has federal political approval; no textbook can be used unless it coincides with current administration policies; no student can be taught unless approved by the local Democratic or Republican boss, education will be a travesty and the four freedoms gone with the wind.

SAVE THE BEDCLOTHES Better take care of your bedspreads, for they're considered to be relatively non-essential in wartime. They're not being made in great quantity. Since cottons and rayons are needed for more essential uses, and the looms which were used formerly for bedspread fabrics now are turning out goods for military and essential civilian uses. However, it is estimated that there are enough bedspreads already made up plus the limited number being produced to take care of Mrs. America's needs for some time to come.

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until the hour of 8:00 o'clock, P. M. on Monday, the 26th day of July, 1943, and immediately thereafter opened by the Council of the City of Wasco at the Council room of said city, for the purchase of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) City of Wasco Refunding Bonds Series B; said bonds to be dated June 15, 1943, bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, in denominations of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, maturing serially in numerical order at the rate of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) on the 15th day of June in each of the years 1945 to 1950, inclusive, and Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) on June 15, 1951. The bonds will not be sold for less than the par value thereof.

The approving legal opinion of Messrs. Teal, Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler and Kelley will be furnished the successful bidder. Bids must be unconditional and accompanied by a certified check in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

E. F. Feldman City Recorder July 16 & 23, 1943

Kent People Have Guests This Week

Pvt. Luther W. Davis who is stationed in Corvallis is home visiting with his parents, Mr and Mrs J L Davis.

Mr and Mrs Bert Cox, Warren Morgan, Doris and Frank Payne and Veda Belabee were visitors one evening last week at the George McKay residence.

Mr and Mrs Charles Bothwell and family were visitors in Maupin Sunday of this week.

George Howell's grandson, George Howell of Lyle, Wn., is here to help through haying and possibly through harvest.

Mr and Mrs Robert Mitchell and daughter, Betty, were visitors a few days last week visiting J J Decker and family.

Earle Roberts of Clackansie was visiting a few days at the A von Borstel home last week.

Mr and Mrs George Barnett and Mrs John Palmer and daughter, Jonetta, were visitors in Kent Saturday.

Paul Smith was called to South Dakota because of sickness of his sister. He left last Friday.

Shirley Miller, former Kent teacher, is in town working with the State Highway oiling crew. She

meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Trainers and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Charles C. Wilson, N.G. Percy Thompson, Sec.

Impine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Coila Belshee, N.G. George Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

W. F. McLeod, W.M. C. V. Belknap, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in Each Month. Visiting Members Invited.

Norma Balsiger W. M. Marie Hoskinson, Sec.

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is working in the office as bookkeeper and time keeper. Kenneth Sather of Moro was a business visitor in Kent Sunday. A A Dunlap of Grass Valley was a business visitor in Kent Sunday.

A 60-page booklet issued by the Nazi in Poland, contains only the titles of Polish authors' works that are prohibited reading.

Invasion Is Costly fighting Your Boy Gives 100 per cent How about your bond buying?

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

In Matter of the Estate of R. C. Cannon deceased: SS. Final notice. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Gus Engstrom administrator, has presented and filed his final account herein, for settlement, and the court has appointed Monday the 6th day of September, 1943 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court room of the County Court-house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, as a time and place for the hearing of objections, if any, thereto.

Gus Engstrom Administrator Date of first publication July 9, 1943 7-29-43

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

In Matter of the Estate of Virginia Y. (Whittier) Kirby, deceased: SS. Notice to creditors. You are hereby notified that the above entitled Court has duly appointed Roy J. Baker, as Administrator of said estate, and all persons, having claims against same, are hereby required to present same to said administrator, at his law office in Grass Valley, Oregon with the proper vouchers annexed, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Roy J. Baker Administrator, with Will Annexed First publication being July 9 1943. 7-29-43

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

In Matter of the Estate of G. C. Vinton, deceased. SS. Notice of final settlement. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the undersigned executrix of this estate, has made and filed with the above entitled Court her final account herein, and that said Court has set Monday September 6, 1943 at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day, in the County Court room, in Court house in Moro Sherman County Oregon, as a time and place for the final hearing on said account.

Echo B. Vinton, Executrix Date of first publication July 9 1943 7-29-43

"When Long Distance Lines are extra busy I'll ask your help" WHEN a street or a road is crowded, you can see it. But you can't see when the Long Distance lines are crowded. So the operator will tell you when the circuit you want is extra busy. Then she will ask you to limit your Long Distance call to not more than 5 minutes. That will help others to get their calls through, too. Of course, there won't be congestion every time you call, but when there is we know you'll be glad to co-operate. Thanks for all your help so far. War needs the wires more and more every day. For Victory - Buy United States War Bonds THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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