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POST-WAR PLAN

The county court proceedings
for October indicate the court's
post-war program. This program
was requested by the state high-
way commission which asked that
the court not only express itself
about primary and secondary
roads it wished developed when
money is again available, but also
asked the court to make a post-
war plan for county roads. That
program is printed in another
column.

It gives notice of intent to im-
prove the Wasco-Rufus road to
the extent of \$10,000. This is the
Scott canyon road. Second on the
list is improvement of the Hay
Canyon road to the extent of \$5,
000. Third is the construction of a
cut-off road between the Finnegan
road and the highway, the so-called
back-Finnegan road. It is ex-
pected that an expenditure of \$3,
000 will be made on this road.

The court also contemplates the
purchase of a power shovel for
\$6500, a trailer for \$3000 and two
trucks for \$4000.
That is the first draft of the
county's post-war road program
with one exception: development
and improvement of DeMoss Mem-
orial park. \$2500. This is a part
of the state's program of building
or improving park sites along
highways. Inasmuch as Sherman
county has no such park the
court thought one might be devel-
oped.

It is contemplated that federal
money would be available for this
purpose.
Well, it is being done, and per-
haps Sherman county is entitled
to have a park developed within
its borders as much as any county
but when a county populated by
a bunch of hardy individualists
mainly descended from pioneers
begins to take federal money for
the development of its social re-
sources and amusement spots,
something we don't like has hap-
pened to America and local spirit.
Grandpa, God bless his resolute
soul, would have done it himself.

SCHOOL TAX DIVISION
Sherman is one of three counties
that received more from the
state wide distribution of one
half of the elementary school fund
\$1,020,859, than it does from the
half of the state school support
fund which is \$2,500,000. A sim-
ilar division will be made in Ap-
ril of 1944.
The reason Sherman county
gets more from the distribution of
the smaller fund is that the ele-
mentary school fund is returned
to the counties on a school dis-
trict basis, whereas the school
support fund, the \$5,000,000 school
aid law passed at the last session,
is distributed on an average days
attendance basis, a modified per
school child basis.

Gilliam and Jefferson are other
counties that, like Sherman, have
few children and a high taxable
income.
Furthermore the April distri-
bution will be the last one that
the elementary school fund will
be so distributed. After July 1,
1944 that fund will also be re-
turned to the counties on a per
school child basis which will fur-
ther handicap the school finan-
cing of Sherman county schools.
The tendency in school finance
is very definitely toward equal-
ization. Distribution of these funds
is sufficient proof. When the ele-
mentary school fund was raised
from property taxes and consid-
ered a county tax all of the funds
raised were kept within the coun-
ty. Several years ago it was de-

clared a state tax, then in 1935
it was made payable from income
tax funds—when sufficient. Now
it has almost no local connection
whatever.

By next July practically all
the advantage the county might
have obtained by retaining a num-
ber of small school districts will
be gone. There is no further finan-
cial gain to be had by keeping a
multitude of districts. Also this
county is going to pay a sum
variable with income, to the
support of schools in oth-
er counties.
In order to do the best we can
with what there is to work with
we should so rearrange our
school system that all of the child-
ren of this county attend school
here. Defections cost us double.

OF GOVERNMENTS

There are three major types of
government existing in the world
today—and many other types that
control fewer people than in the
most important nations.

These are the fascist, wherein
a dictator, surrounded by a group
of strong administrators, and an
army, rules the land and the peo-
ple. It is an effective type of
government, capable of getting
things done quickly and effectively.
National organization can be bet-
ter done in this way than in any
other. It's fault is that the dicta-
tor and his gang are so seldom
unselfish and that, at best, they
lack in brain power. They grow
most unreceptive to new ideas
and in order to retain their posi-
tion of power permit no one to
develop except those who agree
entirely with them. It is a hard,
inflexible type of government and
can only be successful as long as
the likes and ideals of the lead-
ers are the best.

The theory of the commun-
ist type of government is that all
shall share in the natural resour-
ces of the nation and the produc-
tion therefrom; that each shall
receive what he needs from the
common pool and shall put into it
what he can. It has never been
tried. Russia is a dictatorship with
a smaller number of communistic
features each year. If let alone,
it might become a communistic
state. And, if administered fairly
communism might work with some
people; those with no overween-
ing ambitions and imbued with
Christian charity.

The democratic type of govern-
ment varies from one nation to
another, but has the common
feature that the people are, at
least theoretically, sovereign and
have control over all government.
It is a loosely organized form of
government, swayed by moods,
popular individuals, prejudice. It
does give release to the abilities
of the individual and is probably
less subject to continued di-
sonesty in high places than other
types of government.

The centrally organized fascists
are being fought by the govern-
ments that give hope for greater
power to the people. That is as
it should be.

Yet it may be doubted if any
large part of the world is ready
for any kind of people's govern-
ment, even if won in battle. The
cry for a new type of government
often comes from a desire for the
fruits of economic organization
not necessarily related to govern-
ment. People's administrations
may lose if unable to supply the
demand and thus give a bad repu-
tation to themselves.

The Moscow conference cannot
amount to much. Neither Church-
ill nor Roosevelt are reported as
being present.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 21, 1924
Benjamin F. Hoekman and Miss
Frances Morrissey were married at
Wasco on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.
The groom is the son of J. C. Hoek-
man and wife and has been em-
ployed with the Williams Motor
company.
C. M. Cunningham and H. P. Ore-
sch each loaded their autos with
wheat on Monday and drove to
Tygh mill where it was ground
into flour.

Leston Wright, W. H. Williams
and Lloyd Hennagin drove to Port-
land last Sunday returning the
next day with four new Fords.
Leston took his new car in Port-
land.
Two new Kennedy radio sets
were installed this week in Moro.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from page one)

of the political label his opponent
wears. Incidentally, these voting
registrations around the Portland
area are running about 70 per-
cent Democrat and close to 80
percent in the Puget sound dis-
trict. In order to properly finance
this political battle it is under-
stood the Washington and Oregon
state executive boards of AFL
and CIO will ask each and every
member of all unions to contribute
the sum of \$2 by February 1,
which would amount to better
than \$250,000 if all members kicked
in, and it's reasonable to be-
lieve they will.

The long and loud squawks di-
rected at OPA by western states-
men seem to be taking effect. For
several months cattle and sheep-
men have been bombarding OPA
for an increase of their slaughter-
ing quotas. The cattle and sheep
ranges of the west are abounding
with livestock, which must be
marketed now in order to save
livestock men from serious losses.
With stocks of winter feed at an
all-time low livestock men must
thin out their herds or lose consid-
erable through shrinkage and
destruction during the coming
winter months. Army and navy
requirements, plus lend-lease, are
supplied from a huge stockpile
of meat on hand, enough to last
for many months, hence a good
part of the increased slaughter-
ing would go to civilian consumers
who are more than anxious to ob-
tain more meat. OPA officials are
looking with favor upon this re-
quest and if increased slaughter-
ing quotas are granted it undoubt-
edly will also mean an increase
in value of meat ration points
for the housewife.

Slow but seemingly sure, the
arguments for a sales tax are
gaining momentum. The plan of
taxation was given a big boost
when the treasury department
brought in its recommendations
for additional taxes, which the
house committee said were im-
possible and promptly kicked out.
The sales tax idea has been lurk-
ing in the minds of many lawmak-
ers for years, and this was just
the chance they wanted to bring
it to the open. With the heavy
additional cost of government for
war purposes, plus the inflation
threat, sales tax advocates be-
lieve their plan the one and only
safe way to raise the additional
billions the government must have.
Many organizations all over the
country are now taking up the
cry for a sales tax which in turn,
is putting more starch in the
backbones of many congressmen

who have heretofore been very
wishy-washy on the subject.
Before many weeks pass a
sales tax bill will be dropped in
the house hopper. In the meantime
the proponents are busy selling
the idea to their colleagues, and
make no mistake about it, the
bill will get plenty of votes. The
big question is, can it muster en-
ough votes at this time to pass.
Best guess is it can't. That's the
reason the boys are holding off
from introducing the measure
now. In the meantime they are
busy trying to line up the nec-
essary votes.

Some big shots in the admin-
istration who have always been
against a sales tax are now mum
on the subject—nothing to say
for publication. Privately, they
have come to the conclusion that
it's about the only way left to
get the enormous sum required
to carry on the war.

From the Observer, Oct. 21, 1904
Married at the home of his
father A. C. Thompson of Portland,
Claud Thompson of Monkland and
Miss Roxie Kessinger of Moro,
on Sunday, Oct. 16, 1904. The hap-
py couple will make their future
home on the farm near Monkland.

Robert Walker and Charles
Grant, two thorough farmers from
Helix, have located on EOL Co.
farms in Sherman county and
will make this their future home.

Prof. Horner is very proud of
students in the Oregon Agricul-
tural College from Sherman coun-
ty. These are: DeWalt Quinn El-
rod, Ray Robert Ragsdale, George
Herbert Root, Mary Rosa Scroggin
John Andrew Schassen and Rup-
ert Wall.

Moro Band Boys gave a first
class party last week. It was very
much better than usual, and the
supper at Hotel Moro was of the
ne plus ultra order of excellence.

From the Observer, Oct. 23, 1914
A mass meeting of Moro citi-
zens has been called to meet at
the opera house Saturday evening
to discuss means of drilling a
well.

Dick Dingle and wife were Sat-
urday visitors in Moro, the first
time since Dick's return from old
England.

A B Wolfard has sold his lunch
counter business at Biggs to N. J.
Willard, who also has the Biggs
hotel under lease.
Mrs. James Timlin sr. has a
badly sprained arm, the result of
a fall.

WAKE UP, AMERICA!

Collectivism or Individualism—
Which Promises Post-War
Progress?

As debated by
Oswald Garrison Villard
Former Editor of the New York
Evening Post and the Nation; Author
John Brown's Biography, 1800-1859
Ayn Rand
Author of the current best seller
novel on individualism, "The
Fountainhead"

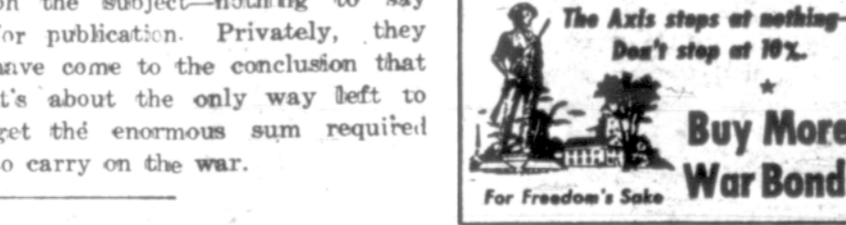
MR. VILLARD OPENS: Complete
individualism, if possible, would in
the long run make more for progress
than collectivism. But, full individu-
alism is no longer possible. Collectiv-
ism here means total collectivism
or Communism; they are to be fought
and deplored. But some collectivism
will unquestionably remain after the
war, after our huge collective mili-
tary and civil operations end. It will
be essential to post-war progress. For
example: the new United Nations
Relief and Rehabilitation Adminis-
tration, now accepted by Russia,
China, England and the U. S., and
submitted to 40 other nations; the
coming United Nations Commission
on Food and Agriculture, will long
survive the war. They constitute a
collective plan to control the world's
food supply for: (1) immediate resto-
ration of devastated countries; (2)
permanent raising for all time of liv-
ing standards in all subscribing coun-
tries. If this latter organization is
necessary to banish famine forever
and end one cause of war (inequali-
ties in the nourishment of nations, as
Vice President Wallace insists) it
must be a collective undertaking. In
fighting a total war, we resort to
some totalitarian methods. That some
of these methods will continue indef-
initely admits of no question. Is it
not absolutely certain there must be
a pool of the world's shipping unless
we are, to face one of the most de-
structive trade wars in all history?
That pool will be collective and will
accomplish what no individual na-
tion could.

MISS RAND CHALLENGES: If
collectivism is evil in principle, how
can we expect beneficial results in
practice or in any particular instance?
To say that we want "a certain
amount of collectivism" is like saying
that we want a certain amount of
cancer. The proposed plan to control
the food supply of the world is the
19th Century. Europe had periodical
famines every twenty years—under
her various forms of controlled
economy. These famines ended only
with the rise of America and free,
unregulated enterprise. How do you
propose to banish starvation by the
very method that creates starvation?

MR. VILLARD REPLIES: I deny
the plan to control the world's food
supply is one to starve it. I decline
to accept as precedent what hap-
pened prior to the 19th Century.
There can be no comparison of that
period with a modern industrialized
world with its ever-increasing speed
of communication. Miss Rand should
give reasons for her reasons for cre-
ating the proposed world feeding
program is undertaking to starve hu-
manity. She cannot deny the trend
toward collectivism has gathered
momentum everywhere because of
underlying economic forces and hu-
man greed. We can no more return
to laissez-faire days than the U. S.
can return to the pioneering period
when life in the wilderness was an
adventure in freedom from all govern-
ment control.

RUSSIA THANKS
AMERICAN FARMERS

The sincere appreciation of the
Russian people for American seeds
sent to aid Russian farmers in the
war-devastated areas recaptured
from the enemy was recently ex-
pressed by Russian officials, the
Department of Agriculture has
reported. As of July 1 this year,
nearly one million pounds of veg-
etable seed and two and one-half
million pounds of field seed had
been contributed to the Russian
war relief agency through the
efforts of United States seed im-
provement association, extension
services, and thousands of individ-
ual farmers and seedmen.



From where I sit...
by Joe Marsh

Ned Buxton was home on fur-
lough last week. And you ought
to see the fuss the town made
over him. Seems like almost
everybody wanted to give a
party, or a testimonial dinner,
or stage something special in
the way of celebration.
Of course, Ned acted grateful.
But he told me later, all he really
wanted was to sit down with a
few old friends, enjoy a glass of
beer or two, and talk about old
times again.
I guess that's how many sol-
diers feel. They don't want a

Creeping Alfalfa
Possibly Valuable

Tests of some newly discovered
creeping alfalfa on the Klamath
experimental area show such prom-
ise that a planting of several
acres of the most promising
strains is planned for next year,
reports A. E. Gross, superinten-
dent.

The plants used for testing were
from a planting of unknown or-
igin that has existed for years on
the T. N. Allenby farm near Ken-
no in the lower Klamath lake re-
gion. This type spreads under-
ground—so much so that Allenby
had attempted unsuccessfully for
years to eradicate the patch.
When the planting was brought
to the attention of agricultural
leaders its potential value as a
pasture plant was recognized and
tests started. Some of the many
strains in the one planting seed-
ed profusely this year and made
abundant top growth. Tests of the
different strains will be under-
taken.

One commercial seed firm in
Oregon is fully convinced of the
future of this type of creeping alf-
alfa and is increasing seed as
rapidly as possible.

CHURCHES

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bers are cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
W. F. McLeod, W.M.
C. Y. Belknap, Secretary

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Tuesdays in the
I.O.O.F. hall Tra-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.
Charles C. Wilson, N.G.
Percy Thompson, Sec.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against
the Estate of Donald R. Burnet,
deceased, are hereby notified
to present them, with the proper
vouchers and duly verified, to
the undersigned, the duly appointed
Administratrix, with the will
annexed, of the Estate of Don-
ald R. Burnet, deceased, at the
office of T. Lester Johnson, at-
torney at law, Moro, Oregon,
within six months from the date
of the first publication of this
notice, to-wit: October 22, 1943.
Zella Schilling
Administratrix, with the will An-
nexed, of the Estate of Donald
R. Burnet, deceased.
Date of First Publication - Octo-
ber 22, 1943
Date of Last Publication - Novem-
ber 12, 1943.

After Death"
Wednesday night services at 8
includes testimonials of healing.
The reading room in the rear
of the building is open. All au-
thorized Christian Science litera-
ture can be bought or borrowed.

Moro Community
Presbyterian Church
James D. Moberg, pastor.
Bible School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Sermon: "Christ Challenges the
Heroic" Math. 16:24
Christian Endeavor: 7:30 P. M.
Wed. 7:00 P. M. Junior Choir
Wed. 8 p.m. Prayer meeting.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the County
Court of the State of Oregon for
Sherman County his Final Ac-
count as Administrator, with the
will annexed, of the Estate of
Edwin H. Van Patter, deceased,
and that Monday, October 26, 1943,
at 10:00 A. M., in Moro, Sherman
County, Oregon, in the courtroom
of said Court, has been fixed by
the Court as the time and place
for hearing objections to said
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ment of said Estate.
T. Lester Johnson
Administrator, et al.
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