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**SPECIAL SESSION**

There still seems to be agitation for a special session of the Oregon legislature. Reason given by the most vociferous group is that the state should not return the 75 percent of the income tax that it will give back next April, but should keep a large part of that for post war development and aid to returned soldiers. Another reason is advanced for a special session: that is to prevent the little group of Hood River PUD adherents from buying out all the electric companies of the state. The men who are asking for a special session on account of the soldiers purportedly are representing the war fathers of Oregon. Principal agitators are the same men who worked so hard to pass a sales tax bill at the last session. They wanted a special election for it—and failed to get it. They still want an election on primary day. That is the real reason for special session agitation. The war dads are merely being used.

Enough was said during the last legislature about setting aside funds for returning soldiers. The sentiment of the legislature was in favor of tax reduction instead. There was fear of establishing a huge fund, for there is no way to insure that it will be retained by future legislatures. The legislature took the Walker plan which promised income tax reduction of 30 to 40 percent. It gave 75 percent because of huge 1942 tax payments.

The Walker plan makes it possible to vary the collections under the income tax law without changing the base. It is a sensible plan and should be allowed to continue until well tried.

Even at 75 percent reduction of income tax the tax money still continues to pile up at Salem. There is a cushion of \$5 million and another \$5 million for the schools. There is other surplus funds and by the time there is need for it the state will have as much as it wishes to spend for rehabilitation.

Because there is plenty of money on hand we do not need a sales tax now (especially the kind to be voted on). Because there are sufficient funds to pay for veterans needs we do not need a special session for them.

Because it is impossible in Oregon to put an emergency clause on a tax bill (something the voters should be thankful for) a special session could do nothing to prevent the return of 75 percent of the income tax anyway and would only confuse the taxpayer.

It is impossible to see what the legislature could do at this date to change the possible results of an election that is to be held on January 7 in Hood River county to empower that PUD district to buy Oregon's electric system.

As near as can be discerned from this distance the agitation is mad for personal reasons with a small group making most of the noise. While the noise is typical, it is entirely out of proportion to the value of the idea. The state as a whole neither wants nor needs a special session. There should be no special session.

**WHO'S SUBSIDIZING WHO**

As a general thing farmers organizations are opposing the subsidy bill that will be again before congress January 10. As a general thing labor organizations are against it. Individuals in both groups vary from the norm. It is easily assumed that because the farmer is on the receiving end of the payments either directly or presumably by the way of processors, that the farmer is the one subsidized in the attempt to hold prices down. Farmer opposition is because he

doesn't want to be subsidized. The consumer is the one who benefits through the proposed subsidy for because of the subsidy his prices are kept down. Labor is therefore the subsidized party. There is no argument against the statement that if there were no subsidies prices of agricultural products would go up. Subsidies are helping the consumer. The one who is helped by a subsidy is certainly the one subsidized. Were the government to pay coal miners a subsidy of a dollar a day in order to hold down the price of coal the coal users would be aided by the move. The comparison is identical.

The question is: how far should government continue to interfere with free movement of goods? Should prices of labor, of food, of fuel be set by government through subsidy or more direct manipulation? How much authority do the people wish to give the government?

We are rapidly losing our democratic forms of government by accepting these evidences of totalitarianism. If that is what we want in this country, why are we fighting against the totalitarian government of Europe?

In America we biennially witness the phenomenon of candidates and campaign managers announcing with supreme confidence that their side cannot lose, that the election is in the bag. We hope that generals are of a different stripe than politicians. This confidence is soothing to read about although a trifle reminiscent of the boasts of the plug ugly who says, "Let me at 'im. I'll tear his block off." Wiser men than those who are boasting of victory have said, "Let him who putteth on his armor boast not as he who taketh it off."

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Dec. 30, 1942

A party was given Tuesday evening at the home of L. H. Martin in honor of Miss Lolo. Barnum Bros. have purchased 800 acres from Mr. Pattee and the I.E.R.E. Co., lying near the Gould ranch property. Consideration \$15,000 cash. This gives them 3320 acres, all in one body.

The DeMoss family are doing wonders down South for Oregon. Waldo gives an address on Oregon. George talks Lewis and Clark, then Henry and all join in the soul stirring anthem: Oregon My Home.

Dean Hayes, from Hills Military Academy; Ray Ragsdale from O.A.C. Corvallis, and the little Misses Jean Anderson, and Gertie King from St. Mary's, The Dalles, are spending the holidays with their folks in Moro.

From the Observer, Jan. 1, 1915.

Ladies union suits only 40 cents at Freeman's clearance sale. Mrs. W. S. Powell entertained Wednesday evening in anticipation of Miss Opal's birthday on January 9th.

While cutting meat at the Moro market Saturday morning, A. M. Wright received a deep cut in the palm of his left hand.

C. R. Belshee reports the John Day river covered with an 8-inch ice at the Stewart farm. He also reports government surveyors as busy in that section, working on an irrigation project for Gilliam county.

C. F. Coe was in Moro Wednesday and reports the A. S. Johnson well drill as nicely started at his farm near Grass Valley they are drilling in a 5-inch 185 foot dry hole.

From the Observer Jan. 2, 1925

Owen Searcy, Hollis Bull and George Belknap left by train on New Year's day to resume their studies at college and university.

Richard Ginn, principal of the school at Wilson Creek, Washington, north of Spokane, is spending the holiday season with his parents in Moro.

A. Rose, agent at this place for the O.W.R.R. & N. Co. is confined to his room with a severe case of irritable flu.

The main topic for street-corner talk at the present time is the condition of the winter sown wheat in Sherman county. The consensus of opinion seems to be that many fields will need to be reseeded later in the season.

Roy Powell left for Portland on Tuesday, where he will consult a specialist and have x-ray pictures taken of his stomach.

**Kelly's Column**

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crats have been apprehensive that if the colored people voted they would support the Republican ticket and this would make the Democrats a minority party in the south. Now they are concerned lest the colored citizen vote for Mr. Roosevelt for a fourth term, and many of the southern Democrats are fed up on Mr. Roosevelt, and say so in no uncertain terms.

Republicans, who once could count on the colored vote where the colored people were permitted to vote, realize that they have lost this asset (very important in certain northern states) and they are insisting that a federal law covering soldier absentee voting would violate state rights. Present laws in Washington and Oregon provide for absentee voting, but the administration's argument is that provisions of the state laws could not be complied with in time to permit the absentee votes being returned and counted.

How the absentee ballots would reach the boys from Oregon and Washington is a problem, but by use of airplanes the ballots could be returned within 48 hours from any point on the globe and there should be no delay from that source. Apparently, the location of the soldiers would have to be revealed by the war and navy departments if they are to be furnished with ballots under the provisions of the state laws.

Betty Olds is again making her home with Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder while employed here in the bank.

Born: To Mr and Mrs Burdette Lite in Portland, December 18, a daughter. Mrs. Lite is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Lawrence. Jane French was here from last Thursday night until Sunday to spend Christmas at home.

Mr and Mrs Tom Douma and Mr and Mrs G. Douma were in Portland over the holiday.

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- by forgetting food stored in the back of the refrigerator

These are some of the ways 15% of all food bought by the average family is wasted waste now we don't want later

**War Bond Sales Nearly Half Million Here**

Figures released by the state office show that Sherman county has invested \$471,163.00 in Series "E" war bonds since May, 1942.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Thompson were down from Freewater to celebrate Christmas with her parents and friends in Sherman county.

Mrs Dorothy Peetz and children, Janet and Louis, came up from Sandy Wednesday to remain until Friday as guests of Mr and Mrs L. L. Peetz.

Mrs Clarence Sparling is still confined to bed most of the day with an ailment that has kept her confined for three weeks.

David Wright son of Mr and Mrs LeRoy Wright, was taken to the hospital Tuesday afternoon with a case of influenza. His mother remained with him.

Chris Taylor was up from the river last week returning home to celebrate Christmas day in a warmer climate.

Mrs Aden Axtell was taken to the hospital in The Dalles when she arrived in that city on her return from attending the funeral of her brother. She remained there a day or so before coming home where she still is in bed with a severe cold.

Mr and Mrs Collis Moore left Tuesday for Portland where they took the train for Oakland, Cal., to remain a couple of weeks visiting her sister and husband. J. C. Huntley came up Monday to remain on the farm during their stay.

Mr and Mrs Carl Webb of Eugene stopped here Sunday night while on their way home. Mr. Webb is secretary of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association. Lois Newman (nee Bryant) is secretary to Mr. Webb.

Sgt. Chester Coats writes from a San Francisco APO that he has received his first Sherman County Journal since going overseas and enjoys it.

Cap't Jack Routh, who came here to check on the local draft board, died in Salem, December 24. Cap't Routh was public relations officer and administrative assistant to the state headquarters. He was a former newspaper man. He was only 33.

Fred Beardsley writes to C V Belknap from a camp in Wyoming that he is getting along very well.

Mr and Mrs John Austin Foss were here from Tacoma, Wash., to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr and Mrs John Foss of Moro and Mr and Mrs Everett Watkins of Wasco.

C V Belknap and Grever Coffman drove to Portland to spend Christmas with relatives returning Sunday evening.

Ormand Weaver has been kept from his work at the experiment station with a case of severe cold.

Millard Melzer has finished his training period at Camp Farragut, Idaho, and has been sent to the Naval Training Station at Millington, Tennessee.

Mr and Mrs Paul May were in Portland to celebrate Christmas with relatives.

Ernest Woods and family spent Christmas in Dufur with his parents.

Mrs James Warnock and son and her brother Dean Fuller came Monday to remain several days with her parents, Mr and Mrs W C Fuller.

Mrs Merle Becket was hostess Thursday afternoon to a group of friends who came in to play bridge.

Mrs A J Brown and daughter, Jean were down from Shaniko Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. Reike Douma.

Mr and Mrs P A Widener left Wednesday for Portland and he continued on from there to Hartford, Wash., where he is employed by the government.

Mr and Mrs Loyal Zell have as their guest his niece, Patty.

**YOUR Caterpillar Dealer SAYS:**



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**"WAKE UP, AMERICA!"**  
 Should the Presidency Be Limited to Two Terms?



As Debated by  
 Honorable Kenneth S. Wherry U. S. Senator from Nebraska  
 Rex Stout Creator of "Nero Wolfe" stories Chairman Writers' War Board

**SEN. WHERRY OPENS:** The most convincing evidence that the presidency should be limited to two terms is found in the situation presently existing in our government. The moment the unwritten law was ignored by the occupant of the White House, the way was opened to a life presidency. Such executive tenure is entirely foreign to the fundamental principles of American government. The bold launching and brazen propagandizing of the fourth-term campaign follows the identical pattern and technique and uses the same fallacious arguments previously employed to deceive the American people. America is aroused, apprehensive and alarmed. Our people are acutely aware of the danger of having permitted a White House opportunist to create such a bureaucracy; to acquire such power from Congress by patronage, persuasion and pressure; and to exercise such influence over the federal judiciary through appointments, so as to build for himself and his followers an almost impregnable political fortress. Thus, we have invited virtual dictatorship. This danger should be forever eliminated by Constitutional Limitation. When any incumbent of our highest executive office utterly disregards a precedent established by unwritten law, then we must enact a written restriction to curb insatiable ambitions. Let there be neither Reign nor Rule in America!

**MR. STOUT CHALLENGES:** Instead of discussing the question on its merits, Senator Wherry merely attacks President Roosevelt, with distortion of fact and questionable rhetoric. His one statement bearing on the question is asked, "Such executive tenure is entirely foreign to the fundamental principles of American government," is the precise opposite of the truth. Senator Wherry should read the report of the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, where this question was discussed at length and the "fundamental principles of American government" were laid down, and the decision was made that no legal limit should be imposed on executive tenure. Screaming "Dictatorship!" sounds more like a callopie than a statesman.

**SEN. WHERRY REPLIES:** An unprecedented situation confronts the nation. We saw campaign promises broken; the taxpayer plundered; the Treasury looted; people regimented; private enterprise paralyzed; individual initiative penalized; states rights overridden; and class set against class. We witnessed Executive domination of Congress; observed the vicious party-purge; and recall the Supreme Court packing plan. The anti-third term tradition has been shattered. A fourth term or life tenure looms. Planned confusion has led to regimented chaos. What an indictment! Despite all these wrongs and mistakes, a powerfully entrenched bureaucracy is again able to offer millions of controlled votes to its leader. The People Must Act Now!

**MR. STOUT OPENS:** The limit could be imposed only by Constitutional Amendment; and such amendment, no matter how many citizens concurred in its adoption, would in effect be saying to all of us and to our children, "We can't trust you folks. If we leave it so you can reelect a President more than once if you happen to like him, you are so dumb that you are sure to get yourselves in a pickle, so we'll fix it so you can never have any man for President more than eight years, no matter how much you may want to." I don't have as low an opinion as that of the American people or of their children. I think the voters of 1900 or 1912 can be trusted to decide for themselves whom they want for President, and we have no right to make it impossible, or at least extremely difficult, for them to elect the one man they may consider qualified above all others for that job. If the framers of the Constitution, after a long debate, considered it unwise so to hobble their descendants, are we so much wiser, or have we better reason to distrust the intelligence of our children?

**SEN. WHERRY CHALLENGES:** Limiting Presidential tenure certainly would not imply, as Mr. Stout feels, that we cannot trust self-government; rather, self-government would be free of unduly-influenced elections. Our Constitution provides for amendment. Thus is afforded the right to protect ourselves and our form of government against dangerous ambitions of any man or group of men. The framers of our Constitution, fearing a too-ambitious, powerful executive, discussed this very question and left the ultimate decision to the American people. They can adopt or reject a constitutional amendment limiting Presidential tenure. How else can we prevent an entrenched bureaucracy?

**MR. STOUT REPLIES:** Senator Wherry, in effect, calls the framers of our Constitution half-wits. He says they feared a "too-ambitious, power-lustful executive," and then asks: "Did they include a provision limiting Presidential tenure? No siree. They deliberately left it out of the Constitution they were writing in 1787 just to give us a chance to put it in an amendment in 1943! In other words, according to Senator Wherry, we ought to do it now because they didn't do it then. By that amendment one could justify an amendment requiring senators to stand on their heads while debating, which would probably cause no improvement."

**CHURCHES**

- Moro Community Presbyterian Church  
 James D. Moberg, pastor.  
 Bible School 10:00 A.M.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
 Christmas Program by Sunday School. Offering for missions.  
 Sermon "Thou Art The Potter" Isaiah 64: 8  
 Christian Endeavor 7:30 P. M.
- WASCO METHODIST CHURCH  
 Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.  
 Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M.  
 New Year sermon, subject, "A Promise for Every Day"  
 Epworth League at 7:00 p.m.  
 F. L. Cannell, pastor.
- Christian Science Society  
 Sunday morning services at 11:00 A. M. Subject, "God"  
 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.

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