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TAKE A BOW, CHAMP.

The Seventh War Bond drive is over, that is all but the shouting. As usual quite a bit of the shouting is being done by the wrong people.

Sherman county maintained its championship record by buying more E bonds than any other county in the state and as far as can be learned, any county in the nation official figures give Sherman county's per capita purchases as \$131.44. It's quota was \$111.24, higher than that of any other county, and higher than any other county made.

The newspapers in Wasco county published unchecked information from a member of the state staff and claimed the per capita E bond championship. In fact, neither of the papers have so far corrected the story.

It may seem odd that Wasco county would think it could win with a figure of less than \$80 per capita when Sherman county, which is closer to Wasco county than any other geographically, has never been as low as that. Sherman county may be famous throughout the nation as the long time E bond champion, but its next door neighbor has not learned of it.

Per capita sale of E bonds is the best test of individual participation in war financing. Other tests are devised in order to spread the honors. Percentage of quota means little without an analysis of the quotas. Corporation sales may be thrown on the market at any time and are not a very desirable means of public financing. The treasury department wants E bond sales, believing that to be the best possible type of war finance.

For the benefit of our Wasco county neighbors who have not been keeping abreast of the times in bond sales we herewith print the official record of the last five bond drives as to per capita sales for the two counties.

	Sherman	Wasco
3rd	\$ 96.81	\$ 43.12
4th	104.93	44.66
5th	87.49	40.84
6th	136.51	44.15
7th	131.44	86.26
Total	\$557.18	259.04
Average	\$111.44	\$51.81

* Wasco county is this time second in the state, a position often won by Gilliam or Morrow county. We welcome Wasco county to the top brackets and wish here to say that Wasco county does herself proud when she reaches a spot two-thirds as far up the ladder as Sherman county has gone. Perhaps the news men failed to notice Sherman county because we were so far ahead we were practically out of sight. Our forgiveness, gentlemen.

MORE INDUSTRIES, MORE TAXES

Oregon is the only state that has six percent limitation as a constitutional amendment. A few others have a limit of six percent on tax increases, but it is a statutory regulation that may be changed by the legislature without reference to the people.

Some discussion of the propriety of continuing the six percent constitutional amendment is due, not that it is thought it will be done away with because Oregon's voters are conservative and do not authorize change readily.

Theory of the six percent limit as a part of the constitution is that it would keep taxes from raising faster than that percentage. This it has done. In many other cases it has assured taxpayers of a six percent raise each year.

Peculiarity of the amendment is that no one knows whether it applies to property taxes solely or

to income and the taxes as well. Each expert argues from his own point of view on that one and over a period of years all experts have been on each side of the argument.

Strictly speaking it is probably unconstitutional to establish a new taxing district without a vote of the people although it is often done without complaint. Under the amendment a small district could forever stop paying taxes for certain purposes according to some interpretations.

Thus, despite the value the amendment has been to property tax payers, it is far from perfect and likewise far from clear as to meaning. Clarification is needed and a resolution was introduced in the last legislature to do that very thing. Property owners, however, feared change.

In every case industrial states and areas have higher tax rates than do agricultural states and areas. If Oregon is to be an industrial state the voters will have to vote new taxes or increase the old.

Cheapest place in the United States to live is the deep south where there is the least development and progress (using the terms in their usual meaning.)

Regardless of what the tax study committee does, or what the legislature does, the people themselves are evidently going to have to decide on the state's tax policy. They can hold to their constitutional six percent protection and defeat all new taxes or adopt a system that permits higher taxation. Higher taxes have always followed industry and new population.

In this agricultural section there is little talk of new industry for Oregon, but no little about new markets that may be derived from new population. Our people might be as well pleased if the new industries went to Washington where the workers could buy Oregon products. That is the very thing that upsets the city people who like to grow in size and industrial power.

The progress of the argument the development that comes, or the eventual answer is going to be most interesting to watch.

SH-H-H-H-H

Whatever news comes out of the Berlin conference will be publicity reports from official releases. It will not be news at all really.

Thus the temporary big shots of three great peoples will meet in secret to all intents and purposes. They do not even have the excuse that the enemy might get wind of their dealings.

England and the United States boast of being democracies. Russia claims to be more democratic than either. The history books used to say that freedom of speech, which certainly implied the right of the people to know what their leaders were doing, was a right that was necessary to democracy. It is hard to see how a people could be very well able to decide their own fate without information about what was going on.

This is another straw that points toward a dictatorship without regard for the rights of the people involved. There have been too many of late. It is not surprising that national leaders would try to usurp power, but it is a shocking thing that peoples should give up any of their hard won rights. Perhaps the major interest of man is a full belly and all this prattle about independence and justice and freedom of thought is just a page in history.

Some how, some place, some time the Japs seem to have accumulated one of the tenets taught in the Bible, a book not read very carefully in Nippon. We refer to the turning of the other cheek. Our navy has hit them day after day with shells and bombs and the Japs offer no resistance.

If Hitler is alive he will be the last to admit it—or to enjoy it.

Clouds gather every day or so over the wheat fields of Sherman county and give the farmers a few bad hours. Rain now could serve no good purpose.

A man died recently in Oakland, Oregon rooming house and was not found for three weeks. He was considered to be very poor as he lived most economically. He had over \$44,000 which some one can spend, a sum that might have made him comfortable if used instead of hoarded.

Washington Column

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distant future there may occur another emergency in the Pacific. He believes these people should be blanketed with citizenship.

One LST can shoot more rockets ashore on a hostile beach than the shells fired from the guns of two big battleships. This is one of the things being discovered in the use of rockets in the South Pacific. The rockets can also be fired from a truck. The prediction has been made that rockets and jet propulsion is still unknown, but there is talk that scientist (civilians, and not the army or navy research men) are speculating on a rocket weighing ten tons and so guided that instead of being a wild shot it can be aimed at a small target many miles away. And this has led to speculation as to whether jet propulsion bombs can be fired across the Atlantic with reasonable accuracy. Jet propulsion fighter planes are now being tried out by test pilots and some of them may be used against Japan any day.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 23, 1926

Seven different fires were started last Saturday evening by a freight train engine on the main line between Sherman and Celilo. The worst blaze in this county started at Sherman station and consumed everything between there and Spanish Hollow, including 100 acres of grain on the Goin farm near Biggs. Twenty-eight telephone poles and miles of wire were destroyed on the main line of the Pacific Telephone company.

A fire on the Henry Howell farm on Gordon ridge last Thursday evening burned over about 200 acres of grain and stubble and destroyed a small number of sacks of wheat. It was supposed to have started from a spark from the caterpillar tractor.

About 100 acres of grain were destroyed by fire on the D. H. Wright farm at Hay Canyon Wednesday at 11 a. m.

Arthur B. Christanson of this city and Kerrone Frances Bixby were married at the home of the bride at Oregon City on Wednesday, July 7th.

From the Observer, July 21, 1916

About 35 men are working on the Wasco high school building. Mrs. L. L. Bell and children of Kent have returned from a visit to Minnesota.

J. J. Miller had a horse stolen Friday night, July 14th, from his barn; the thief also broke open the granary and stole a saddle and a pair of chaps to go with the horse. The horse was found the following Tuesday in Amidon's field fenced for pasture. About a mile from his house. The saddle, bride and chaps were found in an old field west of Moro Cemetery the same day.

Fire destroyed a garage, Ford auto and tools contained in the building on the J.C. Mathias farm, last week, near Klondike. It is supposed to have started from a vulcanizer used in repairing a tube.

From the Observer, July 20, 1906

At 11:20 a. m. Tuesday the fire bell sounded an alarm which brought the population of Moro to their feet. The home of J. F. Walton was burning, and the business portion of the city was threatened with immediate destruction. Next to it was a fire-trap known as the old Carlson house, to which the fire spread to the next structure and here the fight for mastery of the situation began, as it was apparent that if the fire spread to the next structure, the Peoples building, a veritable fire-trap, all that division of the city east of Main and north of First streets, would go, including shops, stables, warehouses, two residences and the extensive wood and lumber yards of the Wind River company. Volunteers like Dean Hayes E. V. Littlefield Roy Powell, W. H. Ragsdale and others, who stood in the fercest of the heat, covered with wet sacks while fighting, special thanks are due.

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. C. A. Ruggles, W. M. W. D. Wallan, Secretary

Job of Pouring Wasco Elevator Finished Saturday

Saturday July 14th at six o'clock the elevator crew finished pouring the concrete for the bins. The men took Sunday off for the second Sunday off since the job began May 14th. They have been putting in long hours.

Mr and Mrs William Karr and daughter, Fay of Spokane are visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Dornier this week.

Walter Medler returned home from Portland Wednesday of last week and friends will be glad to know he is well on the road to recovery after a long period of serious illness.

Mr and Mrs L E Smith visited at the home of Mrs Smith's parents Mr and Mrs Albert Doolin in The Dalles Sunday. Carl Doolin (brother) was at home having just received an honorable discharge from the army. He was engaged in five major battles in the European theater and had many experiences to relate. He had some close calls but came through uninjured. He was discharged on points. Two brothers are in the South Pacific.

Mrs A M Haven, mother of L P Haven, arrived in Wasco Sunday from Los Angeles to spend the remainder of the summer at the home of her son and family.

Machinists mate Keith McDonald of the navy is expected to arrive in Wasco the latter part of this week. He is coming by plane from San Diego. After his furlough here Mrs McDonald and he will go to San Diego where he will be shipped out again.

Mr and Mrs Thor Jacobson have bought the Frank Morrow house formerly occupied by Mr and Mrs L. J. Thompson and family, who expect to leave Wasco.

Mr and Mrs W E Dutton are putting a new coating of shingles on their house.

Laverne Calkins of The Dalles is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs LeRoy Belah this week.

Mrs Dora Reagan and children of Ketchikan, Alaska, who spent a week at the LeRoy Belah home left Tuesday.

Miss Lavilla Gesson is visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Mary Eakin at Grass Valley.

Mr and Mrs B H Hull and family of The Dalles visited at the F M Crews home the first of the week.

Jim Doolin of The Dalles is spending a week at the home of his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Lowry Smith.

Mrs A D Edgington and son Bob returned to Seattle the latter part of last week. Bob has been helping his father in the machine shop and Mrs Edgington has been keeping the books.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Darby and family of Portland visited his mother, Mrs Lydia Darby over the week end.

Mr and Mrs F M Crews spent Sunday in The Dalles.

New ★ ★ ★ Generals



Lt. Gen. George Smith Patton Jr., commander of the 3rd army, top, and Lt. Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges, commander of the 1st army, who have been promoted to rank of full generals. Their elevation to rank of four-stars was suggested by senate committee.

Recently five Sherman county boys in the service had the good fortune to meet on Guam. They were Buck Spencer, Malcolm McDermid, Stewart Maenab, Arthur VanGilder and Jean Dutton.

Mrs Murray Walker who has been visiting her mother Mrs Augusta Huckin, returned to her home last week.

Mr and Mrs John Collins and daughter Betty of The Dalles were Sunday callers at the T L Fields home. Their daughter, Rita Collins is employe by the Fields' for the summer.

Mrs Clyde Ramar of Havre, Montana is here to spend several weeks at the home of Mr and Mrs Wiley McDonald.

Mrs S I Hastings and Mrs Charles Cunningham and daughters of Vancouver, spent the week end at the Louis Hastings home.

Chief machinists mate Leonard Maurus and wife arrived in Wasco a few days ago to spend a 80 day furlough with relatives and friends here. He has been stationed on the east coast.

Lt James Coats who has been stationed at Clovis, New Mexico, is home on a furlough. He is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs Claud Coats.

Rev and Mrs F L Cannell attended Bible study a social service club at Grass Valley Thursday of last week.

Eileen Winnett, Donna Lee Fulton and Mike Stewart of The Dalles were visiting at the L E Winnett home Sunday July 15.

Staff Sergeant John A Foss is here on a 15 day furlough after returning from a course at Camp Lee, Virginia. He is visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr and Mrs Everett Watkins and at the home of his own parents at Moro. He expects to be stationed at Barnes Hospital in Vancouver to help muster out disabled men.

Mr and Mrs Orton Norvald visit to Portland Saturday for a visit and to attend the Dakota picnic at Jantzen beach.

The east side of the Methodist church and parsonage were given a coat of shingles recently.

Mr and Mrs George Lamborn accompanied Maris Barnett Cooper to The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs L E Dehlar spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs J H Allyn in Goldendale.

D. J. Merwin of Portland spent from Wednesday until Sunday at

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the County court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Julia Lanphear, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them within six months from the date of this notice, with proper vouchers, to said administratrix at the office of the Sherman County Journal in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon.

Dated July 20, 1945
Beatrice Lanphear Baker
A. S. Cooley Administratrix
Attorney for Administratrix

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF
Attorney At Law
Moro and Wasco

the home of his sister, Mrs Arvid Anderson. He returned the first of the week.

Mrs Gus Hartmann came home Sunday from the hospital in The Dalles to recuperate from a major operation. She is getting along nicely.

Archie Kirkkie of Portland, brother of Ivan Kirkkie arrived in Wasco Sunday to work in harvest. Sunday, July 15 there was a birthday dinner in honor of E. E. Barzee's 76th birthday at the farm home of Mr and Mrs Paul Alley. Present to help celebrate the occasion were: Mr and Mrs Buell of Roseburg, Mr and Mrs Fred Buell and children, Carol and Gary of Eugene. Seventy-six candles decorated the cake.

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 her Final Account and Report as Administratrix of the Estate of O. P. King, deceased, and that Saturday, the 18th day of August, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Frances King Administratrix
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administratrix

Some 17,000 farm dwellers are killed in accidents yearly in this country. That is equal to wiping out the entire population of Astoria and Bend.

CHURCHES

Moro Community Presbyterian Church
James D. Moberg, pastor.
Bible School 10 a. m.
Wed. 8:00 P. M. Prayer meeting

Christian Science Society
Sunday morning services at 11:00 A. M. Subject "God" 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. Wednesday night service at 8:00 P. M.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10 A. M.
Morning worship at 11:00 A. M. Preaching service at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
F. L. Cannell, Pastor

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From 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, call Moro 751—County Clerk's Office

From 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from 12 noon Saturday to 8 a.m. Monday, call Moro 693—Clarence Mersinger