

SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

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WAITING FOR THE WHISTLE
A group of Portlanders are riding up and down the Columbia river this week, stopping to dine on fried chicken with exuberant Chambers of Commerce, speculating on how the pilot is going to miss protruding rocks and listening to prophecies of heavy river traffic at some time in the future.

Those who live along the banks of the rugged Columbia have long dreamed of vessels that called at their sidings for freight to be hauled and handled for a song. Visions of barges laden with the yield of a thousand acres of grain have been aroused by literally hundreds of luncheon and convention speakers. Pages and reams of figures have been made to show the possibility, the feasibility, the practical necessity of river transportation.

A perfect case has been made. But there is no traffic, or little. Tugs push barge loads of gasoline up-river now and then but grandpa hauled more articles that way 75 years ago.

This new trip of a selected group of boosters equipped with camera and typewriter to enthrall the reader with stories of the coming new era, is sufficient occasion for us to ask what is the matter with the whole deal. The more valuable boosters say that now the war is ended ocean boats will come up the Columbia to The Dalles. That's fine, and the warehouses are full of wheat to fill them.

The boosters recount the tons of minerals to be taken out to factories. But there's no place to ship the wheat and what factories we had for mineral fabrication are closed.

It is a fervent hope of many that this trip, or some other event, will give to those who have long looked for use of the river for transportation some new encouragement. The old hopes are getting pretty well worn with waiting.

COLORED POLITICS

The investigation that is being carried on in Portland about the death of a colored citizen at the hands of a policeman is an example of what may be expected as Oregon's negro population increases and persons of that shade become a greater political influence. We are extremely susceptible to worry about our minorities in this country anyway, and they often do better than the majorities.

Nothing so far read in the evidence leads this observer to conclude that the officer shot the victim because of his color or that the result would have been different had said victim been one of our own Brahmins. Although it may be presumed that the upholders of the law are a bit more nervous and more likely to shoot when frequenting neighborhoods where shooting is a common means of settling quarrels.

Efforts to have the negro and the Jew and the Jap accepted by those who have prejudices against them often results in greater prejudice and more persecution. One may learn to like olives by eating of them, but it is not record that we opinionated Anglo-Saxons ever learn to like people of other races and religions by having to associate with them.

We may eventually overcome our prejudices if we are shown the error of them through education; we will probably never overcome them through the exercise of force.

Ain't science wonderful. It has given us electric dishwashers, television and the atomic bomb. Life was safer before scientists were developed, back in the good old days when one dunked his dishes in the creek and just tried to look an eye's reach away.

The exploits of the Moro football team were a common topic of discussion last week end; also were the adventures of the Oregon football team. Both were failures; both teams flopped.

The failure of another team occasioned no comment along the street. We refer to the failure of the American diplomacy team in London. That failure, if continued long, will mean that the young men who were failing at football last week end will probably have their lives interrupted to fight another war.

If Russia and the United States really square off at one another and become opposites, one believing in communism (and not practicing it) and one believing in democracy (and doing fairly well at it); one a dictatorship and one a political republic, there will be a division in the world that will bring on another war.

People are wont to put trust in their leaders and thus they excuse themselves from blame about international affairs. Such trust is often, misplaced. The world has just witnessed the execution of French leaders who were blamed for the weakness of France and her defeat by Germany. Such action does little good although it might cause future leaders to be more careful.

Nations that win do not engage in trials of public men. Had France won Laval and Petain might have been heroes for the identical actions for which they were condemned.

This nation was dragged into war under conditions similar to those under which France entered it; without proper preparation, by lack of public information. The losers are resentful, the victors boastful. That we were victors is the only excuse for condoning the actions of some of our officials.

We are starting procedure that may get us into another war and it attracts no attention.

MOORE'S WEEKLY

Moore's Oregon Weekly, a venture into the magazine field by Hal Moore, newspaper man of Portland and other Oregon towns. He states his desire to review weekly the cultural field: books, music, radio, education.

There are well known writers on public affairs indicating that politics (if it can be defined as knowledge of, and influence on public affairs) will be a sizeable part of the new magazine.

There have been other attempts to start a magazine in the cultural field in Oregon. Some have made a signal success until death or other unfortunate circumstance changed the management. Hugh Hume of the Spectator had a flair for expression that would have been welcome anywhere. Mr Moore apparently does not intend that his magazine will have to depend on the wit or wisdom of one mind for he has engaged the services of several columnists of national reputation. Perhaps they can make up in reputation what they lack in local viewpoint.

There is a place for a magazine that will inform and interest Oregonians or those of any state. We wish this new one well.

BACKWARD, BACKWARD

An aged Indian woman of around 112 died at Pendleton the other day. She had seen the first white men come to that country. The event serves to indicate how brief a time white men have lived in Oregon. It is yet less than a hundred years before covered wagon trains were at all common and Kimsha Joe might well have seen the first one.

In those days the hills were covered with timber and grass, a few horses and many deer were all that ate it, except for small herds of long horned cattle straying white men had brought in from the east. The rivers ran full of salmon and the streams hid trout aplenty for the Indian population.

It was a different world old Kimsha Joe left than the one she came to 112 years ago. It may be a better one, but the Indians who lived on the fish, the deer and the native plants will never be convinced.

It seems that we are immediately going to go ahead with millions of dollars worth of federal works regardless of need for employment.

Washington Column

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They may have some difficulty in accumulating the necessary funds. In which case RFC is prepared to step in with a promise to make the loan 100 percent, or to cooperate with banks or other lending agencies. RFC is willing to purchase revenue bonds with which the loan 100 percent, or to cooperate with banks or other lending agencies. RFC is willing to purchase revenue bonds with which the loan 100 percent, or to cooperate with banks or other lending agencies.

These loans, if made, will not come from the federal treasury, and they will enable municipalities and other political subdivisions to do their own financing with the assistance provided by RFC. If a major project which would require two or three years to complete sells its securities to RFC it need not sell all of the authorized bonds at once, but RFC will make the purchases from time to time during the construction period. This arrangement will save the interest cost on bonds not sold until the money is needed. This is offered as an inducement to community improvement.

RFC is offering a program of self-help and communities will not have to look to congress for an appropriation under some general federal aid program. Each community will "be on its own." Of course, the program would give RFC the power, in a limited way, over any and all of the proposed public works for which RFC money is requested. RFC must approve the project, as to its contribution to the general welfare and determine whether the sponsors will be able to meet the payments on the revenue or general obligation bonds.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 19, 1906
Senator Wheelton has invested considerable money in coal mines of high grade in Sherman county, which is soon to become the nucleus of a big manufacturing industry at Rufus.

Mrs Cushman raised some nice peaches in her Moro orchard. P. M. Boyer, long an invalid at his home at Grass Valley, died on the 13th, highly respected by all.

Those cows that Mrs Pike wishes to dispose of are direct descendants of the Ladd Stock farm. From the Observer, Oct. 20, 1916

George Rebman's farm home near Klondike was totally destroyed by fire about 9:30 Monday, presumably from a defective fuse.

Sixteen school districts in Grant county have merged into the biggest high school district in eastern Oregon, valuation \$1,628,000.

Lovers of good horses will be glad to know that the brown stallion Heighoo paced a mile on the Moro track Friday in 2:24, the fastest local time. He has been bought by Jess Landry and Al Kirtley.

To celebrate the homecoming of Otto Peetz and bride three charivari parties were organized. From the Observer, Oct. 22, 1926
The residence at Grass Valley formerly occupied by the Van Nuys family was moved to the

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Moro and Wasco

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
"We have only just begun to fight"
We were sitting around Bill Webster's fire the other night, enjoying a mellow glass of beer, and talking now that the war is over - about what Peace really means.
"I can tell you one thing it doesn't mean," says Bill. "It doesn't mean that we can all relax - and take things easy - and figure we're living in Utopia."
"You're right," Judge Cunningham agrees. "Peace means, among other things, eternal vigilance. Free men are still at war with hatred, prejudice, intolerance - whether it's intolerance of a man's political beliefs, or of his right to choose between a glass of beer or buttermilk."
From where I sit, the Judge is absolutely right. Peace means continued vigilance - continued struggle against all the forces of intolerance that caused the last war, and can sow the seeds of future conflict. Maybe we should paraphrase the slogan of a Revolutionary hero: "We have only just begun to fight."

DAIRY MARKETS GOOD

Markets for dairy products have been holding firm generally over the nation during recent weeks despite the record-breaking volume of milk production this year. Production in 1945 may exceed 1944 by as much as 5 percent. The dairy industry has not been expanded seriously however, and the demand for dairy products is still unusually strong.

This increase in milk cows is relatively small compared with the increase in beef cattle. The number of all cattle combined on a per capita basis is around 14 percent over 1935-1939. The number of milk cows has decreased slightly since the peak was reached in 1944. The available data indicates that fewer dairy heifer calves were raised in 1944 and 1945 than in the past.

At mid-September the average farm price of dairy products stood 66 percent above prewar. Butter prices were at 111 percent of parity and milk at wholesale, 112 percent of parity, with all farm products combined at 113 percent.

Including production payments by the government, returns to producers are expected to continue relatively high, at least while consumer demand remains strong. Consumers in this country still have a great amount of purchasing power from current earnings and savings despite some decrease in national income. Shipments of dairy products overseas are being curtailed, however, and soon will become small.

Roy Baker farm in Cottonwood to replace the one recently burned. W. C. Miller and wife left by auto for Eugene to visit their son, Vernon, a student at U. of O. and their daughter, Ione, a student at Monmouth Normal. Chester Silvers has rented the Ed McMillen farm north of the ridge on the old road to The Dalles. Several hunters went to Boardman for the opening of the season Wednesday morning.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 118 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Clara Houston, N.G.; Florence Johnston, S.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Ernest Houston, N.G.; A. R. Kessinger, Secretary.

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.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting Members Invited - Moro, Oregon. Rose Amidon, W. M.; Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

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DANCE

Saturday, Oct. 20

ORCHESTRA MUSIC

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

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and confirmed as Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of said Ellen E. Sommer, deceased and her estate. Any person having a claim against said estate is hereat required to present same with proper voucher and proof and to whom it may concern.

First publication being Oct 19th 1945 and last being Nov. 16th, 1945. Elsie Martin Executrix of Ellen E. Sommer Estate.

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

In Matter of the Estate of H. A. Laffoon, deceased. SS. Final notice of said account, and of hearing any objections thereto. First Publication being Oct. 19, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given that Irma Laffoon and Elsie Martin the administrators of the above entitled estate have rendered and presented and filed their final account therein, with the above entitled Court, and that Monday the 3rd day of Dec. 1945 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court room, in the County Court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon has been appointed as a time and place for a hearing on and final settlement of said account, and of hearing any objections thereto. First Publication being Oct. 19, 1945.

Want Ads

WANTED: To lease pasture land for cattle. D. W. Helyer, Kent. 50c

FOR SALE: Small registered Hereford herd, Good foundation stock. Lester Barnum, Grass Valley. 48-50

FOR SALE: 4 young calves. Orville Hockman, Moro. 48-50c

FOR SALE: In Grass Valley, large house, some furniture, barn, chicken house, double garage, other buildings. Enquire Fred Kruscow or write Box-92, Grass Valley. 48-51p

FOR SALE: 7 ft. cedar posts 15 & 21 inch posts and better 3c cents per post delivered any place here. G. L. Briggs, phone 6463 or write Gen. Del. The Dalles, Oregon 22 tfv

FOR SALE: Six registered Hereford Gilts, to farrow next month. Mrs Mike Smith, Kent. 49 51p

MALE HELP WANTED: Opportunity of lifetime supplying DDT and other profitable products to farmers in Sherman county. No experience or capital required. Must have auto and good references. Permanent. Write or wire McNESS COMPANY, Dept. D, 2423 Magnolia St. Oakland 7, California.

Elsie Martin Administratrix of H. A. Sommer
Irma Laffoon Estate.
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Condon Blue Devils vs Moro Huskies
Moro Recreation Field 2:00 p.m
Friday, October 19
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