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THE FIRST 100 YEARS

February 5, 1846 the first newspaper to make an appearance on the Pacific coast was printed at Oregon City. It was the Oregon Spectator. A facsimile is printed in this issue of this paper. Original size was 11 1/2 inches by 17 with four columns to the page. Publication of the laws of Oregon was the main reason for its being. That was 13 years before Oregon was a state, before many of the pioneers had come over the Oregon Trail to settle in the tall firs of the Willamette valley. Some land was tilled in the prairies and there was a clearing here and there. Oregon was a head of California where Sutter was not to find his gold for three years.

This coming week there will be something of a celebration of the first centennial of the first newspaper in Oregon and on the Pacific coast. Newspaper men will be most interested, naturally. But other, too, will note with attention this landmark of the passage of time, this evidence of the state's coming age.

It seems to be generally accepted that people who read the most newspapers and magazines are among the most civilized. They have better governments and say most about them. Oregon has the reputation of having very good newspapers and papers of this state have been consistent winners in national contests for excellence.

Some of them are getting along in years. The Oregonian was established in 1850, the Salem Statesman in 1851, the Sherman County Journal is in its 58th year and many other weeklies are as old or older.

Tuesday next will be in a way the 100th birthday of all Oregon newspapers, a time to recall the assistance they have been to the development of the state.

BLUE CROSS

An effort is being made to encourage membership in the Blue Cross organization in Sherman county. It must be done through some organization and the Grange and the teacher's association both have membership rights for those who belong. The method of joining can be found. The value of the plan to the general citizenry is of more immediate interest.

The Blue Cross is an organization, now almost nation-wide, that gives hospital service to members. Charges are set for single persons, married couples and for families, with families above a minimum receiving the same rates. Cost would probably be between \$24 and \$30 per year for the average family. This is paid to the association which has headquarters in Portland. When a member is hospitalized the Blue Cross pays his hospital bill; bed, board, examination, laboratory tests, etc., up to 21 days. After that the Blue Cross pays half the bill.

Both hospitals in The Dalles are members. The patient may choose any doctor available. The organization is non-profit and is formed under the cooperative laws.

Although a majority of the families in Sherman county are sufficient well to do to be able to pay any hospital bill, there was a time when very few were so situated. The Blue Cross operates as insurance in that money is paid in to prepare for an anticipated expense or loss. There are many advantages that might well be examined by Sherman county families who may need or who may desire to spread their cost of illness over a long period instead of having it come all at once.

HAIL THE GROUND HOG

Tomorrow, Saturday, is ground hog day. Although there are none of the curious little animals in this part of the country, we go through the comparatively harmless procedure of cocking an inquisitive eye toward the sky to see if there be sun enough to cast a shadow on the early rising marmot in case there was such an animal about.

Then we talk for six weeks about what the weather is going to be like as if we had superior knowledge from on high, as if this combination of sun and wise animal wisdom had told us accurately of the climate for 42 days.

It is a kind of playful foolishness, something akin to childish belief in Santa Claus. And even though we know there is no

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66 feet of water and it is planned to send divers down to examine what is left of the ships after they have been wiped out by the bomb or bombs. There are fewer than 200 natives on Bikini and they will be removed before the explosion, which is scheduled for sometime in May. Part of the fleet to be annihilated is now enroute to the proposed scene of action.

Senator Thomas of Oklahoma says that the American people must face for a long time to come a tax burden of about \$35,000,000,000 a year. Of this sum, he said, \$25,000,000,000 will be for federal taxes, with state, county and local taxes adding another \$10,000,000,000. The senator made this observation in the hope that realization of the staggering burden would persuade all taxing agencies to hold down expenses, and, of course, especially congress. Senator Thomas is not hopeful of being able to dig out from under the national debt during the life of the present generation or of that to come. Meantime, both the recommendations by the president and the proposals by individual members of congress call for new expenditures, some of them along untried lines.

ground-hog, and that he doesn't come out on February 2, except by chance, and that whether he sees his shadow or not has nothing to do with the weather, we talk of it as learnedly as do children waiting for the good old saint of Christmas time.

There's no harm in it—and no good; and ground-hogs are a more pleasant subject for thought than most of the subjects found in the news. If it takes a bit of fantasy to keep the balance true, these days, so let's look for him (or does he get his wife up first) and be happy if he sees no shadow.

STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN

Some organized opposition to the theory that may possibly result from the story that came out of Hood River recently should be undertaken by the women, either individually or through already established clubs.

We refer to the story of the Hood River husband who concocted a tale of robbery to account for the loss of \$30 in a poker game, which he did not dare confess to his partner from the so-called weaker sex.

Should it become a generally accepted theory that wives in their anger are more dangerous than state policemen in their disgust, the lonely ladies who have been waiting with a brave show of patience for a willing male may be badly discouraged. Steps should be taken.

While an erring husband might well expect a few displeased words when he comes home belatedly and without funds, he should not be forced to contemplate the scene with enough fear that he commits a crime to evade it. Perhaps a married man who cannot withstand the vicissitudes of wifely anger had better remain in the army where the dangers are less, but who is there of experience who dares to say the Hood River man was cowardly. Forsooth, he might have actually chosen the easier course.

Women should find some way to have this matter forgotten and written off the memory of mankind. Aspiring maidens must have a better reputation for sweetness and forgiveness and soft affection than this.

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

Lureka 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. LeRoy Wright, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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WAKE UP, AMERICA! Should We Keep the Atomic Bomb Secret?



Moderated by FRED G. CLARK, Chairman, American Economic Foundation

MR. ZIFF OPENS: The plan to internationalize the atomic bomb, unfortunately, is illogical and cannot be put into operation. The illogic proceeds from the following real conditions: 1. There is no international body to whose custody such a supreme weapon as the atomic bomb can safely be given. 2. If such an international body existed, it would have to be in the nature of an international government toward which the United States, the U.S.S.R. and other existing states bore the relation of provinces. 3. In principle, if we internationalize the bomb, we are saying we should have no military advantage over any other nation. This is a fine principle, but if it is to be brought to its final conclusion, it would mean we should give up all military secrets of every kind. The big inferential question proceeding from this plan is the outlawing of war. If war is to be outlawed, a way must be found by which nations can give up all their immense and costly armaments, not just the atomic bomb alone. If a real condition exists whereby it is not safe for the U.S. to give up all armaments, then it is not safe to give up any part of them. This would be to be a simple proposition in logic. I am sure that Mrs. Luce herself, who commands respect as one of America's ablest legislators, will ultimately come to this view.

MRS. LUCE CHALLENGES: Internationalization of atomic knowledge is neither illogical nor unrealistic as a goal to be attained. A fundamental purpose of UNO is to keep world peace by control of all armaments. Today our possession of atomic knowledge gives us an advantage. Tomorrow some other scientific discovery may transfer that advantage to an unfriendly power. Only now, while we have this superiority in bargaining power, can we insist upon authority being given UNO to inspect and report publicly upon all plants in every country capable of manufacturing weapons for mass extermination. This does not set up an international government any more than did the creation of the International Red Cross.

MR. ZIFF REPLIES: If we are to throw our weapons out of the window at least we should have some absolute assurance of world order. This is not provided by the UNO which unfortunately has no more actual power than the International Red Cross. Law is synonymous with power and power is the product only of government. International law is no exception. An international agency capable of keeping the peace would have to have authority superior to that of the states composing it. If it did, it would be a world government. No League can be the custodian of weapons in a world without law.

As debated by Hon. Clare Boothe Luce, Congresswoman, 4th District, Connecticut; Member, House Military Affairs Committee

MRS. LUCE OPENS: We should not keep the so-called "atomic bomb secret" unless compelled to do so by other nations. We should share it in every detail providing other nations will share with us all the developments they now have or will make in the future along the same line of scientific inquiry and invention. In practical terms, this should mean acceptance by the United States, and other members of the UNO, of the principle of scientific freedom, to be exercised by the exchange of knowledge through an international scientific committee or clearing-house. I am for this. On November 14th of this year, I introduced in Congress a 46-word Resolution "favoring the creation of appropriate international machinery within the existing framework of the United Nations Organization for international control and reduction of armaments and weapons, especially those involving atomic power." Obviously, any such international armament board or committee would have the right to inspect at any time and without notice, the technical plants and industrial equipment of any nation. That is the only practical way in which such a board can fulfill its function with fairness and safety to all. It is the way financial institutions are controlled by government examiners in order to protect the funds of the depositors; and the lives and homes of millions of human beings now at the mercy of surprise atomic destruction should not have any less protection.

MR. ZIFF CHALLENGES: When an international authority with teeth in it actually exists, none of the nations will need war-making machinery. But as long as the nations of the world are beating their ploughshares into swords in a new armaments race, the mere hope of world order is far from sufficient. It smacks of the unhappy idealism which left us unprepared before World War II. So far, no League has worked, and it is highly improbable that this one will. The present power actions of the Russians and British in different parts of the world cannot be reconciled with the thesis that they will be willing to make their policies submit to the authority of some international armaments board.

MRS. LUCE REPLIES: Mr. Ziff's conclusion is one of despair. He feels UNO cannot be made to work for peace. I say we must try to make it work. I agree the test of UNO will be its ability to control production of weapons, including atomic bombs. That is why I introduced Resolution 101 to create international disarmament machinery within the UNO. Perhaps UNO cannot prevent war, but it can begin to work now to control all weapons including atomic weapons. Until we know other nations will not agree to atomic control we must stick with UNO, which offers the only hope of securing such agreement.

In Other Days Carroll Says He'd Of Insurance Section

From the Observer, Feb. 1, 1947 Curt Tom had five horses or fall over a bluff near Rufus killing one and injuring the others. The stork stopped at George Henagins recently and the little girls now have a baby brother. Sherman county expenses last year amounted to \$13,064.89.

When the Moro Flouring mill gets its sacks now due and start up again it will be in a run of 5000 bbls.

From the Observer, Feb. 2, 1947 Posters are out announcing the Masque Ball to be held in the Opera house February 9.

A number of farmers and others are in Spokane to attend the Holt school for tractor men. The Morrow brothers, F. L. and L. M., have let a contract with Hedges & Huls for construction of a concrete garage in Wasco.

From the Observer, Feb. 4, 1947 Geraldine Norton and Charles Wilson both had operations for abscess of the lung caused from the flu.

Howard Conlee bought a new Kohler light plant for his new farm home.

Helen Bryant and Ione Miller attending the state normal both won a place on the honor roll, thus Moro was the only town in the state to have two representatives on this honor roll for the term.

COMMITTEE TO MEET Executive committee of the Breakfast club will meet at the Hotel Moro Coffee Shop Friday night to make appointments to committees and transact other business for the club. Already named committee chairman and vice-chairmen will also meet. Time 7:00.

INDUSTRY, FARM RELATED

The interdependence of agriculture and industry, and the importance of national and international affairs in the future prosperity of any farmer in Oregon, were facts stressed over and over again by speakers at the statewide conference on marketing and distribution sponsored by the division of agriculture at Oregon State college in mid-January.

Though some two-dozen speakers came from many states and different agencies, their conclusions were in singular agreement as to the importance of such fundamental developments as price policies, government financing, the future of international trade,

Upline Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Clara Houston, N.G. Florence Johnston, S.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting members invited.—Moro, Oregon Helen Ruggles, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

Industrial development on the west coast, America's future policy in the Pacific and other matters that were not always thought of as part of the "farm problem." President A. L. Strand of the college, as keynote speaker, made some frank assertions in outlining possible future trends which were later supported by other speakers. He enumerated both liabilities and assets in the present situation which he likened to the "reshaping of a movie seen previously," which it is now hoped can be changed in certain respects. The worst liability now, in Dr. Strand's opinion, is competition between agriculture and other groups for adventure. "The jockeying for economic position, based on group pressures as we see it exemplified today, marks out a sure road to inflation and a complete economic debacle," he warned.

He quoted the 1945 land-grant college report on postwar agriculture policy as saying "legislation and other programs resigned to aid certain groups at the expense of the national interest not only fail to provide adequately for the public welfare, but often may actually harm the specific groups which such measures are intended to benefit, by postponing the solution of the problems which they seek to correct." President Strand listed several hopeful aspects as well, including a wider realization of the dependence of agriculture and industry on one another, and the scientific assistance and trained leadership now available to agriculture. The good life is not reached merely by a technical approach, however, he said.

"We have fought and our young men have bled to make this a moral world," he concluded. "Any theory of economic and social progress that leaves out this consideration will be painfully deficient. There must be an ingrained, underlying sense of human justice to illumine the mind and guide the will to act. Without that there can be no stability in our efforts to integrate agriculture with industry to mutual benefit. Without that there can be no peace."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, as Executrix of the estate of Julius Medler, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at Wasco, Oregon, with vouchers properly verified as by law required, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

GINA MEDLER, Executrix of the Estate of Julius Medler, Deceased.

GAVIN & GAVIN, The Dalles, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. Date of first publication Jan. 25, 1946. 12-15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Guy C. Andrews has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, Deceased, and has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to said Administrator at Wasco, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The first publication is February 1, 1946.

GUY C. ANDREWS Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, Deceased. J. Tracy Barton Attorney for the Estate The Dalles, Oregon

C. A. Ruggles INSURANCE MORO OREGON RHEUMATISM and ARTHRITIS I suffered for years and am so thankful that I found relief from this terrible affliction that I will gladly answer anyone writing me for information. Mrs Anna Pautz, P. O. Box 825, Vancouver, Wash.

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