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Those who would trade freedom for security are deserving of neither.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Formal organization of the Sherman County Historical Society will be done at a public meeting to be held March 22 at the school house. It will be historical, also, in that Governor Snell will be the principal speaker for the event. The governor a native of Gilliam county has an interest in the Mid-Columbia area for several reasons among them historical.

The need for an organization to preserve the history of the county is not a new one. In fact, many of the men and women from whom accurate stories of olden times could have been obtained are already gone.

The development of any country from a state of nature to that of an intense agriculture is worthy of perpetuation. In Sherman county this has been done within the memory of one generation. Men are still alive who can recall with memories brightened by age, the waving bunchgrass on hills that now grow prosaic wheat. Women still live whose children, were born in homestead box cabins with a helpful neighbor for mid-wife while nervous husbands paced the path before the door.

The niceties of civilization were not for them. They came of hardy stock, self-reliant, strong, determined to wrest a sustenance from the soil of a new land despite the hardships the frontier meted to them. They are representatives of America in its brightest day, a day when men depended on their own wisdom, their own fortitude, their own muscle and their faith to bring them through difficulties. Their descendants, of whom there are many in this county, may well be proud to have had such ancestors.

Relatedly we start to recognize them officially. The historical society is getting an auspicious beginning, with the governor of the state coming to speak of the early history of the county and to pay his respects to the men who made it possible that there be a state of Oregon, a county of Sherman.

COUNTY MANAGER

Down in Clackamas county they are having a public debate over the county manager law, which is to be on the ballot there next May. Under the provisions of that law the vote is taken in May for acceptance by the voters and then, if accepted, first officers are elected in November.

Opposition seems to come from two sources. The first is that the county manager would become a dictator. Candidates for members of the county board might well take offense at the positiveness of the statement for they would be in control of the manager at all times. In fact, the law was written to assure control by the board instead of the manager. Second source of opposition is apparently some political parties or politicians, who are reported to be opposed because it reduces the number of officers to be elected at the polls. Naturally a political party dislikes having some law reduce its importance. The ordinary citizen, however, is more concerned with good government than with strong political parties.

With minor changes that will be needed as time goes on, it seems safe to predict a continued growth of the manager system for both cities and counties. It does bring efficiency and when this gilded era of plentiful money is over efficiency will have

more weight than now. In Sherman county it is probable that an experienced county manager with two, or at most three assistants, could handle the county's business with improved dispatch. Only vociferous opposition comes from county officials whose jobs would be put in jeopardy by the enactment of the law by the voters, and some of them admit the waste of time that comes from many independent offices duplicating work.

There is little likelihood that there will be an effort made to adopt the county manager system here immediately. There is no economic urge as long as crops are plentiful and the price bountiful. But when the time comes, as it always has, when taxpayers organize to reduce the already meager county officer salaries, the alternative of hiring fewer persons and paying them higher wages will be brought to the fore.

It is not a reform about which speed is necessary. When the people study it will be time enough.

Speak roughly to your little boy And beat him when he sneezes. He only does it to annoy Because he knows it teases.

Russia is undoubtedly the most backward of the great nations in respect to the sophistication of its people. Those of them who can read, can obtain nothing but state papers. Admission of newspapers from other countries is frowned upon if not forbidden by the all-powerful state.

Therefore the idea the ordinary Russian has of America and of England and Germany is the idea the rulers wish them to have. They have no other information on which to base an opinion. Actually, there are many indications that the Russian people don't even care about having opinions. So many people over there have disappeared after having had opinions found on their tongue.

Indications are that the Russian is a kindly sort of a peasant who would not be desirous of international aggression if left alone by men who control him. What Stalin and small group around him thinks and is trying to do is another question. They are the ones Brynes and Bevin must consider. The present policy, a direct break with the former one, is to be stern and positive. We coddled the Russians for six months since the war's end, now we spank them. Perhaps by such violent changes we can eventually find the right method. But will we know enough to keep it?

RED CROSS

The county chairman of the Red Cross drive, Curt Tom, reports that the campaign is going slowly and that folks seem to have let down on their enthusiasm for donating to relief organizations designed to aid the needy either in uniform or out.

Patriotic organizations as well as individuals have metaphorically washed their hands like Pilate and passed on the other side, leaving the Red Cross without solicitors.

It is no doubt a very natural reaction that people should want to rid themselves of the burdens that war brings as soon as war ends. It is often impossible. Men are still in uniform and wanting the comfort the Red Cross can bring. Disasters occur as often now as during the war. The Red Cross is organized to combat these things, over-organized, perhaps, but still about the only group to which the world's needy can turn when in dire straits of hunger and cold.

There is no lack of funds or lack of public response. A simple request to many would bring contributions. We would be sorry if we failed.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF VACATING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF WASCO, OREGON.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wasco, Oregon, to be held on April 1, 1946, at 8:00 P. M. in the City Council room in Wasco, Oregon, they will present to said City Council for consideration a petition praying for the vacation of a portion of a certain alley described as follows:

All of that portion of that certain alley in Block Eight of McPherson's Second Ad-

Washington Column

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The western aluminum plants built by the government would be sold, or continued in operation and the aluminum ingots stockpiled for the future, says Krug. If we have more plants in the west, strikes in the east could not tie up the nation as they have been doing. Legislation will soon be proposed to enlist the secretaries of labor, agriculture and commerce to recommend other legislation to stimulate industrial development in the western states. They may attempt to remove such handicaps for new enterprises as inadequate sources of loans; burdensome taxes and lack of research information for small manufacturers.

Government and private utilities can operate together (Krug will be the boss of federal power), peacefully, profitably and for the good of all. In an electrical emergency during the war, all the nation's power systems, private, municipal, county, state and federal were assembled in great operating pools and without new installations, electric energy was increased five fold. Private power companies report they will expand improvements at the rate of one billion, two hundred million dollars a year. With power must come industry.

dition to the City of Wasco, Oregon, which lies east of the West line of lots Four and Nine in said Block and Addition. Dated this 20th day of February, 1946.

C. R. Morrison J. C. Wilson Ira R. Fridley 16-19

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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. K. Kessinger, Secretary

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NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That by virtue and authority of an Order duly made by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County on the 27th day of February, 1946 the undersigned Alice Akers as Guardian of the Estates and Persons of

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Margaret Jane Akers and John Harry Akers, Minor, will from and after Monday, the 15th day of April, 1946 at the hour of 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the Law Office of T. LES-TER JOHNSON, Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, proceed to sell and will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, or on such terms of cash and credit as may be approved by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, all the right, title and interest of the said Margaret Jane Akers and John Harry Akers, Minor, in one parcel and subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, in and to the following described real property:

Lot Six (6), Block Twenty-Two (22), City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon. Dated this 8th day of March, 1946.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS... TED: "Clem and I were wonderin' what you thought of that new movie about the chronic alcoholic, Judge. Understand you saw it before we did." OLD JUDGE: "Well... it's true most of us never see a case as extreme as that in real life because they are so few and far between. But it does point out one thing... chronic alcoholics are abnormal people and we've got to change our ideas about how to help them." CLEM: "In what way, Judge?" OLD JUDGE: "We've got to realize that excessive drinkers are suffering from more than a craving for alcohol. According to psychiatrists and medical men at one of our great universities, the alcoholic is a sick person. The study of hundreds of cases shows he is suffering from some physical, social or emotional condition... just as in the case of that poor chap in the picture. Fortunately, they represent only a very small percentage of those who drink." TED: "Is anything being done to really help these folks, Judge?" OLD JUDGE: "Yes... a great deal in clinics throughout the country. And with the cooperation of the beverage distillers who sincerely want their product used only in moderation."

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