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

GOOD NEWSPAPERS

A trade paper has stated that weekly newspapers should not try to compete with the dailies, but should become a magazine of their communities instead of a regular newspaper.

Somehow, we think the writer has been sleeping. Most of the country weeklies of Oregon at least, are magazines of their counties of trade areas. We have long contended that a weekly newspaper can hardly justify its existence on any other grounds.

Whether for better or worse a county newspaper speaks for its county. The welfare of that county and that county's residents is its primary concern. The better it does the job, the better the county.

There is always competition between towns and communities and counties as there is between individuals. One wants a road or a plant or something that the other covets. Week by week there may appear to be little difference between them, but when the chips are down each must stand for its county or section. And fortunate is the community that has within it a strong, able newspaper that realizes the needs of the district and is willing to speak out for those needs.

RAILROAD STRIKE

Whether the railroad strike is going to be settled before the grace period is up or not we do not know. Neither is there any way to tell whether John Lewis will let his miners go back to work steady or not. Either can tie up our national economy and both would stop us completely.

Everyone can see that unless responsibility accompanies the power to call strikes the nation will be a long time getting settled down after the war. We are a good ways ahead of all other nations of the earth, because war left no physical marks on us; our factories are ready to go ahead and produce for our citizens and the world. Other countries may get to producing first and gain the markets of a waiting world.

Perhaps it is our own loss that will be greatest. We live by and enjoy a high standard of living which means that we consume more food, use more equipment, utilize more machinery than do the citizens of any other country in the world. We have the capacity to go on doing this. But we must work to have things.

Money in itself has no value. It is the things we buy with it that make us rich. If we refuse to produce the things we live by we will be poor even though our factories are well equipped to make things.

We are so industrialized that labor itself comprises a large part of our population. Labor is being by strikes as much as does any other segment of society, and besides loses the wages it might have earned.

Through 150 years we have learned how to make machinery and how to use it to make life easier for ourselves. Now we must learn to keep that machinery working or it is of no use. It serves no purpose to say that capital or labor is selfish. Both are selfish, as are all humans whose desires are allowed to go uncurbed. Perhaps government must provide the curbs or our economy will fall.

GEORGE C. UPDEGRAFF
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Moro and Wasco

Wasco Lodge Honors Officers In Meeting

Annie Fulton Chapter 124 O.T.S. held a stated communication May 14. Three past Worthy Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Doris Stipe, Therese Castner and Bess Setters were escorted to the East and given the grand honor. Other distinguished guests were Henrietta Hacker, member of Pay Representative committee; Rose Amidon, member of the state of Indiana in Oregon; Mary Frances Gilbert, Worthy Matron of Columbia Chapter 33; Helen Ruggles, Worthy Matron and Walter Ruggles, Worthy Patron of Bethlehem Chapter 78, Columbia Chapter 33 of The Dalles were special guests.

Past Electas of Annie Fulton and visiting Chapter members were honored with a degree. A past Grand Electa of Oregon, Therese Castner was present. Worthy Matron of Annie Fulton Chapter, Helen Watkins, honored her mother, Ethel Strong, and her mother-in-law, Marie Watkins

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in the Electa degree Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mr and Mrs John Capaci and son Eddie of Dallas, Oregon visited the Methodist parsonage over the weekend. Mrs. Huntley is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Cannell. Her husband just returned from Manila.

Mr and Mrs Rogert Bish and baby are visiting in the East with relatives of Mr Bish.

Dr Oliver Gill, the new District Superintendent of the Cascade district, held the last quarterly conference at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday evening. After the various reports were presented a unanimous vote was cast for the return of Rev. and Mrs Cannell for another year. If the conference returns them in June, it will make their tenth year in Sherman county.

The clean up day in Wasco was a great success. All the town

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

In the matter of the Estate of Ehen E. Sommer, deceased: SS. Final Notice.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Elsie Martin the executrix of the above entitled estate has rendered and filed her final account therein with the above entitled Court, and Monday June 3rd 1946 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court room, in County Court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been designated as a time and place for the final hearing and settlement of said account and the hearing of objections, if any thereto.

Elsie Martin
Executrix
Roy J. Baker
Attorney for Executrix

turned out and did their part. A potluck dinner was served at the city park at noon.

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Lafe Barnett returned from Hood River Saturday. He spent several months visiting his children; he expects to remain in Wasco during the summer.

The many friends of Gene Dutton were glad to see him back in Sherman county after spending three years in the service; he received his discharge from

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the service a few days ago. The Junior league of the Methodist church had a picnic in the city park Saturday afternoon, they all reported having a good time.

Carl Thompson of Rufus is sanding the floors of the Methodist church. It will be ready for the service next Sunday.

The Klondike club was entertained at the home of Mrs Mar-

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Thad Phipps' wife finally got him to the Ladies' Flower Club Lawn Festival and Garden Party.

At first Thad was mighty uncomfortable in his Sunday best, making polite conversation with the ladies, nibbling on watercress sandwiches. Until Milly Harstell comes up with a tray of ice-cold beer in frosty glasses.

"I suppose," says Milly slyly, "you'll think beer's a sissy drink."
"Sissy drink!" says Thad emphatically. "Just because it's mild and moderate doesn't make it sissy! Beer's a man's drink!"

And then Thad sees that half the ladies there are sipping beer, as well as those who've chosen lemonade and cider, and he mutters: "I reckon it's a ladies' drink, too."

From where I sit, more and more people are realizing, like Thad, that beer doesn't belong to any special group or occasion—it's a wholesome American beverage that belongs wherever folks enjoy good taste and moderation.

Joe Marsh

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win Thursday afternoon. Among those attending the water festival in Madras Saturday were Mr and Mrs Ira Fridley and Joan, Mr and Mrs Ormand Hilderbrand, Mr and Mrs Corwin Barnett, Mr and Mrs Bill Barnett, Mr and Mrs Joe Hilderbrand, Mr and Mrs Dan McDermid, Mr and Mrs LeRoy Belshee and daughter and Mr and Mrs Roy Belshee of Moro.

Visitors in The Dalles Friday—

Mr and Mrs Gladys Fridley, Mrs Kenneth Fridley and Barbara, Mrs Esther Royce, Mrs John Royce, Mrs Ted Everett, and Mrs Gochbauer.

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SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT of the Massachusetts Fire & Marine Insurance Company, of Boston, in the State of Mass., on the thirty-first day of December, 1945, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME		
Net premiums received—17	\$	855,542.26
Total interest, dividends and real estate income—27		136,472.55
Income from other sources—29-35		78.36
Total income		\$ 992,093.17
DISBURSEMENTS		
Net amount paid policyholders for losses—14	\$	307,245.50
Loss adjustment expenses—15		19,024.83
Agents commissions or brokerage—16		185,015.73
Salaries and fees—officers, directors, home office employees—19		43,736.23
Taxes, licenses and fees—36-38		54,492.51
Dividends paid to stockholders (Cash, \$100,000.00; stock, \$0.40)		100,000.00
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders		.00
All other expenses, All page 3 items not enumerated above		53,586.81
Total disbursements		\$ 693,345.88
ADMITTED ASSETS		
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.		1,106,730.00
Value of bonds owned (amortized)—40		2,841,120.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)—41-46a		88,380.75
Cash in banks and on hand—5-6-7		81,904.97
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1945—8-34		7,351.00
Interest and rents due and accrued—34		.00
Total admitted assets		\$8,925,416.73
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS		
Total unpaid claims—14	\$	148,345.00
Estimated loss adjustment expense for unpaid claims—15		8,000.00
Total unearned premium on all unexpired risks—16		760,485.00
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc. due or accrued—34		5,000.00
Estimated amount due or accrued for taxes—35		47,500.00
Commissions, brokerage, or other charges due and accrued—36		8,000.00
Total liabilities, except capital	\$	971,340.00
Capital paid up		\$1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities		1,954,076.73
Surplus as regards policyholders		\$ 9,925,416.73
Total		\$8,925,416.73
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR		
Net premiums received		\$6,308.97
Net losses paid		1,314.44
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders		.00
Name of Company—Massachusetts Fire & Marine Insurance Company.		
Name of President—William H. Koop.		
Name of Secretary—Daniel R. Ackerman.		
*On the basis of December 31, 1945 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, this Company's total admitted assets would be increased to \$9,868,088.73 and surplus to \$8,014,716.73.		