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

MISPLACED LOYALTY

Probably nearly everyone has thought somewhat in the last week about the railroaders and coal miners sticking to their unions instead of to their government. There was the cry of "scab" when engineers took trains out at the behest of the president.

What happens to a nation when its citizens adhere to a labor union instead of their nation is something we may soon see. It certainly means constant fighting and disorganized minority groups.

The strong leadership of recent times has proven disastrous, for now people look to a strong man, whether he be a member of the government or the head of a union. The sane, independent thought, traditional with America, is giving way to seeking for the easy road of the follower.

It still seems academic to say that every American's first loyalty should be to the nation, then to his state and county, and to his social, labor and industrial groups last. If the reverse is true, we can expect dire consequences.

FEEL GENEROUS?

School teachers are now trying to obtain enough signatures to assure a place on the November ballot for their new try for more money. This time the name is "Basic School Bill" and it raises the ante to \$15,000,000. If passed, that will be the state's support of schools.

The state is now giving \$10,000,000 which comes from income tax as long as income tax is available. The basic school bill will take \$15,000,000 indefinitely and when the income tax sources fall the weight will fall on property.

Whether the funds come from property or income tax makes little difference in the distribution of the burden. That distribution of burden is something Sherman county taxpayers may well study.

On the basis of 1944 assessment figures (the latest published) and of 1944 school census figures (the latest published), Sherman county would pay \$118,164.39 into the basic school fund and would receive \$18,800. It may be presumed that income taxes are paid in roughly the same proportions as is the property tax. It is likely that Sherman county pays more under the income tax but probably not a much greater percentage.

Every eastern Oregon county will pay more than it gets except Hood River, Deschutes and Malheur. Multnomah and Tillamook and Douglas, west of the mountains will be hurt.

Greatest gain will accrue to Clackamas, Marion, Yamhill, Lane, Washington, Linn, Jackson and Josephine counties. It will effect tremendous movements of money from one county to another. Multnomah county will lose \$750,000 and Lane will make \$180,000.

In little Sherman county the money raised here and used in other counties would be as large as the total present cost of all schools and a third greater than the total county budget.

If Sherman county people feel sufficiently prosperous and generous to want to pay out such sums to educate the rain soaked children on the western side of the mountains, here is a fine opportunity.

Congress, in trying to keep up with daily or hourly events, looks like an elephant trying to dance a polka. It will become a legislative body to endeavor to make the laws fit the conditions. Foresight would make possible laws that would make the conditions.

An old fashioned guy is one who can remember when he would have been happy to get as much per month as a worker now gets per week.

No one seems to know what to do about strikes. It is evident that Truman didn't know and also evident that he had little authority to do anything effectively. His government administration and threat to induct strikers into the army would have been foolish had the men stayed out. Seventy year old engineers would make poor GIs.

The pending strike legislation must leave the average person cold. It presumes that the government can successfully force men to work. That is not true. Actually it is impossible and constitutionally it is impossible.

Yet, something must be done to cause selfish groups to halt before throwing the entire nation into a strike. We have long had courts for those who break the moral code and in some cases the social code. We might be able to set up courts that would try those who broke the economic law of production, without which we cannot live in this complex civilization.

The trainmen lost a fine reputation of years standing by their 48 hour strike. Their leader, Whitney, by his threats against President Truman, made matters worse for his union—and better for Truman.

Few lay readers know the facts about the strike. The trainmen and engineers struck for more pay and changed working conditions. A fact finding board recommended 16 percent raise. Truman tried to compromise on 18 1/2 thus giving ground and abandoning the position of his own fact finding board. What all the changes in working conditions are few know, and even railroad men state their case very hesitantly.

Had the public been informed about what was wanted, exactly what was wanted, and had it known other facts about the railroads and the men, a decision might have been reached that would meet public approval.

Now no one is satisfied. The men are surly and their leaders angry; the president is upset and congress is in a lather; the people are happy that trains are running and the mail comes through. There has been no settlement of the case, only as physical quarrels may be settled with a hatchet.

If both sides in a labor dispute had to present their case to some public body, or court, and if enough time were given to let public opinion be heard, strikes might be settled better, and quicker and with less bitterness.

In Other Days

From the Observer, May 31, 1907

The Charles Belchee farm and the William Kenny tract have been transferred to a Portland buyer by Hon. R. J. Ginn. Consideration \$30 per acre.

Hans Hansen, who has been living in his old home in Europe for eight years has returned here with his family.

The Tygh Valley Bee has slipped off its patent inside and now appears as a five column folio, all home print.

The funeral for J. E. Harris was preached by Rev. John Tonkins from the Methodist church in Moro.

From the Observer, June 3, 1927
The appointment of L. W. Rakes as county school superintendent was confirmed at the last court meeting.

A business deal was closed this week whereby Fred Pickett who

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comes from Longview, purchased the garage and Ford agency from Williams Motor Co.

A transient motorist reported driving from Klamath Falls in a continuous snow storm that ended about 12 miles south of Moro. Funeral services for Charles G. Huls were held June 1 from the American Legion hall, following his death May 30.

From the Observer, June 1, 1917
Elmer Ralston Barze and Lois Eliza Schaeffer were married near Erskine May 24, following the bride's graduation from high school.

Henry DeMoss arrived last week after an absence of several months as advance man for the DeMoss entertainers.

With the exception of one bridge about a mile south of the Hay canyon warehouses the new grade up the canyon is now in good condition for any kind of travel says R. C. Byers, road supervisor in charge.

L. B. Payne is hauling sand from the river to be used in plastering the new Roy Powell home.

PI TO BE GOOD

Educational features of the revived Pacific International Livestock exposition will be expanded this fall though cooperation of the management with state colleges of the northwest and the USDA, Walter Holt, new manager, said recently in a conference with O.S.C. agricultural staff members.

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Kent Events Duly Chronicled

Mrs Dale Howell went to the Dalles last Saturday where she will stay for a few weeks under medical care.

Mr and Mrs H. R. McKay and Mr and Mrs William Jefferies left for the coast last Friday where they spent a week.

Mr and Mrs Harry Justesen spent last Saturday in Redmond visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs J. H. Koepke and family.

Those attending the Madras celebration last Saturday were Mr and Mrs Eugene Norton, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Martin and family, Mr and Mrs C. I. Laffoon, the Grand lodge.

Holding the first postwar P. I. on October 5 to 12 is now assured, Holt reported, as all major obstacles have been overcome. The plant was used early in the war as an evacuation center for Japanese who were assembled there before being moved to permanent camps farther east.

Holt, for many years county agent in Umatilla county, said extensive improvements to the plant will be made this summer and that the arrangements of the show this year will be to increase the appeal to the general public and to enhance the educational value to farmers, homemakers, and youth groups.

The P. I. will be planned and operated to keep it as one of the three biggest livestock exhibitions in the entire country, Holt declared.

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Sammie Lyons and Widdle Just

Mrs Mike Smith and Leon Offman left for Astoria last week. Mrs Smith is now visiting with her father who has been very ill. Miss Eunice Howell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Howell of The Dalles, is now staying at the home of Mr and Mrs Dale Howell.

Leo Lang, George Lang, Ernest Smith and son, Bill, went to the Deschutes river fishing where they had a very good catch of salmon and trout.

Luther Davis has just purchased a new Dodge sedan. Mr and Mrs A. von Borstel and Mrs J. E. Norton left last Saturday for Medford where Mr von Borstel and Mrs Norton attended the Grand lodge.

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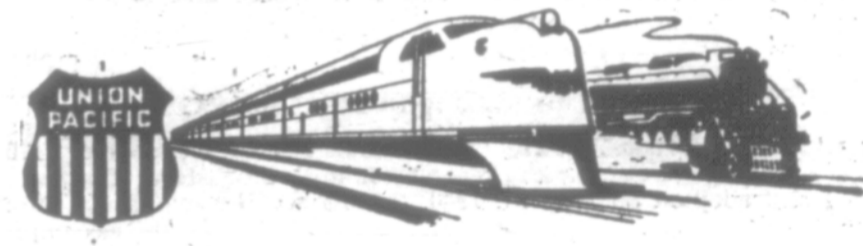
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NOTICE OF NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with section 111-244, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of the Non-high School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Court House in Sherman County, Oregon, on the 22nd day of June, 1946, at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946, and ending June 30, 1947, hereinafter set forth.

BUDGET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			
1. Est. available cash on hand at beginning of year, which this budget is made	None	4000.00	Deficit
2. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes	None		
3. Amounts received from other sources	None		
	TOTAL	\$4000.00	Deficit
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
ITEM	Expenditures 3 fiscal yrs. next preceding current school year	Exp. budget allowance 6 mo. current sch. yr.	Est. Exp. for
	1944-45	1943-44	1942-43
1. Tuition	\$11,713.28	\$9,028.21	\$7,625.06
2. Transportation	1,823.80	1,706.90	1,612.09
3. Postage, Telegraph, Tel.	6.00	6.00	6.00
4. Supplies and Printing	15.75	10.20	9.30
5. Other misc. exp. (audit)	22.50	22.50	22.50
	TOTALS	\$13,581.33	\$10,773.81
		\$9,274.95	\$13,578.83
		\$5,146.19	\$10,539.00

SUMMARY EST. EXP., RECEIPTS, AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES AND TAX LEVY	
1. Total estimated expenditures	\$10,539.00
2. Amount necessary to balance the budget	\$10,539.00
3. Deduct deficit, forwarded to next fiscal year	\$4,000.00
4. Balance to be raised by taxation	\$14,539.00
5. Total estimated tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year	\$14,539.00
Analysis of Estimated Tax Levies: Amount inside 6% limitation	\$10,906.77
Amount outside 6% limitation	\$3,632.23

INDEBTEDNESS
1. Amount of warrant indebtedness on warrants issued and endorsed "not paid for want of funds." \$ None
2. Amt. of other indebtedness \$4000.00
3. Total indebtedness \$4000.00 (sums of items 1, 2)

Dated May 25, 1946
Signed: Wily W. Knighten, Clerk
T. H. Fraser, Chr. Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee May 25, 1946
Signed: W. L. May, Secretary, Budget Comm.
Paulen W. Kaseberg, Chr., Budget Committee