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REORGANIZATION BILLS

After a legislature has been in session a few weeks there are always bills to reorganize the state administration. Some are eventually adopted although it usually takes more than one session to accomplish the job.

This time it is proposed that the state highway commission be changed to a five man board instead of a three, with the members being appointed from the five zones used for distribution of the money. Actual reason is that there has always been one dominant man on the board and that five men would be harder to handle for both the chairman and the state engineer. Inasmuch as the bills have to go through two highway committees it appears unlikely of passage.

Proposed changes in the taxation administration are many and some will likely be adopted. The present commission of three has one new man, one sick man and one very busy man, naturally. It is far behind in its work, has never had enough money to work with and needs change. If the income tax returns could be audited so that no money was lost because of the three year limitation and if enough information could be obtained on which to properly adjust tax ratios between counties, which determine property tax apportionments, there would be a lot of changes in Oregon. The development of the past five years has been in the valley counties many of which have not had their full cash value raised to a greater extent than has the remainder of the state. Something needs doing.

Putting the gift and inheritance tax division into the tax office instead of in the state treasurer's has been proposed and it may fall because right now the treasurer's office is better equipped to handle it. However, it is true that tax collections should all be in one place.

Changes in method of assessment of timber lands ran into a snag early in the session, but it is certain that a great ill exists for there is great diversity in the valuations put on timber lands in Oregon. Timber operators are wont to elect assessors and do not want the state tax commission to do the assessing.

Proposal to have the county assessors do the tax collecting is still in abeyance and will probably wait until another session or two. Some want to do away with assessors, as such, and to have the state tax commission do all the assessing by using hired appraisers. Others want to take the assessor out of politics by having him appointed or elected in non-partisan election. Until there is more general agreement on the method desired there can be no action, even though there is much dissatisfaction with assessment methods now in use.

WHEAT BILL

The bill that will establish an "Oregon Wheat Commission" and levy a tax of one half cent on each bushel of wheat to be paid by the grower, has passed the house with almost no dissenting votes. Although hundreds of copies of the bill were sent out over the wheat country almost no letters were received by representatives of that area. Nearly all favored the bill. Private conversations were in the same class.

Sentiment generally was that half a cent on the present wheat price was a trifle to pay under present conditions when taxes are high anyway. If the use of the \$75,000 to be raised increased the market for wheat even a little when the surpluses pile up, it will be money well spent.

The bill was amended to make it possible for the commission to accept some of the Hope-Flannagin money for research, if and when the bill is passed. This would mean doubling the amount for it is expected to be match money. Government funds for market research have not been available heretofore on many things and the wheat commission, if established, would make it one of the first groups to qualify for Hope-Flannagin funds.

If new chemurgic uses for wheat were found, or a new market for our blacuit flour, or a way to make alcohol and from it plastics, the wheat men might be able to evade the results of piling up surpluses, which are certainly coming unless conditions change soon.

Unless there is a chorus of dissent from the wheat country the bill will go through the senate quickly. It is now in the senate agriculture committee, of which Carl Engdahl is chairman, in case anyone wishes to express an opinion.

VETERANS AID

Whether the movement to give higher loans and higher appraisals to veterans will actually help the men in question or not will soon be a public question.

There is no doubt about the general desire to aid the men and women who fought the war; the method is the only thing in doubt. If the state is to loan them larger amounts and appraises their property leniently it may result as badly as it did after the last war when many veterans lost their property and their self-respect through inability to pay.

As far as Sherman county was concerned very few World War I veterans paid out on a veteran loan. That is a bad condition and should not be allowed to happen again.

In Other Days

From the Observer, February 21, 1908

N. W. Thompson received a full blood Polan-China boar by express February 15th. Mr. Thompson makes a specialty of fine breed stock, not the least of which is hogs.

O. B. Messinger has purchased the Brown house and lots and one lot adjoining all located in Mowry addition, in the same block in which he has been living.

O. A. Ramsey is the first citizen to exhibit civic pride in the improvement of his residence property by taking down the old fence and replacing it with a neat picket fence.

Hon. S. S. Hayes, former resident of this city and director of the Moro schools, but now resident of Portland, has made this district a substantial gift of books to be added to the school library.

From the Grass Valley Journal, February 22, 1918

The Grass Valley pavilion has been ceiled and new folding chairs placed therein and the improvement is very great.

Many of the farmers of Sherman county have made a new acquaintance in the past few weeks, in the personage of the income tax collector. The County Agent has made arrangements to furnish farm account books free to the first fifty farmers who are ready to cooperate with this office in getting started and in closing up the books at the end of the year.

A deal was closed up Tuesday when Mrs. Haynes bought all the interests of J. M. Wilson in the Kent Trading Co. Mr. Dunlap still holds a one half interest and will be the manager. Mr. Wilson expects to go to farming again.

From the Observer, February 24, 1928

Orval A. Thompson of Moro, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson, and Miss Lutina Hulett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hulett of Beaverton, were married at the home of the bride's parents Saturday evening, February 18.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cushman has been brightened by the recent arrival of a 12 pound son born in The Dalles February 20th, the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Cushman.

Work was started on Monday of this week by County Road Master H. S. Wall to condition all the roads in Sherman county. Three tractor pulled road graders are being used to handle the work. One working out of Wasco, one out of Moro and a third working out of Grass Valley to handle the work in that district and at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Melzer are the parents of a son born at a hospital in The Dalles on February 15.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting Member Invited.—Moro, Oregon. Genevieve Powell, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

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.

John Lawrence N.G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

WASHINGTON NEWS

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writing by employees of the government on time that should have been devoted to their official duties. Senator Langer of North Dakota, chairman of the civil service committee in the senate, has appointed a subcommittee to conduct the probe and confidentially expects some very interesting disclosures. The inquiry will include the writing of biographies, books, private manuscripts and even newspaper columns for the monetary benefit of others than actually doing the work.

Even while preparations are being made to return local first class mail to the two-cent rate the postal department reports a deficit of \$200,000,000 and has decided to ask congress for authority to increase rates on parcel post, newspapers and periodicals. Despite the fact that two-thirds of the national magazines are distributed outside the postal system, the department claims a 75 percent loss on his business. Publishers contend that a rate increase would drive more publications to use freight delivery and thereby further reduce postal revenues.

Shaniko News

Those attending the Home Demonstration meeting at Antelope, Thursday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Sandy McKay were Mrs. Elmer Brown, Mrs. Norris Brown, Mrs. Cecil Ashly and son and Mrs. George Ward and son.

Joe and Tom Morrille have made several trips to Portland and back in their new car.

Wilburn Frazier of California has been here on business the past week, leaving for home Saturday. He is the purchaser of the Walter Young property in town here also Mr. Young's ranch.

Mrs. Maude Garrett had as dinner guests Sunday, her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son Larry, from The Dalles, Mrs. James Phifer and Marjorie and Peggon of Shaniko.

Bill Garrett was home over the week-end returning to Grass Valley Monday morning.

Bob Garrett was a week-end visitor at Grass Valley returning Sunday to Shaniko.

Bob Garrett left Tuesday for Grass Valley to attend Moro High School making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley, helping them with their chores.

Jerry Wilson and Tom Baloney of Kent are in Shaniko this week tearing down the Old Round house for lumber. Mr. Wilson purchased it some time ago from the railroad company.

H. C. Thompson has been substituting for Roy Kessinger with the mail from Moro to Antelope while Mr. Kessinger is on his vacation at Redmond.

Mrs. Rosa went to Antelope Wednesday to spend the day with her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fine.

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CHURCHES

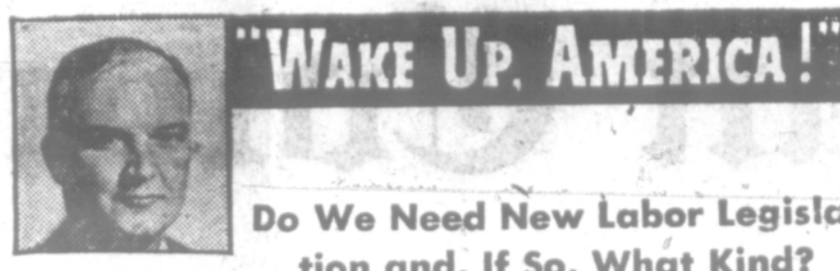
Moro Community Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services 11:00 a. m. Sermon Theme: "The Blessed Soil." Sunday, February 23rd. The Order of the Eastern Star have been invited to attend church this first Sunday in Lent in a group. We look forward to having these Stars with us Sunday. Rev. James MacFarlane, Pastor.

The Grass Valley Baptist Church Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. Subject: "The First Sermon." Evening Service 7:45. Subject "The Four Dimensions of Love." Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:45 at parsonage. Choir Rehearsal Thurs. 7:45 at the church.

Wasco Methodist Church 10:00 Church School. Classes for all ages. 11:00 Worship Service. During the Lenten Season the pastor is going to present a series of sermons on "Jesus the Christ." Topic Sunday: "The Divine Jesus." 7:00 Youth Fellowship. Followed by period of recreation. Carl E. Stierle, Pastor.

Christian Science Society Subject of Christian Science Lesson, "Mind."

Wasco Church of Christ 10 a.m. Church Bible School. W. D. Watkins, Supt. Considering great lessons. Hear them! 11:00 Divine Morning Worship The Communion. Mr. Ed Deweese of Oregon's 90 and 9 Christian Men's Organization brings one of his stirring and gripping messages. Plan to hear him 11 a.m. He is different. F. Claude Stephens, minister.



Do We Need New Labor Legislation and, If So, What Kind? Moderated by FRED G. CLARK Chairman American Economic Foundation

MR. WALDMAN OPENS: While I am quite certain we need a new labor policy, I am not sure we need new labor legislation. Proposed new labor legislation, like existing labor relations laws, presumes that Government intervention in labor disputes is necessary in our modern integrated industrial society. Granting this, the crucial question still remains when and how shall Government intervene? I oppose indiscriminate labor-curling legislation. It won't do any good for Congress to hunt the scalps of labor unions, which the Government itself helped create and build, making them what they are. By common consent, during the five war years, labor and industry have practically abandoned free collective bargaining for a policy of Government wage-fixing and control. With the war over, but with war powers still not ended, they have not yet returned to free collective bargaining in its true meaning. Until they do, talk of new labor legislation is premature. Before passing new, hastily-conceived laws, Congress should establish a National Commission on which Congress, Executive, Labor, Industry and the Public are adequately represented to study the problem as a whole. This Commission should discover which industries are most subject to strikes and why, which labor laws worked and which didn't. It should call in leaders of both industry and labor and put it up to them to present constructive proposals for labor peace.

MR. RUCKER OPENS: The following changes should be made through legislation: (1) Freedom to work—no closed shop: All workers must be protected in their human right of free bargaining with the right at all times to choose between (a) bargaining individually without membership in a labor union and (b) bargaining collectively as a labor union member. (2) Equal responsibility—no special privilege for unions: Labor unions and business must be made equal before the law, equally responsible for failure to fulfill their contracts, and for violation of the law. (3) No fake bargaining by coercion: Means must be provided for business management and labor unions to freely and thoroughly bargain, and to assure that no lockout, work interruption or strike vote shall be undertaken until AFTER genuine collective bargaining has failed. (4) No industry-wide monopoly: Bargaining must be at the plant level. No labor union should call a strike or work interruption until it is voted by a majority of eligible union members in the specific plant, mine or facility affected. This assures the right of union members to control their leaders by referendum vote; it safeguards the right to strike and the right not to strike until the union members realize and consciously accept the full effect of the strike upon themselves, upon their fellow workers in other plants, and upon the general public.

MR. WALDMAN CHALLENGES: Mr. Rucker's proposals are without merit. (1) Opposition to the closed shop is as old as the hills and usually masks opposition to trade unionism itself. It would be more convincing if the demand for "freedom" of the workers came from the workers rather than employers. (2) There is equal responsibility now, and this issue is unreal. (3) The word "coercion" is used irresponsibly. All bargaining contains some coercion, if you define that word to please yourself. (4) The requirement that a vote be taken by the workers before a strike is called disregards the recent experience with the Smith-Connally Act, under which votes were taken, and in each case the workers voted as a unit to strike.

MR. RUCKER REPLIES: The closed shop is a clear violation of minority rights, which rights are the essence of America's basic philosophy. The closed shop can only lead to overall mediocrity and frustration of the more capable worker. It also creates a monopoly which cancels out the property rights of millions of thrifty people who, through self-denial, have acquired the ownership of the tools which the union is free at any time to refuse to use. From my personal experience, I would say that there is considerable desire for "freedom" on the part of the worker, who wants a union strong enough to protect him, but not strong enough to destroy him.

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Opal Parkins Administratrix

T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Moro, Oregon. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the estate of Asa David Richelderfer, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrators of the estate of Asa David Richelderfer, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit; January 31, 1947.

Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Administrators. Publish in the issues of: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14 and 21, 1947.

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Dewey Thompson, Attorney for Administrator. Publish in the issues of: Feb. 21, 28 and Mar. 7 and 14, 1947.

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