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THE STATE'S LOSS

The accidental death of three top officials of the state of Oregon in a plane crash Tuesday night is a blow to the state not only because the lives of three well known citizens were ended but because the state will lose their information and training in public affairs.

Governor Snell was coming to the close of his two year term as governor and ending, by constitutional fiat, a long period in the state's official family. He began in this representative district over 20 years ago and succeeded to speaker of the house, secretary of state and governor without a break. He has been in continuous service since his first election by the voter of Gilliam, Sherman & Wheeler counties.

His has been an example of success in politics, and rather remarkable for a young man from the rural districts without benefit of many of the things often considered necessary to staying before the public eye. He studied his job, and that to which he wished to succeed and developing a natural friendliness became a very popular state official and one who won elections easily.

Marshall Cornett, who would have succeeded to the governorship had he survived Snell came to Oregon from his native Kentucky. He boasted of obtaining little education but his liking for many cultural activities belied his statements. He was an aggressive business man and one who had made money. He was popular with his fellow senators and that resulted in his selection as president of the senate. He had aspirations to be governor and would probably have been a candidate had he lived.

Robert S. Farrell Jr. was little past the 40 year mark, but had a long record in public affairs. He became state representative in the special session of 1935, was speaker of the house before being elected twice as secretary of state.

Farrell was a good administrator and was a public official who dared to speak his mind when he thought he was right in judgment. He carried no grudges and considered the state's interest paramount to lesser matters.

State government will be weakened for months because of the untimely deaths of these men. Their leadership will be gone and as two were members of the board of control action on state matters will be delayed until those who succeed can learn the devious processes of state control.

John Hall, speaker of the last house of representatives, is governor. He has made no pretense of being acquainted with the many problems of the state, especially rural Oregon. He is an attorney, whose practice is that of corporations, night clubs, beer dispensers.

A new secretary of state will be named by the new governor. Perhaps upon that appointment, and the integrity of the man named, will depend the welfare of the state until the next election.

Meanwhile the state must grieve over the loss of so many men who had made their mark, mostly through their own efforts, on the public life of the state.

ALL WILL AGREE

Portland has now fallen into line with other cities in an effort to apprehend sex criminals, as many young girls and women have been annoyed or attacked by such persons. Portland asks support.

While the campaign is on in some cities it would be appropriate if all communities made an effort to prevent crimes of this nature or to imprison those guilty of menacing young girls or seducing them by less direct methods.

Airplane disasters seem to come in bunches. For a long time transports were very free from accidents and now for a year or over, since the end of the war, hardly a week goes by without news of some crash that kills dozens. No one tells us whether it is mechanical or personal failure.

The Russians seem to have trouble competing in public interest with football. Maybe the best way to get along with them would be to ignore their remarks.

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PARITY NOW 185

As of mid-September, the parity index of farm costs was 85 percent above pre-war, or 137 percent above the 1910-14 average. This index includes prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest, and taxes, but does not include the cost of farm labor.

The cost of commodities used in farm production has risen to unprecedented levels. At mid-September, prices paid by farmers nationally for feeds were nearly 2 3/4 times the prewar average. Farm machinery and building materials (not including home construction) were more than double, equipment and supplies were nearly 50 percent higher, and seeds were more than double. Farm wage rates at the first of October were around 3 1/2 times the prewar average.

Prices paid by farmers for farm family living at mid-September were also more than double. Those prices include such items as food, clothing, house hold operating expenses, furniture and furnishings, and house building materials.

Prices received by farmers at mid-September were also the highest on record and were more than 2 1/2 times the prewar average. Some items, such as meat animals were considerably above

land visitor Monday.

Mr and Mrs Paul Alley and son Douglas accompanied by Miss Ann Stuck motored to Portland Friday.

A chatvari was given Saturday night for Mr and Mrs Gerald Nisbet at their country home.

Among those attending Northwestern business college in Portland who spent the weekend with their parents were Joe Hines, Donna Watkins, Stanley Anderson, Jean Schull and Gene and Barbara McConaughy.

Fred Anderson, who is attending Willamette university in Salem was a weekend guest of his parents, Mr and Mrs Arvid Anderson.

Mr and Mrs Bill Reid of Portland were guests of the former's parents, Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid and enjoyed the hunting season.

Mrs Eleanor Anderson left Wednesday to make her home in The Dalles. Mr and Mrs J. A. Foss bought her house and have moved to town.

Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid motored to Portland Sunday. They attended the funeral of Mrs Reid's mother, Mrs Lizzie Burkhardt Monday at the Pearson Funeral home. Interment in the Lincoln Memorial Park. Mrs Burkhardt will be remembered by her many friends in Wasco.

parity, while others, notably oranges, hay, peanuts, potatoes, and tobacco were below 90 percent of parity—the support level

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Report and Account as Administrator of the estate of Rosa Ann Thompson, deceased, and that Saturday, the 29th day of November, 1947 at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, Moro Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and settlement of said estate.

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Moon Equipment Co.
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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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Sam's a
Matrimony Expert

Sam Abernathy never intended to be a matrimony expert, but he hit the nail on the head the other day when he said:

"What marriage really needs is more open minds and a lot fewer open mouths."

Sam may not think much of his missus' choice of hats or her habit of serving watercress and cream cheese salad. But he keeps his mouth shut (I mean, he just uses it to eat the salad). And the missus never criticizes Sam's affection for that worn-out chair before the fire,

and his mellow glass of beer and pipe at the end of a long day.

From where I sit, that prescription would apply to most human relationships. Criticism rarely rouses anything but resentment, but an open mind—whether it's applied to a woman's choice of hats, or a husband's preference for a pipe and a moderate glass of beer or two—leads to the conclusion that there's right on both sides.

Joe Marsh

ABSTRACT OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 1947-48 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE YEAR 1947, SHERMAN COUNTY, ORE.

DISTRICT	VALUE	LEVY	TAX	COMB. LEVY
1 Biglow	211,130	none	none	13.5
3 Rufus	1,364,304	19.2	26,194.64	30.6
3A Rufus	216,018	17.2	3,715.51	28.6
4 Emigrant Springs	80,970	none	none	13.5
5 Locust Grove	509,655	1.7	866.41	15.2
7 Wasco	1,050,786	20.9	21,961.43	32.3
9 Kent	959,362	15.9	15,253.85	27.3
13 DeMoss	591,539	none	none	13.5
15 Gordon Ridge	348,810	10.8	3,767.15	24.3
16 Erskine	432,601	none	none	13.5
17 Moro	792,622	9.4	7,450.65	20.8
20 Harmony	386,153	none	none	13.5
21 Fairview-Gorman	355,979	none	none	13.5
22 Boardman	228,810	1.2	273.97	14.7
**23 Grass Valley	1,691,378	9.2	15,560.63	22.7
30 Klondike	639,864	none	none	13.5
TOTALS	9,859,476		95,044.24	

Non-High school district fund levy is 2.1 mills and applies to all school districts except 3, 3A, 7, 9, & 17.
 Non-High Valuation \$ 5,476,384 Tax \$ 11,500.41
 **Includes School District No. 23 and former District No. 33
 * Does not include Special City Tax

CITY	VALUE	LEVY	TAX	COMB. LEVY
Wasco	258,885	17.7	4,582.26	50.0
Moro	208,569	none	none	20.8
Grass Valley	152,753	9.4	1,435.88	32.1
TOTALS	615,207		6,018.14	

	GENERAL ROAD FUND BUDGET
Weed Control	\$ 3,000.00
Wages, Repairs, Gas, Oil, Gen. Supplies, etc.	26,214.34
Bridges over 10 feet	2,500.00
Crusher Rock or Road Improvement	8,000.00
Road Machinery	8,000.00
Building Fund for Road Improvement	250.00
Retirement Fund	714.30
TOTAL	48,679.14
Less Estimated Receipts and Cash	17,567.31
REMAINDER	31,111.83
Plus Estimated Uncollected Taxes	84.06
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	31,195.89

DISTRICT	ROAD TAX VALUE	LEVY	TAX
Road 1	\$ 9,244,269	3.2	4.1
Road 2 Wasco	258,885	3.2	4.1
Road 3 Moro	203,569	3.2	4.1
Road 4 Grass Valley	152,753	3.2	4.1
TOTALS	9,859,476		71,974.17

	SPECIAL ROAD FUND BUDGET
Improvement of County Roads	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR ROADS	71,195.89

	PARTIAL SEGREGATION OF ITEMS IN COUNTY BUDGET
School Library Fund	\$ 46.20
Circuit Court & Justice Court	750.00
Public relief, old age, blind & dependent children's aid	3,988.50
Four-H Club Fair	750.00
Emergency	5,000.00
Remainder for other County Purposes	39,683.60
TOTAL	50,218.60
Less Fees & Balances	10,092.11
REMAINDER	40,126.49
Plus Estimate Uncollected Taxes	121.92
TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	40,248.41

GENERAL FUND LEVY
 The valuation of taxable property in Sherman County is \$ 9,859,476
 The levy for the general fund is 4.1 mills producing \$ 40,423.85
 State tax elementary school tax and the School Per Capita is provided by State Surplus.

	RECAPITULATION
General Fund	\$ 40,423.85
General Road Fund	31,550.22
Special Road Fund	40,423.85
Special School Tax	95,044.24
Non-High School District Tax	11,500.41
Special City Tax	6,018.14
TOTAL	\$ 224,966.51
Plus Fractional gains in extension	1.89
TOTAL TAX	\$ 224,968.40

AVERAGE CONSOLIDATED COUNTY LEVY IS 22.8169 mills
 I Bill E. Todd, County Assessor of Sherman County, Oregon, hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.
 Witness my hand and seal this, the 22 day of August, 1947.
 Bill E. Todd, County Assessor

	VALUE	PERCENT
Total Value	\$ 9,859,476.00	100.00
Total Local Value	8,031,670.00	81.46
Local Real Value	6,895,810.00	69.64
Local Personal Value	1,165,860.00	11.82
Public Utilities Value	1,827,806.00	18.54
Total Tax	224,968.40	100.00
Total Local Tax	175,337.07	77.94
Local Tax on Real Property	148,483.46	66.00
Local Tax on Personal Property	26,853.61	11.94
Public Utilities Tax	49,625.63	22.06
Union Pacific Railroad Value	881,779.00	8.94
Union Pacific Railroad Tax	26,640.61	11.84
Grass Valley Branch RR. Value	557,020.00	5.65
Grass Valley Branch RR. Tax	12,419.07	5.52
Pacific Power & Light Co. Value	204,389.00	2.07
Pacific Power & Light Co. Tax	5,202.30	2.31

	NUMBER	VALUE	UNIT
Acres of all unplatted land	464,684.90	5,994,480.00	12.90
Acres of tillable land	269,572.94	5,700,310.00	21.15
Acres of non-tillable land	195,111.96	294,150.00	1.51
Structural improvements on unplatted lands		537,800.00	
Platted lands		52,530.00	
Structural improvements on platted lands		285,110.00	

	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
Personal Property	\$ 6,899,900.00
Movable machinery and equipment	52,020.00
Merchandise and stock in trade	99,580.00
Farming implements, machinery & equipment	519,460.00
Furniture and equipment in commercial use	25,330.00
Horses and Mules	584
Cattle	8,947
Sheep and Goats	843
Swine	1,249
Poultry	2,660
Miscellaneous	100.00

	TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY
Total Personal Property	\$ 1,165,870.00
Total Local Real & Personal Prop.	8,033,770.00
Less Veterans' & Widows' Exemptions	3,230.00
TOTAL NET TAXABLE VALUE	8,030,540.00
NET VALUE after revision	8,031,670.00

	SCHOOL TAXES SEGREGATED			
Dist.	Local Tax	Percent	Utilities Tax	Percent
1	none	none	none	none
3	10,200.38	38.94	15,994.26	61.09