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THE MARSHALL PLAN

The special session of congress that convenes next Monday will have before it the so-called Marshall plan. This grew out of a speech by General and Secretary of State Marshall made last June in which he said that if Europe would get together and agree to help themselves the United States might offer some assistance.

Since then there has been speculation and guessing. European politicians met and asked for around 30 billion which has since been cut down by public consent because the American people didn't like the size of it.

Now it is figured that the cost will be around 16 billion direct and about six billion indirectly, through the international bank and otherwise. Divide 142 million people into that and the per capita cost can be found.

The United States will not give Europeans money, but will ship goods, both food to build up the physique and the morale of western Europeans, and steel and wood and factory equipment to start the wheels of industry turning. American taxpayers will buy this for Europe and whether there is a promise to repay or not doesn't make much difference.

The cost of the goods will be only a part of the cost to Americans. Inasmuch as we are short of much of the material to be shipped, the buying of it by the government will raise the price so that domestic prices will be much higher. The price of wheat is a present example; the strengthened price of automobiles another.

Advocates of the plan hold that we must help Europe so its people can become self supporting; that this nation cannot be prosperous with Europe broke; that unless aid is given western Europe will turn to communism.

All of this sounds like wishful thinking. None of it can be proven. As a matter of fact it is a gamble. It is something like a poker game and we have already put some 300 billions into the pot and now are asked to ante another 22 billion. We might win.

Our own economy cannot be helped in the long run by giving away our natural resources and while sending material to Europe will keep prices and labor demand up for a time there will be the inevitable crash when the boom ends. Politicians want to put that off and no one seems willing to stop it until necessary.

So congress will appropriate some half a billion for the winter needs and arrange to provide more. It may be for the best. No one knows. The people have not been informed about it except to be shown some pictures of pitiful French children being given American bread. It is doubtful if anyone knows what the effect will be.

The die seems to be cast; the people have been talked into it. Congress will make the appropriation and we can hope for the best, at least, for 20 years when we will probably discover that like the Daves plan and the other European aid plans, it has failed and another war is coming anyway.

If we just had another well despatched man like Andy Mellon to pay the bigger part of our debt while prices are high.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The conference committee that was given the job of recommending a course of procedure to obtain better schools demonstrated enough determination for the job at its meeting Wednesday.

Brief discussion was all that was required for passage of a resolution asking for one high school in the county. There was no opposition that spoke a word. There is a preponderance of young people on the committee although there are some who will be complimented by the statement.

It has long been observed that the younger people—the ones with children—have been in favor of one high school instead of the number now in operation.

Were the county to vote to have one high school it might have an

enrollment of 100, which would be a small school at best, but it would be large enough, if well equipped, to provide a much broader education for the county's youth than is now possible.

On the matter of consolidating grade schools the group was almost in as perfect agreement as on the high school matter. It didn't like it.

A vote in favor of the county unit system of school organization was only taken and passed after it was understood that such a move did not mean grade school consolidation. After that decision there is unlikely to be any school official, county unit director or other, who will advocate grade school consolidation until there is a definite change in sentiment.

The school committee seems prepared to go ahead and arrange for a vote on the county unit plan within a year and unless some intrepid soul stops it there is a good chance that it will carry. The women on the committee were most positive that they wanted one high school and the county unit if that was the most feasible method of getting it. Anyone who out-argues those determined mothers must prepare his vocal chords well.

Details of where the school shall be built were left for a later meeting. That probably makes little difference unless some inconvenient spot is chosen. The location will seem of much more importance while the question is being decided than it will later and the interest of the children is of greatest importance; taxpayers second and matters of trade and partisanship a poor third.

We think the committee well able to decide sensibly.

SIXTIETH YEAR

Last week without turning a hair the Sherman County Journal turned another milestone. Readers are not likely to even glance at the date line of a newspaper and no one has expressed concern over our new age. We are now in our sixtieth year.

Yes, it was back in 1888—one version has it 1887—when two enterprising young men at Wasco bought the traditional shirt tail full of type and an old Washington hand press and a few of the accoutrements that accompanied them and by dint of much bending over type cases and scurrying about the town, turned out the first edition of the Sherman County Observer, a direct forefather of the Journal.

Those were the good old days although those who lived both then and now express a preference for these. The bunchgrass came into the frontier town and literally grew in the streets—and a good thing it was for tethered ponies must eat.

There was some tilled land in the county although in small spots and homesteaders were coming in on every stage, dropping their bundles and looking around on a land patently brand new. The sod was being broken with walking plows and tough, bushy-tailed little Indian ponies. Some farmers had already tied two such plows together to make a gang plow, thus presaging bigger farming to fit the country.

The advertising was mostly land commissioner in The Dalles. In the intervening 60 years the county has become a wheat factory operated like one, mechanized like one, as impersonally considered as if it were actually a factory.

The change has all been put down week by week, indirectly perhaps but accurately, in the Sherman County Journal and for years, and in this issue there is another mark of change, another step in the history of the county's schools. We make history every day, but it takes a grandchild to notice it.

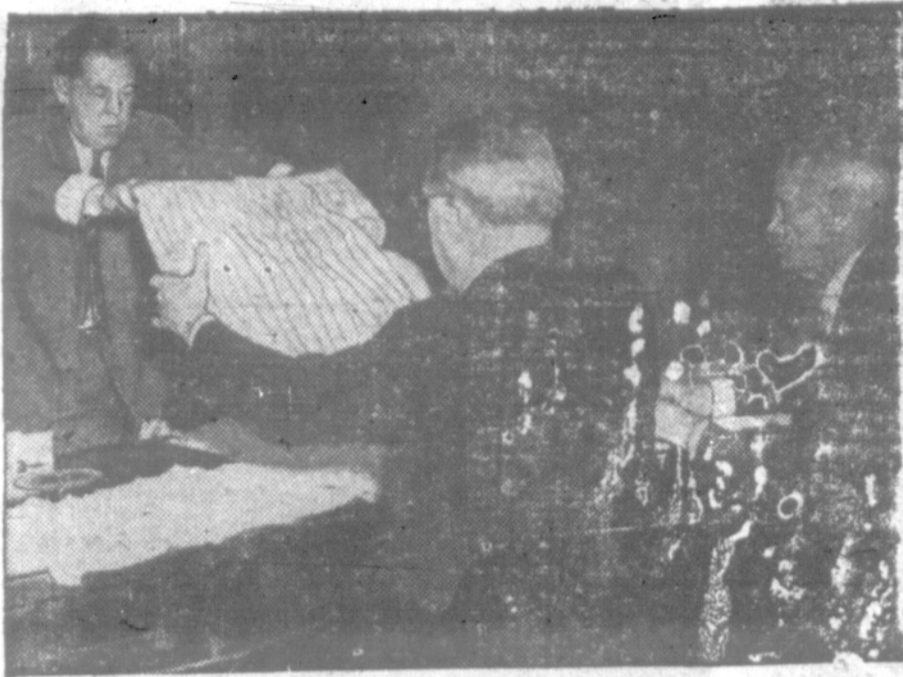
In Other Days

From the Observer Nov. 13, 1908 The little 5-year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Moretz fell upon a knife she had in her hand cutting an artery in her left wrist, and the blood spurted to the ceiling with every heart throb. Mrs Moretz bandaged the wound successfully until Dr. O. J. Goffin arrived. Five stitches were necessary to fix the cut right.

Mackin Bros. are preparing to return to Ireland where they will live out the balance of their days. Fred Schilling and his son in law, C. R. Hilton, have purchased the Mackin flat farm, having sold the Schilling farm to Hugh Shull, who now holds 800 acres of Kent wheat land.

Mrs Harriet J. Erskine, wife of Abel Erskine, formerly of Sherman county, died on the 24 in Seattle, Washington.

From the S. C. J. Nov. 15, 1918 The following children calling at the home of Miss Grace L. May for prize money won at the Sherman county fair were Ned O'Dell,



MALE LINGERIE TAKES SPOTLIGHT... Congressmen conducting a probe of high prices in the New York area turned their attention rather timidly to the fine feathers of the lordly male, Robert A. Seidel (left), vice president of a retail store chain, displays a pair of men's shorts to Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin (Rep., Conn., left) and Rep. Robert Rich (Rep., Pa.). Seidel said these items were no more expensive than last year and are of better quality. That's what he said.

Jerry Barnett Flies Eastward For Bride

By Mrs Belle Clothier

Jerry Barnett left by plane Sunday for Jefferson City, Missouri where he will be married to Miss Madelyn Dowdy.

Mr and Mrs G. A. Sargent accompanied by Mrs H. A. White spent the weekend in Corvallis where they visited their son in law and daughter Rev. and Mrs Charles Neville and daughter, Monday they drove to Oak Ridge where the Eastern Star instituted a new chapter.

Alton Olds, Albert Folda, Kenneth Olds, Thelma Olds, Anna Tilson, Tom O'Brien, Kathryn O'Leary, Ruel O'Leary.

All drafts have been called off according to a telegram received by Sheriff McKean Monday evening and those entrained for Portland will be returned home by the government, was the first action taken by the War Department after the signing of the Armistice with Germany was announced.

From the Observer, Nov. 16, 1928 Numbered among those attending the annual livestock show in Portland were Mr and Mrs A. H. Barnum, Mr and Mrs L. L. Peetz, Mr and Mrs A. C. Thompson, Mr and Mrs C. R. Morrison, L. V. Moore, C. J. Thompson, Theodore Johnson.

Mr and Mrs A. M. Wright drove to Pendleton Sunday to attend the funeral services for L. E. Pendland, brother of E. B. Pendland of Halsey and Sherman county.

Donald and Malcolm McDermid accompanied by their mother, Mrs Grace McDermid, were weekend guests in Portland and attended the football game.

George Weedman of Portland, who is in the marines, is a guest of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs A. B. Potter.

Mrs Pearl Grosscup was a week end guest of her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Sam Van-Vactor and sons of The Dalles.

Mrs Carl Tuggle entertained the Women's Friday Study club in the Methodist church basement. Mrs August Huckin gave a very interesting talk on her trip to Ketchikan, Alaska. Refreshments were served in the late afternoon.

The Tuesday contract club met at the home of Mrs Harry Van Gilder. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by three tables of cards. High score was held by Mrs F. S. Lamborn and low score by Mrs J. T. Johnson.

The Past Matron club of the Eastern Star met at the home of Mrs Harry Van Gilder Thursday evening. A dessert luncheon was served followed by three tables of cards. High score was held by Mrs John McDermid and the traveling prize going to Mrs W. A. Ruggles.

Mr and Mrs Marvin Thomas spent the weekend in Portland and attended the football game.

Mrs Ilene Callaway went to Portland Thursday and spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs W. H. Carlstrom.

Mr and Mrs D. B. Johnson and sons, Gordon and Kenneth of Portland were overnight guests of the latter's mother, Mrs Belle Clothier Sunday.

Miss Ann Slack and Mrs Lavilla Stone spent the weekend in Portland. Stephen O'Meara and Lee Deh-

ler are deer hunting. Mrs Ted Everett entertained with a Halloween party Friday for her daughter, Lois Ann. The evening was spent in playing games and later in singing. Invited guests were Sharon Laughlin, Joan Fridley, Barbara Buck, Carol Briggs, Beverly Boyce, Glenna Wallace, Miss Jean Lang and Mr and Mrs Ira Fridley. Refreshments of punch and doughnuts were served in the late evening.

Among those shopping in The Dalles Monday were John and Olive Robinson, Mr and Mrs A. B. Potter, George Potter, Mr and Mrs A. C. Kaseberg, Mr and Mrs J. T. Johnson, Mrs B. Estrella Halley, Mr and Mrs Bert Watkins, Mr and Mrs A. H. McIntyre and Mrs Belle Clothier.

Mrs N. F. Gochnauer entertained the Tuesday Study club with Mrs S. Claude Stephens co-hostess. A book report "Mamma's Bank Account" was given by Mrs A. L.

Gosson. About 12 ladies were present and refreshments were served. Mr and Mrs Gordon Harper were weekend guests in Portland. Mr and Mrs Ira Fridley, Mr and Mrs Dewey Thomas and Mrs Keith McDonald were weekend guests in Portland and attended the football game. Mrs McDonald was a guest of Mr and Mrs Cyril Kruger.

Mr and Mrs Paul Alley were visitors in Goldendale, Washington Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Charles Haines Bingen, Washington were house guests of Mrs Desta Hoyt. Mr and Mrs Al Dormaier, Gaylord Guy, Lawrence Nisbet and Arthur Watkins spent the week

end in Portland and attended the football game. Mrs Wilma Wild spent the weekend in St. Helens visiting her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Robert Belknap and children.

Olive and John Robinson were guests of their uncle and aunt Mr and Mrs Gene McMullen in Portland several days last week.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 18, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month. Visiting Members cordially invited to meet with us. Genevieve Powell, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

H. B. Prinkerton, Secretary Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. Irma Johnson, Sec. Clara Houston, SG.

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
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, at 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.

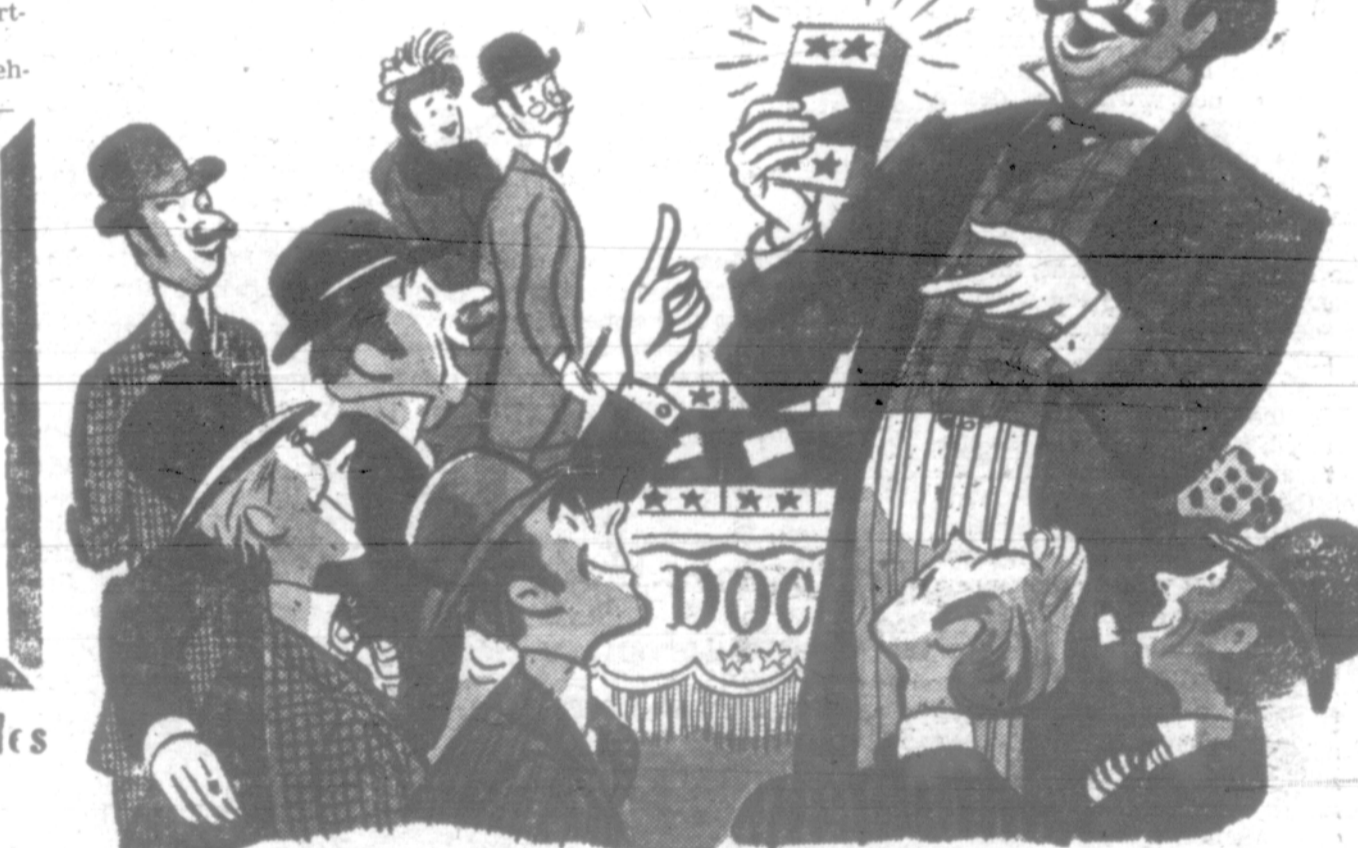
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