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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Some one has observed that a man's head is like his purse in that it doesn't make much difference what it looks like because its what's in it that counts.

At the hearing before the legislative interim committee on roads and streets Monday in The Dalles there was much variation in the presentations.

A most excellent job was done by former Judge F. L. Phipps of The Dalles, secretary of the League of Oregon Counties, in making the report on Wasco county. He was acting for the county court. He outlined the geography of the county, the resources in agriculture and industry, the primary and secondary road system and the county roads and reviewed the financial history of the county applying to roads and made his recommendations. It was one of the best jobs for any county.

In a little volume of poetry that drifted into the office the following excerpt is taken:

"The Dinosaurs of old are now extinct

Because so lured by grass they could not think."

which isn't near all of the poem written by O. J. Schuster, but it is the part that may come useful

some of these spring days when friend wife, fired with ambition to make friend husband work, starts her campaign. There must be time to think—and what better time than when the spring sun—shines brightly on the south side of the house and the Sunday papers are being digested.

What if the weeds are choking the onions.

The idea expressed in the little verse is intriguing. Perhaps the whole human race had better quit gathering so much grass in the form of folding green stuff and figure out a way to live, which is what the dinosaur didn't do.

He was lured out into the swamp where there was luxuriant foliage and now humans are digging his bones out of the calcified countryside.

Old favorites come back into a head every once in a while and like old friends are cherished.

"We live in deeds, not words; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not fingers on a dial. We shall count time by heart-throbs; he most lives who thinks most, feels noblest, acts the best."

It's worth remembering. What better philosophy can one conjure up on the spur of the moment than to "think most, feel noblest, act the best"?

The editorial of last week imparting the weather man for one day of sun to revive spirits long blighted by winter's darkness has already had some effect.

The sun blushed and shone more since it was published and although Sunday was so violently in motion that it could hardly have been called a nice day.

The sun is evidently doing the best that it can considering that it is still only half grown in strength and vigor. The hard caps under which it works are many. Frost chills the air and whittens the roofs of air moving and cool like an electric fan of monstrous size. It looks though as if there will be spring and it is safe to make small bets on it.

A debunker of newspaper folklore has decided that the story of John Quincy Adams and the newspaper woman is untrue.

Too bad. It was such a good story. It seems, according to the story now not true, that when the dignified Mr. Adams was president of the United States he used to take a swim in the Potomac almost every morning, and as was the custom in those early and rugged days, wore no bathing suit. He had refused to give an interview

reporter, an Anne Royall, whose disposition was such that a "room was collected of being a "room-sold"—a crime now unknown.

So the story goes, one morning Miss Royall went to the river, found the president's clothes and sat on them while she interviewed him. He answered all her questions before she departed.

So the story is merely a story and gal reporters will have to find some other way to interview famous men.

Won't we be happy if summer lasts on and on like winter is doing?

Rural School Board End Budget Work; Levy \$155,000

Figures released by the Rural School board, now engaged in making up the budget for Sherman county schools for next year, show an anticipated cost of \$245,904.88 with anticipated receipts of \$90,495.07 which means that taxpayers would have to raise \$155,409.81 to balance the budget.

Inasmuch as the proposed budget is over the six per cent limitation it will have to be voted on by the people at a date to be set by the board. In total the budget calls for \$37,225 at Rufus; \$41,837.88 at Wasco; \$35,435 at Kent; \$19,921 at Moro; \$32,125.75 at Grass Valley.

Costs last year were approximately \$112,600.

MRS. EDNA FERRELL

Mrs. Edna Alta Ferrell of The Dalles, died at the age of 57, Monday. She was born near Wasco, October 5, 1890 and lived most of her life here.

Surviving are her widower, Ernest, two daughters, Mrs. Erma Morrison and Mrs. Elda Clough, both of Arlington, a son, Robert of Condon, her father, H. E. Everett of Wasco, five brothers, Charles, Carl and Ted of Wasco, Pearl of Coos Bay, Lee of Eugene, four sisters, Mrs. Jack Ramsey of Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. L. L. Funk of Wasco, Mrs. O. W. Downie of Los Angeles and Mrs. E. F. Ross of Salem.

Funeral services were held Thursday in The Dalles with interment there.

POTTERS LONG MARRIED

Mr and Mrs A. B. Potter celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, and a family reunion Saturday evening, March 20th. They enjoyed a delicious cake, besides congratulations and best wishes of many friends.

Mr and Mrs Guy Weedman came up from Portland Saturday afternoon for the occasion and will remain a few days.

Other relatives included son, George, and Mr and Mrs D. A. Laughlin.

Mrs Potter is probably one of Sherman county's oldest remaining pioneer residents, she with her parents, having come to this part of the country in 1880, where they lived for several years before moving to Idaho.

Mr. Potter with his parents and brother arrived here in the year 1882.

HEREFORDS AT SALE

Wm. R. Hutcherson and George Carrier, whose ranches are located near Prineville, Oregon, have announced the joint dispersion sale of their herds of Registered Hereford cattle.

With 135 lots cataloged and approximately 50 calves selling along with their mothers this is the largest number of pure bred Herefords listed to sell at auction in the Northwest this spring. Wednesday, April 7 is the date. H. B. Sager, auctioneer of Bozeman, Mont., will take the bids at the Crooked River Round up Grounds, Prineville. Because of the large number of cattle to be sold the owners report the sale will start promptly at 11 A. M.

Cattlemen will be interested to know that in these herds the catalog shows primarily Herbert Chalker, Reese Brown, Smith & Freeman, Lewis Whitmore, and Fred DeBarber breeding which is regarded by cattlemen generally as being greatly responsible for the rapid strides in improvement of Hereford cattle in the Northwest area.

JAMES WOODS

James Woods was born in Missouri on March 12, 1880. His parents died when he was quite young and he lived with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs John Dugger. He came to Oregon with his grandparents in 1892 settling in Independence where they lived until 1900 when they moved to Sherman county where Jim lived until his death on Saturday March 20, 1948 at the age of 68. Surviving him are a son, Clifford Woods, of Klamath Falls and two grandchildren.

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral which was held at the Baptist church Monday at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Earl Hastings officiating.

Tom Fisher of Moro sang accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Elton Eakin.

Funeral bearers were Herman Ziegler, Tom Alley, Henry Peters, Dell Olds, John Block, and Art Schilling. Arrangements were under the direction of Spencer-Libby funeral home of The Dalles with interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Grass Valley.

About seventy-five friends and relatives gathered at the Odd Fellows hall after the funeral where they were served sandwiches, cake and coffee and visited with their old friend.

Beard Talks of School's To Open Masonic Meeting

Tuesday evening about 60 persons from Kent, Grass Valley, and Moro assembled after a Masonic meeting in the Masonic hall at Grass Valley to listen to a challenging address by Mr. Clyde Beard, principal of the high school in The Dalles.

Speaking on "Simple Minded Persons", Mr. Beard cited examples after example to prove that unstable world conditions are due to losing sight of basic values in living with one another.

We have done good work in training highly specialized individuals. We have won a war but at the price of losing our souls. Simple living will restore the happiness found only in living a God-fearing life in which individuals are not too busy making a living to appreciate it.

In speaking of education, he stated that schools are now graduating the poorest trained youth that have ever been turned out. Graduates have not learned to live harmoniously with one another. Reasons given for this condition included:

1. Disinterest of citizens in their schools; failure to attend school elections and meetings.

2. Disturbing influences in breaking up homes caused by military service and war work. This is reflected in increased disciplinary problems in schools.

3. Failure to match teachers' salaries with highly paid war jobs, in order to retain qualified persons.

4. Lack of encouragement given to promising young people to train for the teaching vocation.

5. Problems of finance and lack of public support having driven teachers to seek jobs with fewer worries and less strains.

6. Although high certification standards for teachers have been set up, the supply of applicants has been too limited to fill the demands.

Contrary to the thought of most people, there are four groups of teachers, only one being in the school:

1. Home Teachers—Children learn by experiences in the home with parents and other members of the family.

2. Playmate Teachers—The type of playmate with whom a child associates may determine whether he becomes obedient or disobedient, cooperative or domineering, clean or filthy-minded, etc.

3. Magazine, Books, Motion pictures, Radio, etc.—For example: comic books, gang-buster or "crime does not pay" serials—must compete with more socially acceptable literature and programs.

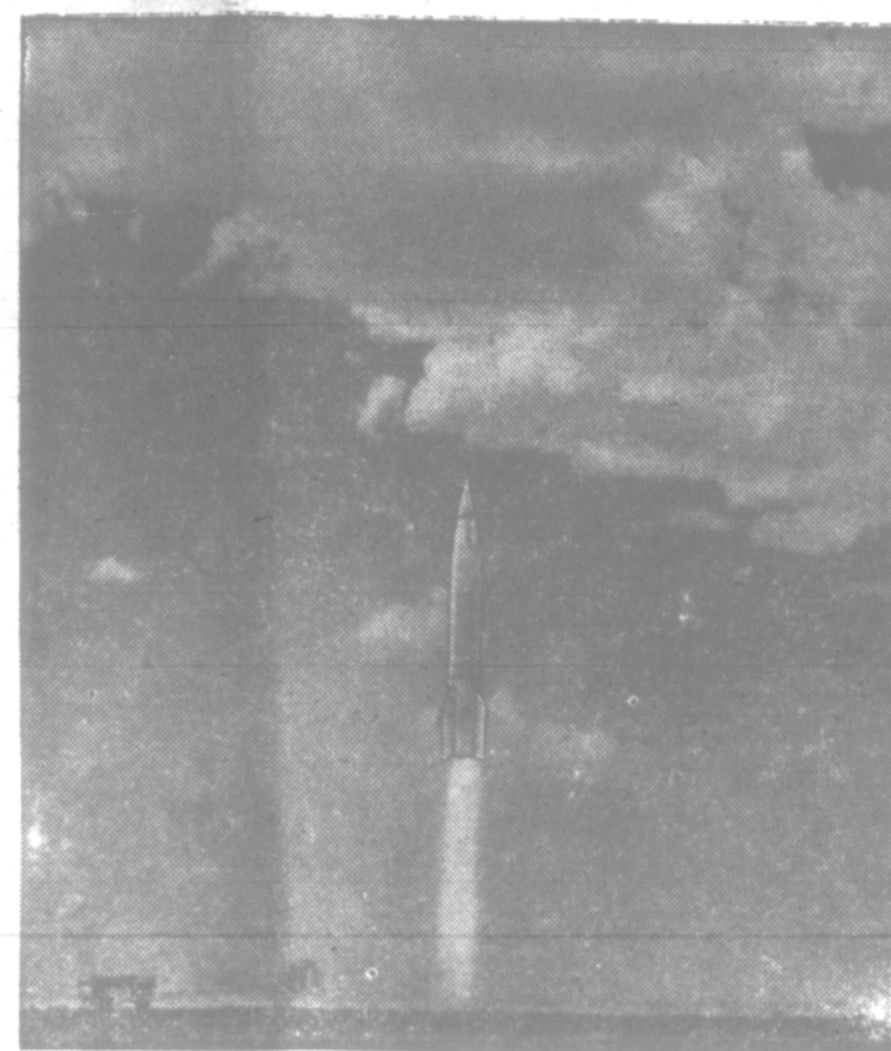
4. Classroom Teacher—The classroom teacher cannot have to be successful unless conditions outside the classroom are satisfactory. All most all efforts made by educators are nullified if the other teaching situations are not cooperative. Adults should blush when talking of "juvenile" delinquency for a more appropriate term would be "adult delinquency" because of neglect.

A direct challenge was given for Masons and members of the Eastern Star to fulfill their pledges to "seek the light." "Light" symbolizes knowledge obtained through education. The Masonic Order has always fought for highest educational opportunities in free public schools. The world needs more lodge members who take their vows seriously and actually carry them out. At the present time education needs the greatest support by all people to successfully defend the democratic way of life against the "isms."

When we get our property tax statement, the share apportioned for support of schools appears to be the largest. However, though \$2,500,000,000 are spent in the United States for education, \$4,000,000,000 are spent for cigarettes, \$9,000,000,000 for liquor, and \$20,000,000,000 for luxuries.

About 2 per cent of the nation's income of the United States is spent for education. Though we do not approve of the indoctrination purposes, Russia spends 6.9 per cent of her national income on education, a proof that she thinks education is exceedingly important. Even Great Britain in her condition of starvation spends a higher proportion of her income on education than the U. S.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Leslie Martin, master of Wasco lodge in The Dalles, pointed out that we can do something definite now. This is an election year. We can all go to the polls to exercise our democratic rights of suffrage. We can see that conscientious men are elected to offices. We can vote for measures that will strengthen our school system.



LAUNCHING OF ANOTHER ROCKET . . . Take a good look at this German V-2 rocket as it roars straight up into the stratosphere from the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds. It could be a mild and unemphatic preview of what another war could hold in store for the world. This was the 29th of the 100 captured V-2's brought to this country for study by the army. Each rocket was built at an approximate cost of \$50,000 by scientists in Germany.

County Court Accepts Fair Board Change

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY, 1948, AND APPROVED MARCH 3, 1948 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper, \$50.00; C. Mersinger, Janitor's salary, \$98.72; R. O. Scott, Justice of Peace salary \$75.17; First National Bank with-holding tax, \$104.30; State Tax Commission, State Tax, \$32.16; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement fund, \$138.54; National - Hospital Association, dues, \$9.00; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection, \$4.71; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone & office, \$2.90; City of Moro, water courthouse, \$1.85; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse, \$28.65; Vernon Miller, county commissioner, \$18.00; Joe Peters, county commissioner, \$11.40; Pacific Paint & Chemical Co., janitor's supplies, \$53.29; Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., night lock Sheriff's office, \$3.00; P. R. Noonan, labor remodeling jail, \$47.50; Department of Agriculture, sealer weights and measures, \$2.56; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., machine in Assessor's and Sheriff's office, \$81.44; Howard A. Schilling, Assessor's office help, \$20.00; Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., assessor's office supplies, \$1.89; Simmons Carbon Co., assessor's office supplies, \$10.00; Addressograph-Multiplex Corp., assessor's supplies, \$8.79; J. C. Freeman, P. M., stamps Clerk's office, \$5.00; Stevens-Ness Law Pub. Co., 4 subscriptions 1948 Oregon Code Annotations Service \$13.00; Katie Geiser, Supt. office help, \$80.07; Bob May & Son, courthouse supplies, \$8.61; Sherman county Journal, printing, \$15.40; News Man of the Week, Inc. Supply Supt. office, expense \$10.00; Wiley W. Koehnen, stamps Supt. office, \$10.00; Ivan Kirkelle, courthouse supplies, \$1.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney, expense \$7.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Clerk's office, \$1.60.

CONDENSED PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH, 1948 TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT.

Claims allowed as presented against County General and General Road funds, save and excepting one claim against the County General fund.

Monthly financial statement of County Treasurer showing fund balances as of February 29, 1948, presented and filed.

Sheriff's quarterly report on taxes collected presented and filed.

Court issues Order consolidating Rufus District No. 1 of Justice of Peace with Wasco District No. 2 and consolidating Moro District No. 3 with Grass Valley District No. 4.

Paulen Kaseberg and Wm. Duck appeared before court asking for road improvements. Applicants assured of due consideration.

George Fox appears before court asking for establishment of county road matter to receive future consideration.

Sale of Mack Truck by C. H. Urness Motor Company approved and Studebaker Dumo Truck purchased from C. H. Urness Motor Company.

Court directs that Treasurer draw on Taylor Grazing Act funds account to cover salary of Government Trapper covering period from February 1st to June 30th inclusive.

Norris Gilkinson, representative of Veterans of Foreign Wars, appears before court asking that County furnish gas and oil and provide storage for ambulance. Request granted.

Application of Paul V. Goddard for appointment to office of County Assessor placed on file. No present vacancy existing.

Resignation of Ted M. Ball as member of County Fair Board accepted. No appointment made to fill vacancy.

Conditional resignation of A. J. Bucholtz and Kenneth Fridley as members of County Fair Board not accepted.

Fair Board members A. J. Bucholtz and Kenneth Fridley confer with Court relative to major repairs required on residence at Fairgrounds. Repairs authorized.

Court presented with financial report of county fair board members showing receipts and disbursements covering period from December 1, 1946 to December 30, 1947. Report approved and filed.

No further matters being at issue Court adjourned.

EUGENE McMILLEN

Funeral services for Eugene C. McMullen were held in Portland Monday following his death there last Thursday. Graveside services were conducted in The Dalles where interment was made. Many friends from Sherman county attended.

Mr. McMullen was born November 27, 1872 and had been a Sherman county farmer for many years prior to his removal to Portland after World War I. He is survived by his widow, Mary, one son, Eugene and two grandchildren of Portland and a brother, Stephen of Wasco.

Sherman Countians Schedule Wilcox As School Speaker

The next meeting of the Sherman County club will be held Wednesday night, April 7, in Moro. Lester Wilcox, assistant state superintendent of schools will be the speaker, having been obtained by the committee named to make up the program. They are Kenneth Fridley, Floyd Root, Wendell Balsiger and Millard Eakin.

It will be an open meeting with dinner served at 7:00 p. m. which means that anyone may come and all are invited, men and women, because of the interest in the subject. Schools will be the topic.

Because of the expected size of the crowd it will be necessary to make reservations. These may be obtained through Lloyd Johnson at the Moro Hotel Coffee Shop up to April 5.

KENT P.O. JOB OPEN

The United States Civil service commission has announced examinations to fill the position of fourth class postmaster at Kent. The examination will be held at Condon and applications will be received until April 15.

The salary is \$1180 per year. Any citizen over 21 and under 65 may apply. Application blanks may be obtained from the post office or the civil service commission at Washington, D. C.

THE COUNTY COURTS OF GILLIAM AND SHERMAN COUNTIES WAIVED THEIR ORAL ARGUMENTS WITH A FEW BRIEF WORDS. WHEELER PRESENTED A CASE THROUGH EX-SENATOR W. H. STEINER. HOOD RIVER COMMISSIONER WALLY ARENS TOLD OF THE NEEDS FOR ROADS IN THAT COUNTY AND F. L. PHIPPS MADE A NOTEWORTHY SHOWING FOR WASCO COUNTY.

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Surviving are his widow, one son, H. O. Dugger of Grass Valley, a daughter, Mrs. Otis Ashley of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Lottie Altwasser, Portland; Mrs. Erma Naas, Boring and one sister, Mrs. Tressie Hensley, Bakersfield, California.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Gresham with interment at Forest Lawn cemetery.

COTTONWOOD CONTRACT

Gerald Miller who has the contract for grading of the Cottonwood road was awarded a contract for grading 3.5 miles on the Sherman county side. He began work this week.

For this year the grading and some surfacing is all the work that is planned. Creek bed gravel is being used. On the Sherman county side the improvement will bring the new grade up the hill above the bluff and below the painted bridge near the top.

WOMEN MEETING

The Sherman County Unit of the Council of Oregon Republican Women will hold its April meeting at the home of Mrs. A. A. Dunlap in Grass Valley Thursday afternoon April 1 at 2:00 p. m. Members and those interested are urged to attend. The topic of the forum study will be "Education."

Highway Hearing Shows Columbia Route In Demand

Five counties of the mid-Columbia area, or citizens thereof, made oral presentations before the legislative interim committee named to study roads and streets in The Dalles Monday. Committee members present were Senators E. R. Fatland of Condon, Douglas McKay of Salem, Representatives R. T. Moore of Coos Bay, chairman, Pat Loneragan of Portland, Max Landon of Sweet Home. Senator Baldersee of Grants Pass was absent.

Plan for the hearings is that at each hearing county courts in that vicinity may give their arguments for needed road work in their counties, written reports may be made later or presented with the oral argument. Most of the money for the Oregon study is obtained from an organization composed of oil distributors, car and truck manufacturers.

Purpose is to obtain as complete a picture as possible of the needs of Oregon for primary, secondary and rural roads and city streets. To determine how to pay for it and present the case to the next legislature.

The county courts of Gilliam and Sherman counties waived their oral arguments with a few brief words. Wheeler presented a case through ex-senator W. H. Steiner. Hood River commissioner Wally Arens told of the needs for roads in that county and F. L. Phipps made a noteworthy showing for Wasco county.

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