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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
It was August 14, 1848 that congress ordered a territorial government for Oregon, a district that then extended to the crest of the Rockies and to California. Oregonians didn't find it out for several months for there were no radio announcers in those days nor telegraph, nor many newspapers.

Wasco Children Take To Water Like Ducks

Mrs Ted Everett

There are many observances of that event this year in the Oregon territory, particularly in towns along the trail of the pioneers. Baker, The Dalles and Oregon City are among celebrating cities. Sherman county was in direct line of the pioneer trail. They came in the 1840s, their wagons bumping over rocks in the draw approaching the John Day river. They crossed in a rattle and pulled up the steep slope to the higher land from whence they struck toward Emigrant Springs where there was a cool and abundant water and good grass for the wearied oxen.

The Red Cross swimming instructions for Sherman county children started Monday August 9th at The Dalles Natatorium. There were 16 children in the school bus driven by Tom Jacobsen, the first day and Tuesday morning Mrs McInyre had to call on the second bus as there were 31 children to go. Leland Schwendel drove the second bus Tuesday morning, but Mrs Wayne Barton will drive it from now on. The children are all enthused about the way they are learning to swim—who knows maybe there is a future Olympic champion among them!

WHAT TO DO WITH THE MONEY

Sherman county has an income this year of almost fabulous proportions. It may reach \$10,000,000 or even more. That is a lot of money for 2000 persons to acquire in a year's time. We realize that the figure of 2000 excludes some former residents and landowners who live elsewhere, but it is still a lot of money.

What's going to happen with it? Well the federal government is going to get its fingers on a good sized slice of it: the state will take a smaller share and then there will be a few thousand in county taxes. There are a few debts to pay, not many. So much is certain.

There is machinery to be bought, if it can be found. Some new cars will be in demand, if anyone will sell them. Household equipment, electrical appliances, some trips, some new clothes and some other needs or desires will take a part.

But it remains true that the demands or desires of the 2000 people are going to be well satisfied long before the \$10,000,000 is spent. Of course, the money belongs to individuals and not to the public and individual uses will dictate its use. Some may go into savings or into bonds, of which the government has some very good issues.

In the above there has been no mention of uses for the 1948 income that will tend to make living in Sherman county more pleasant and the earning of more income less onerous to all the residents.

The county's roads are not very good. Where this county once was able to boast of the best rural roads in the state, it can no longer do so. The gravel is worn out or washed away. Other counties have progressed faster than has Sherman in the matter of roads.

The \$80,000 that was barely voted by the people a year ago has not been all used but it isn't going to satisfy the demand for better roads. More will be needed. Consideration of some hard surface roads where there is much travel is not unreasonable. A section of the county that produces two or three million dollars in agricultural products could afford a good road to haul them to market. It isn't as if we couldn't afford it.

Then there is education for the children of the county. There is great disagreement about how to better the schools, but very little disagreement on the statement they need bettering. There has been no improvement in school facilities for many years and they are all out of date. Whatever consolidation seems justified might well be done and facilities built to meet the demand of better education. We can afford that, too.

There's a lot of other things the county could do to make living here more pleasurable. There is no swimming pool, no well kept public park, few adequate libraries, no hospitals. Others will think of other needs.

Taxpayers can let their money go to the state and federal government or can keep it at home. Local taxes are a deductible item. If we do not spend it at home, the federal government will spend it in Europe.

Taxes in this county are very light compared to other counties. Our assessed valuation is high per capita. No one is going to take any of his money with him, and even were he able to do so, it wouldn't be considered collateral in either place.

This may not be the time to make many public improvements although a bushel of wheat will buy as much now as ever. But it is a time to plan for them, to lay aside for them, to work for them and to insist that the county not only be the richest in dollars but the richest in its way of life.

It might be well for someone interested in government to think about what the county is going to do for an assessor next January. Perhaps it might also be well to consider consolidating county offices so sufficient salary could be paid to interested capable men in a life's work of public service.

Some of them bore to the south and entered Grass Valley canyon near Nish and pulled slowly up that water course then abundant with meadows, to its end above the town of that name. Then there was the dry hills again and the waving grass until after a day or two of travel they dropped into Buckhollow and crossed the Deschutes. No one professes to know just how.

The majority kept to the west and crossed the county's northern part, missing the site of Wasco by a space, drinking and camping at Mud Springs and stopping again at the Deschutes which looked much more formidable than it was.

There was nothing in Sherman county in those days, that is, no sign of civilization. What stock there was belonged to the Indians. Deer and, it is said, antelope fed on the abundant bunchgrass. The memory of it remained in the minds of some of the pioneers and in a matter of 20 years they came back to the land of waving nutritious grass and settled here and turned their small bands of cattle onto the hills.

Those who came later brought plows and in those days plows and stock did not mix.

The Sherman County Historical Society directors contemplate an observance of some kind this year to bring to local citizens an awareness of the events of a hundred years ago. It could hardly be done on August 14 for at that time of year the present intrudes most persuasively on the past. It would be most appropriate for this county to take part before the year ends.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Aug. 13, 1909
Henry Smith and wife of Buna Vista are here for a few days during harvest with their sons Arthur and Clyde at Rutledge. They were with their sons Ross and Orville at Riverside Wash., a month.

Gilbert Davis, tonsorial artist with Ed Lewis has taken a lease on the Fred Messinger cottage and is now at home in Moro.

Mesdames Strahl, P P DeMoss, and Cook of Moro spent a day this week with Mrs Iva Dakin DeMoss at the classic springs.

George Helms who has been overseas arrived at Camp Lewis and is expected home this week.

Huls & Hedges have commenced on the school house annex and will soon have about fifteen men at work and more if they can get them.

J. G. Van Metere sent a call hide to Portland last week and in return received a check for \$10.75. A few years ago one could have bought a couple bull calves for that price.

Knute Lien, contractor in charge of the grading and rock surfacing work on the Sherman highway is busy trying to find a sufficient water supply to furnish a binder for the road work.

Friday afternoon the International harvester owned by F. R. Nunn, farming north of Glen King, was destroyed by fire when he had only about 75 acres yet to cut. The C. P. Moore outfit will finish the harvest for Mr. Nunn. A small damage to standing grain was reported.

Neighbors put out a fire Monday on what is known as the Rayburn place. It seems the wheat treaters burned a small spot of grass in order to set up their wheat treating machinery when they lost control of the fire, and a few neighbors came to their assistance. There wasn't much loss.

Stopping at the Dalles for a visit with his son and daughter in law Mr and Mrs Culver Payne was Leslie Payne of Scio. Payne was just returning from a visit in Canada. Saturday, Culver Payne accompanied by his father called at the home of his cousin, Mrs Lois Steward and other friends in Rufus. Leslie Payne lived in Rufus some years ago, and is known by the old timers. Dana and Arline Mattovich

of Richland, Wn. were guests of Dottie Steward last week. Dana was also an overnight visitor of Shirley Herin Thursday.

Mrs Clara Pyburn and her brother in law, Oran Henderson, former residents, but who now live in Lebanon, just returned by plane from Salt Lake City where they had gone to visit Mrs Pyburn's son and daughter Mrs Pyburn and Mrs LeRoy Pyburn. LeRoy used to attend Rufus high school.

Mrs Lincoln Meyers returned from a few weeks stay in the hospital last Tuesday night. She is reported much better, but needs attention at home. Mr. Meyers suffered a stroke several weeks ago.

Mr and Mrs John Chambers and son Jimmy of Portland were guests of Mr and Mrs Harland McDonald several days last week.

Mr and Mrs Carl Thompson have been in Lexington the past couple of weeks painting the school gymnasium there. Mrs Helen Deyo is caring for their excellent garden during their absence.

Mr and Mrs Vernon Miller went to The Dalles Sunday where Mrs Miller entered the hospital and underwent major surgery Tuesday morning.

Mr and Mrs Claude Coats and daughter Lois and grandson Tom accompanied by Larry Engles enjoyed a picnic dinner out from Goldendale last Sunday after church.

Leland Rice of St. Helens is visiting at the home of his daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs James Tate this week.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: 1946 Chev. 1 1/2 T. truck in good shape, new tires, 200 bu. steel grain tank. Eben Kee, Grass Valley. 41p

WANTED: Second hand furniture, Phone 739, Wasco. 41c

FOR SALE: Estate Electric range, 4 burner, side oven; Thor washer and mangel, good condition. Bob Marvin, Moro. 40c

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.P. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Irving Hart, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Bertha Belshie N. G. Clara Houston, Sec

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.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon Pauline Douma W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

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WANTED: To rent a wheat ranch between 1000 to 2500 A. Complete new outfit to use. Contact Sherman County Journal office. 40-42p

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the estate of Antone B. Potter, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate, of Antone B. Potter, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: August 13 1948. George A. Potter 41-44c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Joyce Ann Ogle Noble, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate. Norman E. Fields Administrator T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 40-43c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as the administrator of the Estate of Cora Hudson White, Deceased, has filed his Final Account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and that said Court has fixed Saturday, the 28th day of August, 1948, at 10:00 a.m., of said day at the County Court Room in the County Court House in the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing thereon, and for the consideration of any objections thereto. DATED at Moro, Oregon, this 30th day of July, 1948. JAMES HUDSON WHITE Administrator BROWN & VAN VACTOR Attorneys for Estate The Dalles, Oregon 39-42c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Julia Smith Brown, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate. Norman E. Fields Administrator T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 40-43c

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