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These Things We Note

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From that grab bag of literary miscellaneous, the Congressional Record, there comes this paean to Pennsylvania, a state that heretofore has not been hailed as one of the more romantic ones. "The moonlight falls the softest, The summer days come softest, In Pennsylvania. Friendship is the strongest, Love's light glows the longest, Yet wrong is always wrongest, In Pennsylvania. Life's burdens bear the lightest, The home fires burn the brightest, In Pennsylvania. The sun shines ever brightest, The breezes whisper lightest, In Pennsylvania. Plain girls are the fewest, Their young hearts are the truest, Maiden's eyes are the bluest, In Pennsylvania." Some one might do as much for Oregon. We have seen nothing better about California or Florida which are states that boast of their weather and their women most immoderately.

Some one has come forward to tell about Riley, the man who's exploits caused the term "life of Riley." He was, it is said, a Butte miner who won a bunch of greenbacks at the races and spent them in one grand spree. When it was over he was without a dime and had exchanged his small fortune for an overstimulated stomach and a long lasting expression that included his name.

People who lead the life of Riley usually end up the same way and a life devoted exclusively to pleasure grows drab and distasteful as the search for new thrills becomes more and more unfruitful.

One cannot long transgress the laws of nature and remain physically well enough to enjoy a life of Riley; and only those who have abandoned moral sentiments altogether can continue long in a life that has no moral basis. One must be able to stand up and look the world in the eye—and be both morally and physically able to do it.

Willard Hawley is back in Sherman county after 11 years in central and South America, Costa Rica, Panama and Columbia and says it is great country with lots of opportunities for Americans, especially those with the know how of some trade or farming machinery. The government will lease land for what seems a song and the market for grains is inexhaustible and the price high. The land is new and productive. All this is a part of the government's effort to aid in the development of the lands below the canal and some great fortunes will be made by Americans who know how.

Robert G. Ingersoll was to some an atheist; to others he was one of the fine orators of a more flamboyant period; certainly a worthy period in our history, but many of this orations bear rereading after which treatment the words make sense as well as music. He delivered the eulogy to his brother of which this is a part.

"He was a worshiper of liberty, a friend of the oppressed. A thousand times I have heard him quote these words: 'For Justice all place a temple, and all season, summer.' He believed that happiness was the only good, reason the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest. He added to the sum of human joy; and were every one of whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers.

Young Men Must Register For Draft With Sheriff

Registration of men between the ages of 18 and 25 for the draft will begin August 30 and continue until September 18 according to Vernon Miller, county commissioner and newly appointed member of the draft board for Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties.

The complete draft registration schedule:

August 30, men born in 1922 after August 30.
August 31 and Sept 1, men born in 1923.
Sept. 2 and 3, men born in 1924.
Sept. 4 and 7, men born in 1925.
Sept. 8 and 9, men born in 1926.
Sept. 10 and 11, men born in 1927.
Sept. 13 and 14, men born in 1928.
Sept. 15 and 16, men born in 1929.
Sept. 17 and 18, men born in 1930, before September 19.

Registering in Sherman county will be done at the sheriff's office and cards will be sent to the headquarters of the local draft board at The Dalles each day. All must register except those who are already an officer or enlisted man in the armed forces.

Other members of the board are R. A. Hutchinson, Hood River, former Congregational minister in The Dalles, and Reuben Larson, of The Dalles.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JULY, 1948 AND APPROVED AUGUST 4, 1948

GENERAL FUND:
Naomi VanGilder, Co. Treas., General Assistance \$450.00, Old Age Assistance, \$450.00, Aid to Dependent Children, \$162.00, Aid to the Blind, \$25.00, \$1,087.00; James W. Jones, expense of government trapper, \$50.00; Joe Peters, Co. Comm., \$5.70; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$74.70; State Tax Commission, state tax, \$13.73; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement fund, \$143.57; National Hospital Assn., dues, \$10.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., lights courthouse, \$22.35; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$40.45; J. F. Foss, courthouse expense, \$1.50; Norman E. Fields, sheriff's expense, \$18.80; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights & measures, \$2.56; Public Lands Committee of Association of Oregon Counties, dues, \$5.00; Geo. D. Barnard Co., Clerk's office expense, \$14.52; The Oregon Blue Print Co., Clerk's office expense, \$8.50; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$92.60; Sheriff's office expense, \$7.00; \$99.60; Lloyd R. Johnson, board of prisoners, \$13.71; State Industrial Accident Comm., Peace Officer's protection, \$7.82; W. T. Balsiger, Insurance, \$374.28; J. C. Freeman, P.M., stamps Clerk's office, \$10.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Clerk's Office expense, \$38.75; Sheriff's office expense, \$412.20; Treasurer's office, \$56.25; \$507.20; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's expense, \$8.85; State Treasurer, predatory animal control, \$550.00; Oregon State Game Commission, predatory animal control, \$150.00.

ROAD FUND:
ROAD EMPLOYEES PAY ROLL—C. Bagenholt, \$62.13; J. T. Brown, \$274.19; E. McPherson, \$199.52; Frank Bazzel, \$195.73; Frank Bayer, \$250.31; Charles H. Perrigo, \$241.71; D. DeMoss, \$203.08.

ACCOUNT—First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$74.80; State Tax Commission, \$15.67; Public Employees Retirement fund, \$82.19; State Industrial Accident Commission, miscellaneous, \$72.04; Secretary of State, miscellaneous, \$2.00; Secretary of State, miscellaneous \$2.00; Pacific Power & Light Co. lights, \$3.03; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone, \$11.70; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., miscellaneous, \$93.90; W. T. Balsiger, Insurance, \$554.49; Pike's Garage repairs, \$53.75; J. K. McKean Co., repairs, \$22.35; tires & tubes, \$6.35; \$28.70; Howard Cooper Corp., repairs, \$69.75; Joe Fisher, repairs, \$5.24; Eddins Motor Co., repairs, \$166.00; Sunset Motor Co., repairs, \$84.18; Moro Motors, tires & tubes, \$5.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., general supplies, \$23.21; Fyr-Fyter Products Co., general supplies, \$120.68; Ranch & Home Store, general supplies,

About the County

Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer and sons, Melvin and Clair and Marie Blagg motored to Portland Sunday to spend the day visiting at the home of the former's son, Ralph Balzer and family.

Mr and Mrs Walter Wilke of White Salmon spent Saturday here visiting his mother and sister, Mrs C. Wilke and Mrs C. R. Anderson and family.

Mr and Mrs Walter Ruggles of Wasco, Mr and Mrs Richard Newport of Carroll county, Missouri and Mrs O. N. Ruggles went to High Rock Sunday after huckleberries.

Mr and Mrs Joe Morris and son Wally Joe went to Portland Thursday for a checkup on Wally Joe has had several bone operations at the hospital caused by a fall when he was a couple of years old. The reports are that he is growing normally, but must take yearly examinations until fifteen years old. The Morris' returned home late the same day as this is their rush season with the fruit.

Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and daughters Ila Jean and Karen left Wednesday for a two weeks vacation trip. They were accompanied as far as Portland by Miss Rosemary Leehan who was helping her cousin, Mrs Leland Medler during the harvest season. Ila Jean and Karen were invited to a birthday party in Portland Friday which Mrs Mary McMillan was giving for her young son. Mr and Mrs Macnab and daughters planned to go on to Seaside Saturday, and from there on to Cannon Beach to enjoy the seashore.

Mrs Grace Zevely returned home Monday from a two months trip to the east coast. She left by the southern route stopping in California and Kansas to visit distant relatives, going on to Vienna, Virginia to visit her sister, Mrs Lulu Brandt. She went sight seeing in Washington, D. C. She joined the N.E.A. tour group in New York and spent three days there. On her return trip over the northern route she stopped in Indiana to visit relatives and in Chicago to do sight seeing arriving in The Dalles Monday. Her brother, Wallace May, was in The Dalles on business bringing her home with him for a few days before she returns to her home in Moro.

Mr and Mrs Walter Morris were hosts Tuesday at a dinner for some of Mr Morris' relatives. Present for the day and dinner were Mr and Mrs Louis Langford, Miss Nellie Morris, Mrs Clara Macnab of The Dalles and grandson who is the son of Morris Macnab of Portland. The three ladies are sisters of Walt Morris.

Mrs Chester Coats returned home Saturday from The Dalles hospital. She was accompanied home by her new daughter Patricia Jean.

Melvin Balzer arrived Tuesday from Oakland, Calif., to spend about two weeks with his parents, Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer. Melvin and his mother went to The Dalles Friday to visit his grandfather, C. R. Bruckert, stopping on their way home at Wasco to have dinner with his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Gus Hartmann.

Mr and Mrs Florin Coon motored to Sandy Sunday and transacted business there Monday returning home that day.

Mr and Mrs John Rust had as dinner guests Sunday Mr and Mrs H. O. Dugger and Mr and Mrs Warren Morgan.

Louis Langford, a former resident but now of The Dalles entered The Dalles hospital Friday for observation. It was feared at first he had appendicitis, but it hasn't been definitely decided yet. He is having x-rays taken and at this date is resting quite comfortably. He is the father of Mrs Fay Brackett of Rufus.

Mrs Wily Knighten and Mrs Jaennette Youm are in La Grande to attend the two week audio-visual school for elementary teachers.

Mrs Laura Stanford of Fossil and Mrs Lovena Palmer of Condon school superintendents of Wheeler and Gilliam counties, respectively, were in Moro this week to confer with Wily Knighten about school matters.

Arch Cantrall took his mother Mrs A. F. McGinnis to The Dalles Saturday where she left for her home in Nyssa after spending a week here with them.

Jerry Brackett was a guest for a couple of days last week at the home of his friend Wally Morris.

Mr and Mrs M. A. Bull and grandson Jackie went with Mary Eya and Claudia Izyk to Condon last Sunday to visit the Hollis Bull family. Tommy Bull came home with them to visit here with his grandparents for a time.

Bert Davis came up from Portland Tuesday night to look around and see what harvest did to his holdings in this county.

Mrs Bill Macnab and daughters Arlene and Kay returned to their home in Rufus last Thursday after spending a short vacation in Salem. They took the train from The Dalles last Sunday to Portland where they were met by Mrs Macnab's sister Mrs Leo Dumlum and her father Frank Medler. Mrs Macnab was accompanied home by Frank Medler who had spent three weeks visiting his daughter and family in Salem.

Mr and Mrs Tom Kirk, and family came from Waitsburg, Wn., Wednesday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs Charles Wilson. They were on their way to the coast for a vacation, and left for Long Beach Saturday. They were accompanied by Charles Wilson Jr. Two of Mr and Mrs Kirk's small daughters Rebecca and Joan remained with their uncle and aunt Mr and Mrs Charles Wilson during their folks stay at the beach.

Fire started near the Bob King combine on the George Smith place Tuesday afternoon and burned a narrow strip across the field to the grass land over the hill. There the fire spread out and went to the bottom of Grass Valley canyon before being controlled by fire fighters from Grass Valley. Later in the again, aided by the high wind, evening the fire came to life and was stopped by Lester Barnum and William Holmes and crew.

Miss Margaret Morgan of Astoria is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Donald Clodfelter, and Mr and Mrs Frank von Borstel having arrived here Saturday evening. She is a cousin of Mrs. von Borstel and Mr. Clodfelter.

Mr and Mrs Earl Olds and John and Barbara Alley went to Portland Sunday to visit the latter's grandfather, Gus Engstrom, who is in St. Vincent's hospital.

Mrs Ted vonBorstel came home Sunday from the hospital where she had been confined since last Saturday when she was injured in a car accident.

Mrs C. V. Hall came from Harvard, Idaho last week to visit for a few days at the home of her son in law and daughter, Rev and Mrs W. E. Rice and family.

A visitor at the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Huck last week and this week is Billy Day. Billy is the eleven year old son of the owner of Day's Hardware store in The Dalles, and likes living on the farm very much. His father is an old friend of Hucks.

Mr and Mrs Claude Coats spent the weekend in Dayton visiting their son in law and daughter Mr and Mrs Carl Rutschman and family. They left right after church Sunday and knew they would have Monday off from harvesting on account of the rain that fell Sunday morning.

Mr and Mrs V. B. Eakin of The Dalles and his cousin from Eugene visited at the homes of their children Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Norris Gilkison were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin Sunday and attended the graveside services for Joe Gregg held at Kent Sunday.

Word was received here by Mrs Arzell Lemley that her sister, Mrs Henry Tetz, underwent a major operation at a hospital in Pendleton.

Overnight guests Saturday at the home of Mrs Grace Medler were Mr and Mrs Frank Zaniker and daughter Nadine and son Bud of Oregon City. Nadine was a classmate of Elton Medler at OSC last year.

Mr and Mrs L. L. Pertz came home Sunday with Vernon Flatt by way of the Wapinitia cut-off. Lou looks and says he feels fine since his recent operation in a Portland hospital and is again meeting friends on his wide front porch.

Miss Natalie Wassenmiller left Sunday morning for her home in Portland after spending a week here with her mother, Mrs Jacob Wassenmiller.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

The John Day river which was so muddy a week ago had cleared during the week, but after the huge rain they must have had in the upper John Day country it was just as dirty Sunday with such a generous amount of water flowing into the Columbia river.

Mr and Mrs Orville Ruggles and Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum left Saturday for Mt. Hood where they spent Sunday picking huckleberries which are pretty scarce this year.

Mr and Mrs Oscar Lemley went to The Dalles Sunday to bring their baby daughter home from the hospital where she had been for three weeks for medical attention.

Thirty-one hundredths of an inch of rain fell at the Ted Trim ble ranch early Sunday morning. Mr and Mrs Gus Koepke of The Dalles were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Matt Simon and all attend the graveside services for Joe Gregg held at Kent Sunday afternoon.

Mrs May Belshe was married recently in Portland to Manfred Nordin, of that city.

Mrs Vernon Eakin took her mother, Mrs Paul Herzberg to The Dalles where she took the bus for her home in Portland after spending a week here with them.

Miss Phyllis Medler spent the weekend in Salem. George Fox drove her bulk wheat truck Saturday during her absence.

Mrs Vernon Miller is reported convalescing very satisfactorily at The Dalles hospital after her major operation last week. Vernon Miller expects to bring her home Friday.

Mrs Charlie Anderson, returned home Sunday evening from LaGrande where she had been visiting her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Hal Carter. Mr and Mrs Carter are the parents of a daughter, Linda Cheryl born Friday August 13 and weighed six pounds and twelve ounces.

ART HILL DROWNED

Arthur P. Hill, assistant manager of the Wasco REA was drowned Wednesday at Maupin while stringing wire across the Deschutes river for the new line that is designed to run to Clarno.

Reports are that Mr. Hill was in a boat on the river holding one of the wires when the wire caught jerking him from the boat.

He was known to many in Sherman county as he was active in the construction work when the local lines were built. The body had not been recovered Thursday morning.

Noted Musician Visits Betty Haven

This last Saturday, August 14, Mr and Mrs L. P. Haven and children entertained the well known children's music composer Mrs Ada Richter and her equally famous husband Mr. Alfred Richter.

A great many of the children in Sherman county have studied with Miss Trounce Mrs Richter's books, "Christmas Carols", "First Song Book", "Cinderella", and "Jack and the Beanstalk", etc. and have liked them very much.

Betty Haven one day said she would write to Mrs Richter to thank her for making such pretty music. Mrs Richter replied and has continued the correspondence for three years. As she was coming west on a lecture tour in all the big cities, she said she would like to visit Betty.

So she came up from Portland last Saturday. In the afternoon, they put on overalls and went on the combine. They were most interested in everything and very charming people. Miss Trounce went out to the Havens' on Saturday evening and was delighted to meet them.

They left Sunday morning for Longview and other cities in Washington and were on their way also to cities in Canada. Both of them lecturing.

Their beautiful daughter was married two days before they left Merchantville with a grand wedding and reception to 250 people in their garden afterwards. They showed the pictures of the wedding.

Mrs Richter's picture is on the back cover of the Etude magazine for July 1948.

Clara Messenger Hurt On Auto Trip

Miss Clara Messenger was seriously injured while on an auto trip to Yellowstone park earlier this week. In company with Miss Julia Murray she was traveling near Sheridan Wyoming when the car was wrecked injuring both women. Miss Messenger suffered a broken back and is in a hospital, there in a cast. When she will be able to return home is not known.

SCHOOLS NEED TEACHERS

Most schools are going to start September 13 in Sherman county although the Rufus school will open the 7th, right after Labor day. Teachers are already hired for Rufus, where all will be new and at Kent, where all the old ones will return.

At Grass Valley there is a search for another teacher and at Moro a home economics teacher and a commercial teacher are needed although arrangements are being made to get them. The number under contract at Wasco is not known but some of those who taught last year are not going to return.

RUFUS HAS NEW FORCE

Mrs Melvin Beady of Portland who has been hired to be principal in the school at Rufus has given the following names of this year's faculty. Besides Mrs Brady who will teach in the high school there will be Ada Ross and Michael Dahney. Mr Dahney will be the gymnasium instructor as well as teach in the high school. The upper grade teacher is Sarah Giannati and the lower grade teacher is Elva Howey.

School will open September 7. It is hoped that the new pump which has been ordered for some time will arrive and be installed by then. The pump the school had last year was found inadequate as it didn't pump enough water for school use.

YOUNG MAN FINED

Richard Wilson was found guilty Thursday in justice court at Wasco of driving on the left side of the road and was given a fine of \$25 and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

The accident from which the trial came occurred June 30 on a short turn between Wasco and Biggs and two young men from The Dalles were injured. Judge R. O. Scott heard the case.

MRS ROBERT STARNES DEAD

Mrs Robert Starnes died in Salem Thursday. She was the mother of the late Mrs T. S. Reese and was an early day settler in Sherman county on the land now owned by Mr. Reese and farmed by C. O. Higley. She was the grandmother of Mrs Higley. Mrs Owen Elliott of Tacoma and Mrs George Mitchell of Pendleton. The funeral was held in Salem Saturday.

LOANS NUMEROUS

Loans totaling 300,668 bushels had been made up to Wednesday at 3:30, there being a total of 79 loans completed to that time. This is more loans than were made last year when the wheat price was well above the loan price. The reverse is true this year but there is a sale agreement that may hold down the number of loans.

The bushelage is not considered large for the number of loans.

REA 'JUICE' OFF

Just how much is electricity worth to the populace? For the answer, just ask any of the rural people in the north end of Sherman county.

The REA current was off several hours last Thursday morning catching a few folks that were late getting breakfast. It seems trouble never comes singly, however, when it went off again at 6:05 a. m. and did not come on again until 10 last Sunday morning. It made it necessary for everyone to find other means than that of electricity to get breakfast with. Some used trash burners, others had kerosene or gasoline stoves while some just had to make out with the ton of their oil burning heaters. All in all, it made the easy task of getting breakfast quite a chore.

Then when the electric current went off Monday morning at 11:25 staying off until 2:20 p. m. it was the same thing all over again (all standard time). Wonder how many cold lunches were served instead of the usual beautiful hot dinner farmers enjoy during the noon hour.

Wheat League Program Started At Meeting

The program for the 1948 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League which will meet in Condon early in December was partially made last week when officers met in Pendleton. Some of the speakers will be E. O. McClintock, executive vice president of the Chicago Board of Trade who has been asked to speak on "The Function of the Chicago Board of Trade in the Marketing of Wheat." Homer Brinkley, manager of the American Rice Growers of Louisiana has been asked to talk on the "Problem of the Rice Grower."

Harold Orcutt of the Western Research Laboratory at Albany, California, has been asked to speak on "Soft White Wheat Research" and Dr. Gilbert, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry, USDA of Washington, D. C. is wanted to speak on "Industrial Uses of Pacific Northwest Wheat."

Dr. Orval Vogle, B.P.I. of Pullman, Wash., W. L. Hailey, chemist for Fisher Flour Mills of Seattle and Robert Fletcher, field secretary of the Northwest Crop Improvement Association have been asked to take part in a panel discussion on "Wheat Varieties."

Niels L. Nielson, agricultural statistician of the Portland office has been asked to discuss the subject of crop reporting and Eddie Sammons of the U.S. National Bank will be requested to fill a program spot and choose his own topic.

Herman Stein, of the Millers Federation has been asked to be guest speaker Thursday evening, December 2, and talk about the long range program of the millers. E. A. Myers, administrator of Research and Marketing, Washington, D. C. has been asked to talk about his department.

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of OSC, will be the banquet speaker if he will accept and Ernest Fatland, state senator, will be the banquet toastmaster.

Jim Hill Sr. has been asked to talk about wheat in eastern Oregon and E. L. Peterson director of agriculture for Oregon will be an invited guest.

Committee meetings will be held early in the session and the usual work of the league will be conducted much as usual with the speaking program taking up the larger part of the final two days.

CLUB TO MEET

The September meeting of the Sherman County Luncheon club will be held at the Portland Hotel at 12:00 noon according to Mrs Esta Powell, who is here to observe the harvesting of wheat on her place west of town.

83 COUNTIANS MEET

Sherman countians who live in Portland met Sunday in Laurelhurst park to relive old times and visit old friends. Many from outside the city attended. The weather was threatening although it did not rain and 83 were present. A blanket was raffled to raise fund for the 1949 meeting and four draw prizes were given. Mr and Mrs L. W. Michael made the coffee. Cecil Walker was elected president and Mrs Michel secretary-treasurer. Present were:

Messers and Mesdames C. E. Berger, Ford, Fred Carter, U. B. Curry, Otto Bucholtz, Joe Brackcurett, Ray Blake, Dan Morehouse, Jim Howell, L. W. Michael, Bob Kaseberg, C. M. Huddleston, Roy Belshee, Chester Cowles, O. L. Barlow, A. M. Tillson, A. J. Price, J. R. Morgan, Roy Baker, Dale Baker, Bob Johnson, George Wilcox, C. W. Johnson, Mrs Ray Vetterlein, Mrs Laura Ellis, Mrs John Wilt, Mrs Georgia Cochran, Mrs Gladys Buxton, Mrs Esta Powell, Mrs Ed Piercey, Mrs Jesse Myers, Mrs "Duck" Hines, Mrs Marjorie Fortner, Mrs Frank Silvey, Mrs Rachel Niece, Mrs Onelta Webb Millard, Mrs Estella Benson, Mrs Nettie Baker, Mrs Leota French, Mrs Mary Southwick, Mrs Jesse Moore, Sheila Baker, Louise Homewood, Pearl Hofman, Ellean Baker, Delmar Baker, Gertrude Merchant, Thelma Miller, Robert Esslinger, Joe Rutledge, M. M. Coyner, Cecil A. Walker, Will Powell, Ed Tomlin, B. C. Baker, R. J. Harbin Dick Baker, Francis Huddleston and two children.