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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

Over in Washington a bill has been defeated to force price reduction for haircuts for men who are bald in greater or less degree. Perhaps this is not a proper matter for legislative enactment although the justice of such action is readily apparent to every bald headed man. Those whose hair has remained would mail to see such a reduction as a triumph of justice.

And so it goes. More important bills are sometimes decided on a basis and on prejudices no more subjective. One learns quickly the truth of the old saying that "it depends on whose ox is being gored."

Despite the unloveliness of the picture of Portland's Mrs. Martha Satava who refused to be taken to a home there is something about the old girl that is reminiscent of the good old days when people were willing to assume some responsibility for their welfare. The remark "I'm old fashioned, I even think people should earn their own living", is not so funny as it should be in this land of the free meal and the home of the brave ancestry.

The end comes near for the Hungarian cardinal who didn't "cooperate" with the Soviets. His treatment may mean more to the Europeans than to Americans because they are nearer to the scene and their freedom has been endangered to a greater extent than has ours. They are also used to having the state concern itself with religion and know that when the two are on the same side there is little hope for people who oppose. Russia over rides religion.

It is all an additional proof that when government gets too big and too strong the voice of the people cannot be heard. Yet we go right ahead making big government every day right in the face of proof that tyranny comes from that policy.

The decline in prices still keeps up (or is it down) and the consumer is having his day for the first time in years. Some serious implications can be deduced from the price drop. It is not natural for corn and wheat to drop at this time of year if the crop conditions are fair and Argentine and Australia crops are good.

But this is a great time for the price of eggs to be cut—and butter. With storms over a large part of the agriculturally productive section of the country there seems little reason for a drop in butter and eggs. The government isn't buying all that is offered it is reported—and that is something to contemplate on a cold February day.

The following poem has been sent to us by Mrs. Minerva Scholl who has cherished it for some years:

WE LOVE YOU

by Douglas Malloch

Not to one girl only
I would write a rhyme,
But to all the lonely,
Anywhere or time—
Yes, to every maiden
From her man apart,
Ev'ry lover laden
With a heavy heart.
But to those asunder,
Anytime or where
What the word, I wonder,
That will lighten care?
Here's the day, the reason,
Why I send a line:
It's the happy season
—Of St. Valentine.
Not to one girl only
I would write a rhyme,
But to all the lonely,
Anywhere or time—
Not to king or coddle
With a lassie dear,
But to ev'ry laddie
Anywhere or here.
Ev'ry maid among you,
How I hope you see
That the song that's sung you
Doesn't come from me—
Not one heart discovers,
Not one tale would tell,
But a million lovers
Send their love as well.

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Legislative News Of 45th Session

By Giles L. French

Along about this time in every legislative session the weakness of the state's budgetary system becomes apparent. It is more so this time. The board of control has not been very positive in its handling of administrative agencies. Many of them have run deficits and the ways and means committee has been forced to pass several deficiency appropriations because the money was already spent.

In theory administrative heads must get approval of the budget director before over spending their budgets. When this is permitted over the head of the budget director there isn't much left of the budget.

Perhaps some other agency will be created with real authority to control spending so it can be kept within the budget passed by the legislature. Appointive officers are in a weak position and subjected to many pressures.

One can learn but a limited amount from reading about a legislature in the papers. Often the men whose names are most often used have the least influence. Certainly the more radical ideas make the most headlines which is probably natural.

It is true that men have been headlined almost daily and still been unsuccessful in passing a single bill. It may be politically wise if re-election is all that is desired. But if voters expect their representatives to really get something done such showmanship is not the first requisite.

Nearly every county has presented a salary bill for its officers which means that there is little faith in the passage of the blanket salary bill now reposing in the senate committee named to consider such things.

At this writing there seems little chance for passage of the bill to raise the basic school bill from \$50 per census child to \$65 per census child. The school men make a good case and there is undoubtedly some need but there just isn't \$16,000,000 laying around. It is proposed to make a levy over the six percent for a two year period for capital investments which would permit construction of school houses in districts where the present ones are too small. It would be a loan over the present bonding limit, not a gift as the department requests.

The writer was in error when he said that the wheat league had endorsed the business tax. Paulen Kaseberg has already pointed out the error. The Sherman county group has approved and the league is studying the matter. It is entirely academic because the bill will not pass at this session anyway but inaccuracy is hereby noted.

Perhaps the main argument for the new tax is the inequities of the one it is planned to replace. The personal property tax is our poorest tax, the hardest to collect and the least fair. Efforts to correct have been and are being made but the job has not progressed very far.

Diversion of funds has been the main subject of discussion the past week and interest in it is growing. Whether property owners will get interested in the matter until it is too late cannot be foretold. Usually they fail to do so.

Diversion would make the property owner in line for payment of most of the tax increase the state may need in coming years. If there was no diversion the voters could control taxes better. If there must be tax increases (and perhaps there should be) all segments of the people should bear a part of them, not just property.

Stockmen are having a time over the brand law and it seems to be a question impossible to solve in a state as large as Oregon. Yet, a new law must be passed. The last one was approved by the stockmen's association and then everybody jumped on it, stockmen and shippers alike. The rates were not enough to pay for enforcement and the general fund picked up the check.

Now they are at it again with no promise of agreement. Klamath stockmen drive stock to California for summer pasture and

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Sherman County Court Shown at Meeting.



Reading from left to right—Lester Wilson, commissioner; C. A. Tom, judge; Vernon Miller, commissioner; former judge J. M. Wilson, seated in back.

Moro Hi Wins Over Arlington

Displaying the best exhibition of ball handling and shooting this season on their home court, the Moro Huskies trounced the Arlington Honkers 43 to 30 at Grass Valley Tuesday night. This repaid the 48 to 24 defeat suffered on the Honker court last month.

The sparkling floor play of Knighten and Thompson gave Moro control of the ball the majority of the evening. Each added to the offensive by collecting four field goals. Harvey canned five goals, and four free throws for high scoring honors. May and Nelson did a good job of controlling the backboards.

One outstanding accomplishment was the tight defense which held the usually high scoring Clough and Bailey without a basket in the first and limited them to five during the second half. The Honkers have rated top scoring team in the Wheat League, having been beaten only twice before and having downed the Madras quintet four times this season.

Increasing Husky strength as shown in the past few games will place them as formidable contenders in the district tournament at Arlington February 24-26 providing they can defeat the representative of the Jefferson-Deschutes "B" champion (probably Culver) earlier that week at Madras.

Moro	Arlington
Joe Harvey	14 Sweet
Ronnie May	6 B. West
Nelson	4 J. West
Thompson	9 Clough
Knighten	10 Bailey
Rust	Anderson
Bucholtz	Sherrill
	Marshall

Score by Quarters:	
Moro	12 22 36 43
Arlington	6 12 22 30

In a preliminary, Te Honker second squad swamped their Husky rivals 26 to 8. Beeler made as many points as the entire Husky team could amass.

Moro	Arlington
Lane	2 Marshall
Edwards	Beeler
Alley	2 Anderson
Martin	Sherrill
Roberson	4 Wheelhouse
Moore	Butts
Fritts	Nixon
May	
R. Harvey	

THE DALLES ELKS LODGE TO SPONSOR FATHER-SON FETE

Outstanding piece of news garnered by local Scouters at their monthly Roundtable was that The Dalles Elks lodge is joining with the district in sponsoring a Boy Scout and Senior Scout Father and Son dinner. The dinner will be held at the Elks' temple Wednesday, February 16, at 7 p. m. It will be father and Scouts of all troops and Senior units in The Dalles district of the Portland area council. The Dalles district comprises Wasco and Sherman counties in Oregon and Central Klickitat county in Washington.

Highlights of the evening, following the fine meal served by the Elks, will be an outstanding musical performance and a Boy Scout Court of Honor. The Elks are securing the magician and assure all boys (from 12 to 99) that there never has been a better show than this.

Mrs. L. H. Fraser is in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she was called by the serious illness of her father.

RED CROSS FIRST AID

Classes started Monday, Feb. 7, at the VFW hall in Moro. Classes are being conducted by County Judge Tom and everybody is urged to attend in the future.

MORO WOMEN'S CLUB CANCELS MEETING DATE

Due to weather conditions the meeting of the Moro Women's club has been canceled, according to the word of the president.

Bad weather conditions was the reason assigned for the cancellation.

JUNIOR PROM DATE IS CHANGED BY BAD WEATHER

The Junior Prom, billed for the coming Saturday night was canceled due to bad weather. The Chinook of Thursday had softened the roads so that it was feared that transportation would be at a disadvantage for the selected date. Further announcements are to be made regarding the Junior Prom.

County Welfare Gives January Report

The Sherman County Welfare Commission met at the court house Wednesday with Mrs. Leah Reiheldefer, chairman presiding. The report showed the cost of welfare totaled \$1,916.81 for the month of January. The cases are as follows:

General assistance, / \$536.81, seven cases.

Old Age assistance, 22 cases, was \$1089.00.

There were two aid to dependent children cases, which included seven children and amounted to \$321.00.

County, state and federal funds were used in these cases.

About the County

Rufus Bothered By Drifting Snow

By Mrs. George L. Fox

Again Thursday night about six inches of snow fell, covering the terrain with a thick coat of brilliant white. The snow didn't do much harm until Friday night when a strong wind came up, blowing the snow and causing it to drift. Of course the low places are the roads, so the snow was blown from the seeded fields into the roads. Where there was stubble to hold the snow there was no drifting. In a few instances in the north end of county it was much easier for the local people to travel through the fields than use the roads.

The Rufus school hill bus was unable to make the usual route Monday nor Tuesday morning. The county had sent a snow plow around the roads Saturday to clear them of the drifts, but another strong wind came up Sunday night and filled them again with the snow. The road lanes running north and south are the worst ones to be drifted.

So many of the children in the district are sick with colds and are out of school. The stomach flu has also been making its rounds here.

With the snow and all, quite a

P.-T.A Studies Regional Problem

At an executive committee meeting held at the home of Mrs. Wallace May, February 8 it was decided to hold the next meeting of the South Sherman County P.T.A. at the Grass Valley school house 7:30 Friday March 11. This meeting will not conflict with the Youth Fellowship meeting to be held in Wasco on the same date.

A temporary committee has been appointed to work out recommendations on the method of reorganizing to best fit the needs the various communities participating. Several plans will be submitted for the approval of the members.

Sherman Co. Club To Meet Monday

The Sherman County club is to hold a meeting at the I.O.O.F. hall in Grass Valley, Monday night, Feb. 14, 6:30 p. m. when a dinner will be served. The Sherman County Rod & Gun club are the hosts and several questions pertaining to county roads will be discussed.

Ole Larson, The Dalles, is to talk on the State Game commission and activities. He is to be the principal speaker.

All Rod & Gun-club members and Sherman County club members and all those interested are invited to attend this meet:

After a visit in Illinois Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Johnston started on Feb. 2 for a trip thru the old south, going thru Memphis and the cotton fields on their way to Pensacola, Florida.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Cold Winds, Snow Felt at Shaniko

A number of people of Shaniko are still carrying water from neighbors whose water pipes didn't freeze.

We have had an exceptional lot of snow this past few days, accompanied by severe winds causing a full crew of highway workers to be busy night and day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson have gone to California to visit her parents at Santa Ana.

Miss Geraldine Fulkerson of Antelope was a weekend visitor with her aunt and family, the Duprees.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kinney were visitors from Madras this week. Mrs. Dewey Lofton returned from a week's visit with friends in The Dalles.

Being Mrs. Blanchards birthday a few friends dropped in to enjoy her birthday cake prepared by Jim, her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanks were business visitors in the Dalles.

John Baker, of The Dalles, tax collector was here Monday at the hotel helping citizens with their income tax reports.

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Chinook Wind Causes Flurry

A brisk Chinook wind came out of the west Wednesday night and grew in strength. It swept around corners and whipped at every loose object. The hard-packed snow melted, and turned itself into rivulets and by Thursday morning the overflowing creek, flowing through Moro was over its banks.

SCHOOL CLOSED

The Chinook took the bottoms out of the country roads and travelers were freed to remain at home. School buses were unable to make the trip and children were hastily notified of the unexpected holiday.

A weakened plate glass window in the Tavern was swept out by the brisk Chinook, and boxes, twine and bits of paper were swept along at a merry clip.

Travelers to Biggs reported that rocks and debris had been swept onto the highway at different places and at De Moss Springs the road was covered with water and the Memorial Park was flooded.

The storm bound trains in Wyoming, Nebraska and Idaho are affecting the mail deliveries to Moro. Thursday limp mail sacks were unloaded from the truck.

The economic factor, soil loss, is a pertinent theme of conversation. It is known that the quick thaw, loosening the frozen ground, will cause the melted snow to run off in a torrent, taking top soil with it.

The Junior Prom scheduled for this weekend has been canceled, the Moro Women's club has also called off their Friday meeting.

Then it snowed, the temperature dropped down to freezing and the runoff was stilled for a time.

Roadmaster Brown reported a fill at Scott's canyon, near Rufus washed out Wednesday afternoon and the road was closed to traffic. About 400 yards of material was washed out.

During the past week over 200 miles of drifted roads were plowed in the vicinity of Grass Valley and Kent where 6 to 8 feet drifts were encountered.

An REA pole washed out Thursday morning near Lone Rock and a hot wire endangered traffic. The power was turned off while the pole was replaced.

Mr. and Mrs. John De Moss returned last Saturday from Depoe Bay to Washougal, Wash., to help care for her mother, Mrs. Nancy Dugger Beard, (who celebrated her 93rd birthday New Year's day.) Mrs. Beard fell, striking her chest on the bathtub, breaking a rib and badly straining herself recently, will be confined to bed for some time. Mrs. De Moss is feeling much better following her stay at Depoe Bay. Mrs. Izzie Algeier of Sandy has been caring for her mother, during her recent injury.

March of Dimes Dance Profitable

The dance given by the Odd Fellows in the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday night for the benefit of the March of Dimes was considered a success with \$101.56 from the dance and donations and \$67.80 from the Rebekahs.

Music was donated for the dance by Hansen's orchestra composed of Arnold Hensen, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cantrall and Everett Cantrall. At 12:30 Bob Hayer auctioned off cakes donated by Mrs. John Block and Mrs. Earl Olds and a red rooster, dressed in red and white striped pants, donated by Mrs. Alfred Payne. A chick-

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Court Decision Favor James Weir Bequest

When Circuit Judge D. N. MacKay of Condon, Oregon, signed a decree on January 8, 1949, authorizing the income from the James Weir trust to be used to provide financial assistance for such educational activities as 4-H club work, boy scout and girl scout work and vocational and agricultural training and to provide scholarships for students attending college, he made the residents of the Biglow and Emigrant school districts very happy.

Behind the lawyer's language of the decree in the case entitled "Biglow School District v. George Neuner, attorney general" is an interesting story. Before the turn of the century, James Weir, an immigrant from Scotland, settled in Sherman county and took up a homestead there; James Weir had no formal education, but through industry and thrift he accumulated several wheat farms and a modest fortune.

James Weir never married and in 1907 when he sat down to write his will he had neither family or relatives to which to leave his property. After providing that his body should be cremated and the ashes returned to Scotland to be scattered under the jebol tree of his native city and after providing bequests of \$500 to the Games committee and to the brass band of that city, he set about to provide for a matter close to every Scotsman's heart—the opportunity of securing a sound education. By his will, James Weir left the balance of his estate to the Biglow and Emigrant school districts with the instruction that it "be invested and the interest only to be used for improvements."

The thing that James Weir could not foresee was that the "little red school house" was destined to become only a memory within the short span of a decade or two. Mechanization did two things to education in the Biglow and Emigrant school districts. The tractors, gang plows and combines brought larger farm operations and thereby fewer families and children. Good roads and fast automobiles made the grade and high schools of the adjoining towns as accessible to the children in the school districts as was their country school in the days when they walked or rode horseback to attend.

A few years ago the inevitable happened, the school districts discontinued the use of their local school houses and commenced transporting the children from the districts to the towns of Rufus and Wasco. With this change, the object of James Weir's trust failed for there was no longer properties within the district on which the income could be used for improvements.

This immediately raised a question as to what future use should be made of the trust which James Weir had created. Since James Weir left no heirs, the only groups to claim the money were the school districts and the State of Oregon.

The residents of the districts petitioned the Circuit Court to apply a doctrine known as cy pres which permits the Court to modify a charitable trust which has failed by substituting new charitable purposes. This group argued that it was plain that James Weir wanted to promote the educational opportunities of residents of the school districts and therefore the trust should be modified in such a manner as to give effect to this general purpose.

The other petitioner was the Attorney General of the State of Oregon who argued that inasmuch as the purpose of the trust had failed the funds should be turned over to the State of Oregon and credited to the irreducible school fund.

Judge MacKay ruled that the doctrine of cy pres should be applied and directed that a program be worked out under his supervision which would provide for the educational welfare of pupils within the Biglow and Emigrant school districts. In this connection, the Judge observed: "After a careful study of James Weir's Last Will and Testament and an equally careful study of the cy pres doctrine, the Court reaches the conclusion that the doctrine is applicable and ought to be applied in the instant case. The Court feels satisfied that what James Weir had in view when he executed his Last Will and Testament was the good of the school district and the educational welfare of its pupils. He had lived in the district for many years; he had accumulated considerable wealth there; and he had many close friends among his neighbors. He was a bachelor, with no near relatives either in Oregon or in Scotland; it was apparently his desire to see the school district flourish and grow, and he gave amply from his means to perpe-

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