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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

The papers reported a serious snow storm near Weston in "southern Umatilla county" which must have alarmed some of the eastern Oregon people.

Paul Smith, who spoke on Lincoln's birthday talked about other things than the great emancipator but did express sentiments that would have pleased old Abe.

He said that the democracies of the world were the real revolutionaries, that totalitarianism is the old governmental doctrine. All that is true, of course, although those who try to make this nation a totalitarian one often think of themselves as "liberals."

The 170 years that the ideas of democracy have been alive and practiced in this world are but a brief moment in the history of the human race. And those who were revolutionaries in 1776 and 1789 did express ideas that are still revolutionary. It is a good thought on which to ponder.

There used to be an expression "as bulging as a lobbyist's pocket" which came from the habit of lobbyists of carrying a handfull of bills, letters, mimeographed material, some statistics around in their coat pockets. Their pockets are their desks and it beats all how much stuff like that one can accumulate around Salem.

Now most of them carry bags, handled and plain, zippered and buttoned which they will open and distribute from at the slightest sign of interest on the part of a legislator.

Lobbyists have been talking for years about getting more and better chairs in the lobby where they spend their time. One of the more aged ones when asked if his feet were getting tired said "yes, and the feeling extends clear up."

The Portland papers are out of commission now with the pressmen on strike. It may last a long time because the papers really feel that they cannot pay \$115 for 6 hours work for five days even on a million dollar press. There's too many oil can holders on the job anyway.

Legislators, disdainful of the publicity minded members, have said that if the papers were not published it would shorten the session by two weeks. No great loss without some small gain.

Some "great thinker" of the modern school has come up with the notion that taxes could be paid very easily. Just have every man who gets a tax bill go to the state printer and have money printed with which to pay the taxes. Banks might do it also. Simple, eh? Just the old theory that money is merely a printed piece of good paper and could be increased or diminished by governmental fiat.

Actually no money is valuable unless it represents something, a bushel of wheat, a day's work, a period of thought. If one trades an hour's work for a dollar he does so because he feels that the dollar is the medium of exchange by which he can get the things he wanted when he agreed to do the work. It is actually the work which he exchanges for the pound of bacon. The dollar is merely a convenient way to make the trade. But if there is nothing behind the dollar it is useless and of no value.

It is reported that 84,000 people are out of work in Oregon. That is about one out of seven and that is indicative that we may have reached the end of the rope. Babson says so.

There has always been argument about the efficiency of the state as a manager of national economy. Some say that a government can prevent a depression by spending money lavishly. We may find out about that in the next few years. If it can't we'll have more debt, if it can't we'll have the debt and the depression, too. Maybe the debt will make the depression worse instead of better. Maybe, maybe, maybe. You guess too, it's just as good as anyone's.

Legislative News Of 45th Session

By Giles L. French
THE GOVERNOR IS DISGUSTED

The governor is reported to be disgusted with the house tax committee because it hasn't worked fast enough or show anything like an unanimous acceptance of his program. So he has decided to take them collectively and metaphorically to the woodshed and administer fatherly correction in the form of a "statement."

It has been tried before and it even works less well for governors than for fathers. Executives are elected as executives and the word means what it says. An executive is a man hired to execute a program, that is, to put it into effect—an administrator.

The constitution requires the executive to make his recommendations to the legislative body at stated times and gives him the privilege of doing so at his pleasure. More often than not the legislative branch of the government feels just as important and certainly just as independent as the executive and goes merrily on its course paying little attention to executive pain and screams.

The house has almost a half of its membership composed of new men. They are sincere and honest and desirous of doing the best legislative job possible. They will be handicapped if hurried. You gotta give a colt time. Don't slam the harness on him, tie him ahead and sideways and throw rocks at him the first time you put him in the team.

Take it easy, Mac.

Actually the tax program is farther along than the big shots think. There are comparatively few important tax measures before the legislature and nothing would happen if nothing was done about any of them. If the ways and means committee would cut the requests down a few millions, around 20 to 30, levy over the six percent limit for what is needed all the legislators could go home assured that the state would get along for another biennium.

The only question is whether or not the excise and income tax moneys will be transferred to the general fund or rather how they shall be spent. The usual way is to levy over the six percent limit and offset the levy with income and excise funds. When the people refused to permit the \$6,500,000 levy last November it scared the leaders in government and gave impetus to the diversion of these funds to the general fund.

The only result of such a transfer will be to make spending the money easier by the legislature instead of by the people—and to put off the day when drastic economy will have to be started.

Oregon citizens will never stand for a \$180 million budget nor vote the taxes to pay it. Unless the initiative and referendum are repealed the people will not accept any such taxes as such a budget will entail.

It must be remembered that the state's income will be down soon. The \$180 million budget is presumed for 1951 on the basis of growth comparable to that of the last biennium when the budget grew from \$76 to \$118 million. In fact, no one has found a sure way to pay for this \$118 million budget as yet although it might be done by spending all of the \$50,000,000 (now cut to \$45,000,000) estimated amount on hand June 30 and most of the estimated receipts for the coming biennium.

The state would be spending all it's got and all it expects to get this session with the full knowledge that it would be broke in 1951 and with some very expensive habits.

That isn't good business, private or public. Under Oregon's peculiar initiative and referendum system it is extremely dangerous. The time to start cutting is now, not after we are another two years and another \$100 million nearer the poorhouse.

There are those who say that the state must be developed and must spend more money. What they haven't answered yet is how and with who's money. It doesn't grow on bushes even in fertile Oregon.

NEW RED TRUCK GOES TO CONDON

A new, Union Pacific branded truck was brought to Moro Wednesday by Vernon Flatt. It has a new feature in that a bench is installed back of the driver's compartment.

It carries the freight and mail and passengers for the Condon area.

Fire Strikes Machine Shed

When a match was thrown at the base of the stove in the machinery shed used by Lester Wilson, Monday morning a fire started which wiped out a combine, tractor, disc, plow and many small tools. The building located in Kent was the scene of the blaze.

So quick was the spread of the flames that Wilson and his hired man did not have a chance to get anything out. A prize saddle owned by Mr. Wilson was cut down but before it could be taken out the flames had enveloped it.

Partial insurance was carried on the contents. The tractor had been brought up for repair.

Moro Hi Students Have Hobbies

By Nell Coats

"Do you have a hobby?" This was the question asked the students of Moro high. It was found that only 34 of the 63 students have hobbies.

One of the interesting hobbies discovered was David Moore's collection of Indian relics. He has about fifty arrowheads, one large rock bowl, a grinding stone, a skinning knife, and two or three spearheads. He says he found most of the relics along the Deschutes river.

Another worthwhile hobby was colored photography. Duane Eakin leads in that field with about 400 pictures of various things. Roger Ball has taken about 100 pictures since he started a year ago. Carrie Nelson hasn't been taking colored pictures long, but she has about fifty slides and says her favorite topic is scenery.

The most popular hobby with the boys is model airplanes. Keith Nelson has completed 25 or 30 of them. Bob Martin has made nine or ten, and Keith Landers has made four. Ronnie May has made three gas model airplanes, and Stephen Bibbey, Bud Koek and Fred von Borstel have worked on gas models but have never completed one yet.

Arthur Buether has a collection of over 1,000 U. S. postal stamps, and LeRoy Martin has over 2,000 postal stamps from all over the world.

Collecting matchbook covers seems to be quite popular with several students. Juanita McLain leads with an estimated 1,000 covers. Keith Landers has about 500. Priscilla Melzer has about 350. Martha Bardenhagen has over 100 and Geraldine Rust just started collecting them. Damon Twitty said he has eight or nine cigar boxes full.

One of the most unusual collections is probably Diane Christianson's collection of restaurant menus. She has between 75 and 100.

Jimmy Roberson and Martha Bardenhagen both class the piano as their hobby.

Martha Blagg has over 310 pair of salt and pepper shakers she has collected.

Leo Roberts has a collection of about 300 books and Verna Roberts has collected about 500 songs.

Honeymoon Halted By Theft

Dalles police are holding four men in jail in connection with a theft that forced postponement of a honeymoon trip here Sunday.

When Bon Christiansen of Moro and Betty Stanek of The Dalles returned to their "get-away car" after yesterday's marriage ceremony they found their luggage had been stolen—and not by pranksters. Someone had smashed the right rear window with a brick and had taken two handbags, an overnight bag and other articles of clothing. Part of the loot was recovered late Monday.

The newlyweds spent the night at a local hotel and planned to begin their trip Tuesday.

Arrested in a "jungle" camp west of the city were two white men, Charlie Stevenson, 49, and Rolfe Stevenson, 40, brothers, and two Indians, Pete Henry, 32 and McKinley Wesley, 57.

Police said they recovered two pieces of luggage and a hat near the camp used by the four men. Still missing at noon today, however, were Christiansen's plaid suit, size 42; his wife's two-piece gray suit, a green dress, tweed skirt, brown blouse and a green overnight bag containing shoes.

The couple's automobile had been parked in the alley back of the stage depot.

Bon is employed at the First National Bank in Moro.



SAUERKRAUT BOWL . . . An exotic transplant is American football, "thrilling" onlookers in the "Sauerkraut Bowl" clash at Frankfurt, Germany. The Rhinemans "Rockets" and the "Red Raiders" of the 14th constabulary are shown tangling in the Frankfurt stadium November 14, with a Raider ball-carrier getting dumped. German youth is rapidly taking to this new sport taught them by occupation forces.

Kent Legion Has Moro High Has Oyster Feed Honor Roll of 13

An oyster feed was given by the American Legion and auxiliary at Kent Thursday evening, Feb. 10, honoring Boy Scout troop 362, whose membership includes Scouts from Kent and Grass Valley. Bruce Winston, district executive of the Boy Scouts, gave an interesting talk on scouting and organization of Boy Scouts in general.

A few remarks were made by Committee Chairman J. E. Norton and awarding of Tenderfoot pins was done by Rev. Earl Hastings, Scout master. Those receiving awards were Duane Duncan, Rodney Rolfe, Keith Barnett, Danny Duncan, George Kelley, Carl Kelley, Arden Peters, Billy Smith, Ross Norton, Denny Anderson, Donald Schilling, and Jimmy Hart.

Another six weeks has gone by and that means that the eager students have gotten their report cards. Some look happy and some don't! There were thirteen students on the honor roll this time so maybe that explains why some look happy. They are as follows: Martha Bardenhagen, 4.00; Leroy Martin, 4.00; Evelyn Kirkle, 4.00; Jim Roberson, 3.80; Leslie Edwards, 3.50; Nell Coats, 3.50; Jackie Rust, 3.50; Margaret Reckman, 3.25; Dorothy Wilson, 3.25; Joe Harvey, 3.25; Keith Thompson, 3.25; and Shirley McIntyre, 3.25.

This is also the time of year for semester grades. Those on the honor roll for this semester are: Leroy Martin, 4.00; Evelyn Kirkle, 4.00; Jim Roberson, 3.80; Martha Bardenhagen, 3.75; Nell Coats, 3.75; Leslie Edwards, 3.50; Jackie Rust, 3.50; Carrie Nelson, 3.25; Dorothy Wilson, 3.25; Joe Harvey, 3.25; Keith Thompson, 3.25; and Shirley McIntyre, 3.25.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mrs. Olan Stark Shower Honoree

Mrs. Olan Stark was the guest of honor at a Jayette shower given for her Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Harry Young at the L. O. O. F. hall with about 24 guests present. The beautiful gift wrapped packages were placed on a lace covered table which were opened by Mrs. Stark for the pleasure of all. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served later by the hostess, Mrs. Ralph Brisbane, Mrs. Carrel Bennett and Mrs. Ralph Eakin and daughter, Joann of Moro were present.

Lyle Olds came up Friday from Brentwood, Calif., to visit his father, Charlie Olds and his sister, Mrs. Fred Peters and family. He left Monday for California accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Peters and daughter, who will spend a month visiting Lyle and her sister, Mrs. Ila Ward in San Francisco.

Mrs. Claud Bayer gave a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer Jr. Sunday morning honoring the birthday anniversary of her husband. Other guests included his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer Sr., Keith Bayer and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and children.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner and family were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Among the business visitors in The Dalles Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gilkison, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and son, Terry, left Monday for Tule Lake to spend a few days visiting Earl Lisston.

Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mrs. Alton Coyle were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and daughters, Alice and Rosalie were dinner guests Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger at Hotel Moro.

Mrs. Bernard Martin took a cake to the school house Monday afternoon for the 1st and 2nd grade Valentine party and for their teacher, Mrs. Nola Davis. Cake and ice cream slices were served by the hostess, Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and Mrs. Alberty were guests also.

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Rufus Has Weather Trouble

Road conditions is still the favorite subject in this vicinity. It all began last Tuesday afternoon with the warm day and wind which sprang up. That evening it was heavy going on the Rufus grade just south of the town. Water had begun rushing down and across the road, while mud was about six inches deep where the frost had left the top of the soil. Wednesday, most all of these normally dry canyons were running enough water so no one a foot could cross them. The school bus made part of the route that morning, but when it was time to get the children in the afternoon, the bus driver, Luther Steward, reported he was afraid to take the bus across the newly made fill which was just put in last fall. Water was rushing over it, and it was washing out. The parents of the children were able to get them home safely, that night, but school was called off Thursday and Friday as water was running over the septic tanks.

Literally, a cloud burst, but just a heavy rain fell Thursday morning. This joined in with the reported heavy ground, so no end of damage was done to the roads in the north end of Sherman county. The fill south of Rufus was gone, water gushing down the canyons raised in depth.

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Fire Alarm Signal Now at Fire Hall

A bright, red and new fire alarm box is now installed on the door of the fire hall in Moro. It has been placed low so that folks of small stature can set the alarm in action as well as the tall boys.

With the additional box at the fire hall there will be a different alarm signal. The new one will be an intermittent tone, that is carried out with several breaks in the signal.

The old signal back of the Journal office can be used but must be held down constantly to get the alarm. It will blow a continuous signal.

Miles of Road Taken By Runoff

After a survey the past week of Sherman county roads it was found that 18 to 20 miles of roadway have to be rebuilt, following the washout and melting of snow of the past week, according to J. T. Brown, road master. Every bit of the damage is in the north end of the county, and particularly bad at Rufus. There are places where a mile at a stretch is gone.

Efforts to fill these holes is hampered by the frozen ground, but it is anticipated that within a week the work will have been finished.

The road crews are putting every effort on the projects.

All the people on the Biglow Hill and Emigrant section were unable to get to town for several days.

Members of the survey party were Judge Tom and Road Master Brown.

The present roads follow the old emigrant trails, and in the easiest way was followed, and often times went into a gully and that is where the trouble comes today.

Each year the washout problem gets worse from silting off of the fields, which in turn closes the culverts and ditches and makes the runoff waters go down the roads.

Rebuilding and realigning the roads, getting them out of the ditches, is said the way to save taxpayers money. Unless some corrective action is taken greater damage will be done each year, is the claim of observers.

Particularly interesting is the fact that one of the big washouts of last year went out this time, and the same job of refilling is being done this time.

FLASH FLOOD STRIKES AT GRASS VALLEY

A flash flood hit Grass Valley about noon Thursday with the melting snow and the heavy rainfall the ditches overflowed and came down the highway flooding the street and the John Block home, the H. W. McCormick apartment and the Frank Pike garage.

There was water in all the basements of the stores on the east side of the highway.

Shaniko News

Mrs. Garrett is taking a vacation from the post office and is working in her home this week. Mrs. Pat Hanks is substituting at the Shaniko office for her.

Mr. Slim Owens of Grass Valley has been finishing up the electrical work at the warehouse for Mr. Frank Wagner. Mr. Wagner has had some extensive repair work and remodeling done to the warehouse office.

Mr. Wagner was a week end visitor at The Dalles and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Moro were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Reed, Mrs. Jones parents.

Mr. Herman Peters and Mr. Alton Coyle of Grass Valley were Monday business visitors in Shaniko.

Mr. Earl Harvey was a business visitor Friday in this city.

Mr. Alex McLennan of Miles City, Montana, is visiting his uncle, Duncan McLennan at the Shaniko hotel.

Dominic McPheill of Portland is a visitor at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrell.

History Sherman County Presentea

By Giles L. French
(Continued from last week)

Fremont, who followed along with the first wagon train said of the John Day crossing: "At noon we crossed the John Day's river a clear and beautiful stream, with a swift current and a bed of rolled stones. It is a deep valley, which is characteristic of all the streams in this region; and the hill we descended to reach it well deserves the name of mountain. Some of the emigrants had encamped on the river, and others at the summit of the farther hill, the ascent of which had probably cost their wagons a day's labor; and others again had halted for the night a few miles beyond, where they had slept without water. We also camped in a grassy hollow without water, but as we had been forewarned of this privation by the guide, the animals had all been watered at the river, and we had brought with us a sufficient quantity for the night." The date was November 3.

The Oregon Trail is located about half a mile south of Emigrant Springs but many wagons pulled off the trail to camp a day or so there, where there was water and feed for the stock. It became well known and is often mentioned by name or description in the diaries of the emigrants.

The trail lead westward across the rolling bunchgrass hills of northern Sherman county, across what is now the Alta Smith-Clifford Trumbull land, the John T. Johnson place, up the draw past the Brock place and into China Hollow at almost the spot where the Medler road leaves the Wasco-Rufus road. It crossed China Hollow, went on toward Wasco to turn northward again within sight of what later became that town. A little above the Richelderfer place it crossed Spanish Hollow and climbed the hill to drop into Mud Hollow a little above the spring by the same name.

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Harlandview Juveniles Win Grange Award

Harlandview Juvenile Grange has been awarded the Central Oregon district prize in the Juvenile Grange Zipper contest for 1948, according to the announcement made by Helen Roberts of Reedsport, Oregon Juvenile Grange superintendent.

The Zipper is the monthly paper of the Juvenile Granges of Oregon and the only Juvenile paper in the nation. To win this honor, the Harlandview members sent in regular news items to the paper, furnished pictures, cover pages and other types of material.

ESCAPEE TAKEN IN TOW BY SHERIFF FIELDS

Chester W. Wallace, an escapee from the Roseburg Veterans facility, was captured by Sheriff Norman Fields, and held at Moro until commitment papers were forwarded. Tuesday Sheriff Fields returned from Salem, where the prisoner was committed.

IS NOW ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

J. T. Jones is now assistant postmaster at the Moro postoffice, taking that position February 12. For the past few years he has been driving the mail truck to and from The Dalles, and this has been taken over by Tom Saxton.

DAUGHTER IS BORN

Word was received Wednesday of the birth of a daughter, Karen Bea to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Landstrom, February 12, in Portland. This is the Landstrom's second daughter.

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Moro at the courthouse between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 3 p. m. according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

A state tax income agent will be in Moro, February 28, 12:00 to 2:00, with office at the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore and David accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder drove to Madras Sunday where they visited the Vince Graue and Vina Carter families.