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GOVERNMENT VS PEOPLE

Why do people permit themselves to be ruled? Why have governments?

A sense of order is probably the best reason. And the desire to obtain protection from the members of society who are unruly and who refuse to abide by the accepted code of public morals.

Nearly all governments have been imposed on the people by force from above. Still these governments have continued because they represented, in the main, the moral and economic thinking and feeling of the people governed.

Democratic governments are those that were established by the people, that have started from small beginnings and grown until their rule extended over a large area. Theoretically the sovereign power rests with the people; they use government to make the moral code of the people effective.

This is a comparatively new concept of government in the world, even if this nation did adopt it 160 years ago. Most other governments represent merely the moral code of an upper class sometimes a very few, sometimes a goodly portion of the entire society. (Moral code in this sense means public morals, the concept of right and wrong.)

A nation, and especially a democratic nation, must therefore continue to represent the will of the people. For short periods power may be retained by a government or administration that has a different theory of right and wrong than the people.

In the United States the people are being told that they should seek economic security through government. Some long strides have been made toward that end. Our national concept until 1932 was that people should arrange their own security, that the government was to provide the freedom of choice and expression and opportunity that made it possible for citizens to achieve their own security. But the job of providing for themselves was the duty of the citizen.

It is the observation of this newspaper that the majority of people still think that they have a duty toward themselves, that the proper function of government is to provide equal opportunity for personal and private achievement. They do not believe that it is proper for government to subsidize and grant aid to some segments of the population whether for political, economic or social reasons.

We think that the majority prefer their freedom of action to state or federal doles; we think the people are smart enough to know that government cannot provide any but the most temporary kind of security; we think they know that when people cannot make their own security the government, likewise, will be unable to do it for any length of time.

The government produces nothing. Its expenditures are extravagant and in small proportion to receipts. A man who earns a loaf of bread for himself has a loaf of bread; the man who gets a loaf from the government gets but half a loaf. The cost of getting it to him takes half of it. The nation would have to produce twice as much to feed itself under governmental administration as under an efficient system.

It follows, therefore, that there should be reaction against the theory of big government and a return to the theory of our forefathers: small government with restricted powers where the people are the real sovereign authority.

SOIL CONSERVATION

There is going to be a hearing June 17 on the establishment of a soil conservation district for all of Sherman county. The farmers have asked for it. There have been meetings explaining it—perhaps favorably. It seems likely to pass.

Some sponsors feel that by establishing a district the county would have more control over what is done within the county as soil conservation. They are concerned about a soil conser-

vation map that did not provide an accurate picture according to their thinking. These are important reasons.

A soil conservation district as formed in Oregon does give a good deal of power to the local officers. Some such districts have done remarkable work, some have not.

In the long run the soil conservation administration does dominate most districts although it need not do so under the law. Machinery is available since the war, and there is lots of advice available. Information about what other districts are doing can be more readily obtained by district officers than by private persons.

Whether or not a district is formed that decision will not solve the problem of soil erosion. A district may prove to be one of the means of halting erosion but the directors should be hard and independent citizens with knowledge of their own.

Erosion will be slowed by men working with their own land with ideas obtained from their own experiences or the experience of others. If a district will bring more ideas quicker it is worth the trial.

LAMENT

It didn't rain. And for the first time in eight years the draws and thin spots in the fields are turning brown before the grain ripens. It looks as if the seven fat years (eight in this case) are over and the seven lean ones starting.

There are boys grown big enough to shock hay who can't remember that west and south slopes turn in the heat of early June and dried into a sweet, light fuzzy substance that cattle like; they will be surprised to learn that a load of hay from such places could be compressed into one bale.

There are men farming whose enterprise is based on 30 bushels and \$2.00—and who are going to learn some sad arithmetic unless it rains soon.

This is like the olden days when 14 and 15 bushels was the average crop on a large part of the county, when farmers wore patched overalls and drove cars with the shine worn off.

In those times there were milch cows and sheep and hogs in the county and the caring for them was a great nuisance. Sometimes they didn't make much profit but they always made milk and meat. Farmers went to the mill with a load of wheat for flour and they raised a garden and traded wheat for fruit in the fall.

Such things are gone these long, wet war years and almost forgotten by those whose prosperity has made the remembrance of poverty distasteful. Could one be poor again?

WERE BEHIND

In the sale of bonds during the present campaign which runs until the end of this month Sherman county is in a situation entirely unfamiliar. It is 34th on the list with a puny 31 per cent of quota. The quota isn't large, either, only \$51,500.

The wheat doesn't look very good, but the bank accounts are still in good shape and Sherman countians would rather be up at the top along with Wheeler county than down at the bottom with Josephine, and Clatsop and Lincoln.

We are a long ways from where we belong or from where we should be when government aids are considered.

IS IT A TAX?

A Portland paper reported that a good sized chunk of the new telephone revenue would go to the federal government in the form of taxes. That is undoubtedly true because of the tax on telephone service and the large corporation tax. The percentage, we believe, was over fifty.

If this is the case the new telephone rates are in part a new tax and in part an added contribution to bettered telephone service. We have always thought that all of Sherman county should be on one line without toll charges between towns. Had the county been warned of the hearing a protest would have been made.

Now we can pay heavier costs for the same service and also pay a greater tax. Neither of which brings us anything bigger or better or more convenient. We like to make some small gain when we suffer a loss.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, June 10, 1910 George Mowry, junior partner of the new law firm of Wilson & Mowry, was a passenger to Shaniko on legal business Tuesday.

The idea of teaching every girl to thump the piano and every boy to be a bookkeeper will make potatoes worth \$11 a barrel before 20 years roll around.

RUFUS NEWS FOR WEEK By Mrs George Fox

The new pastor for the Rufus Nazarene church arrived last week in Rufus to take over his duties here. His name is Adrien Roberts and he came with his wife from where he was stationed at Ethrata, Washington.

The Rufus quartette was on the program at the historical picnic which was held at DeMoss Springs Sunday. The quartette is composed of Mr and Mrs James Tate, Mrs W. E. Rice and Ernie Engles with Mrs Ernie Engles as pianist.

The Community Sewing club met Wednesday in The Dalles with Mrs Frank Reid. Going from here were Mrs Gordon Reid, Mrs Chet Coats, Mrs William Macnab, Mrs Leland Medler, and Mrs Don Macnab. The club planned a picnic for next Sunday, June 12, at Uncle Waltes park which is near The Dalles.

Twelve members answered roll call Thursday night when Rufus grange met for a regular meeting. Master E. C. Eaton presided. It was announced that the Home Economics club will put on the lecturer's program at the next meeting which will be June 16.

Mr and Mrs Don Macnab and daughters, Jeannie and Karen, spent the weekend in Dufur with Mrs Macnab's parents, Mr and Mrs John Addington.

Miss Jeannie Macnab is attending vacation summer school at St. Mary's academy in The Dalles and is living with her grandmother, Mrs Bee Macnab.

Miss Dolores Fox arrived home early Saturday morning after a year of college at Seattle university. Dolores spent the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs George Fox, and went to The Dalles Monday where she will be affiliated with the J. C. Penny store.

Miss Darlene Smith spent the week end in Portland with friends. They expected to visit Janzen beach Sunday.

Mrs Alta Smith plans to go up to La Grande Thursday to bring her daughter, Donna, home for summer vacation. Donna has completed a year of college there.

Miss Mary Brackett is now home at her parents, Mr and Mrs Herman Brackett, after a year of teaching at Ione.

Shaniko is booked for a three day celebration, 4th, 5th and 6th. L. Barnum was elected president and W. D. Wallan secretary of the Sherman County Automobile association.

Fred Hennagin is having a 30,000 gallon cistern built and Martin Hansen a 20,000 gallon one.

From the Observer, June 8, 1900 One of the Little Giant 3-horse threshers will keep a 12 foot header busy all day.

A school picnic at which County School Superintendent Ragsdale will present 8th grade diplomas will be held at Willerton's Grove below Monkland on June 15th.

"In the Trenches", an exciting drama was presented by the Grass Valley Dramatic club here Saturday evening. Players were: Ibbie Howard, Mabel Black, Madge Marquis, Leslie Coon, C. Lillie, Prof. Sawtelle, R. L. Campbell, Charlie White, Roy Guyton, Earl Gilman.

Hog production is no experiment to T. Clay Neece. He has 85 head on three acres of filaree.

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSED SHERMAN COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, EMBRACING LAND LYING IN SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of April, 1949, there was duly filed in the office of the State Soil Conservation Committee at Corvallis, Oregon, a petition signed by 51 landowners, pursuant to the provisions of the Soil Conservation Districts Law, Chapter 3, Title 109, O.C.L.A., requesting the establishment of the Sherman County Soil Con-

servation District, and, WHEREAS, the lands described by said petition, and any other lands which will be considered for inclusion in the said district are located in Sherman County and described substantially as follows:

The entire area of Sherman County in the State of Oregon. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held pursuant to the said petition, on the question of the desirability and necessity, in the interest of the general welfare, of the creation of such district; on the question of the appropriate boundaries to be assigned to such district; upon the propriety of the petition, and of all other proceedings taken under the said Act; and upon all

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FOR SALE: 2-yr old Holstein cow, just fresh, 4-gallon a day. \$200.00. E. M. Eslinger, Grass Valley, Oregon 32p

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FOR SALE—Appliances for the home, 90 day. Free service, De Moss Springs Electric, Phone 857, Moro. 18fc

questions relevant to such inquiries. The said public hearing will be held by the State Soil Conservation Committee on Friday, the 17th day of June, 1949, beginning at 2:00 o'clock, p. m., in the County Courthouse at Moro in the County of Sherman.

Every person, firm, corporation, state, county, or municipal agency holding title to ten acres or more of land lying within the limits of the above-described territory, and all other interested parties are invited to attend and will be given opportunity to be heard at the time and place hereinafore specified.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF OREGON By Howard E. Cushman (Executive Secretary) Dated: 2nd day of June, 1949, at Corvallis, Oregon. 32-3c

on said account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and make objections thereto. Date of first publication being June 10, 1949.

Willard H. Barnett Administrator 32-5c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Mae Moore, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed qualified and acting administratrix of the estate of Mae Moore, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: June 10, 1949.

Evelyn G. Bonney 32-3c

Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Administratrix 32-5c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Charles A. Tom has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Cora E. Bartholomew, Deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified to said Administrator at Rufus, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The first publication is May 20, 1949.

CHARLES A. TOM Administrator

J. Tracy Barton The Dalles, Oregon Attorney for Estate 29-32c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY.

SS. Final Notice. In Matter of the Communal Estate of Anna K. Barnett and Wm. D. Barnett, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the above entitled estate has rendered, filed, and presented for settlement his final account therein, and that the Court has appointed Monday, August 1st, 1949 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the County Court Room, in Court house at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, as a time and place for the settlement and final hearing

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