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ATLANTIC PACT

This week congress debated the Atlantic pact which binds the United States to western Europe and assures the peoples of the small nations there that we will provide arms for their use and further assures that we will again cross the ocean to help them in case they get into troubles.

The theory that we owe something to Europe and that we can better protect ourselves by going to Europe to do it is one that grew as our administration was preparing us to enter the last war. Wise leaders of this nation from George Washington to the present have opposed interference in European affairs.

Interventionists cannot point to any gain this nation has made, nor to any lasting benefit to Europe from our intervention in affairs on the continent. Western Europe is weaker by far than it was in 1917 when we first began our intervention. Its people are less self-sufficient, its nations less able to protect themselves and there is no more sense of cooperation there than before. Most of them live off our taxpayers and probably will as long as taxpayers will stand it.

But ideas of this kind can be implanted in a people, especially a people so emotional as we are and so anxious to prove superiority by giving money away.

BRANNAN PLAN

It is now reported that the Brannan farm plan may pass at least in part, this year.

That may be possible for it must be admitted that it has some very fine political features. It promises lower food prices and higher farm prices together with governmental assurance of security for both eaters and producers of food. There are many taxpayers who earn less than the average and who would get some assistance in their food bills. There are many farmers who would like to quit the worry of making a living and place the responsibility on the government.

Politically it is the acme of panaceas.

Opposing it are the large farmers, only some two percent in number who produce 22 percent of the food. They would be restricted in size and resultant efficiency by the plan, but it might be changed to postpone their economic death, just as Lenin didn't eliminate the kulaks until he was well entrenched in power.

Opposing it also are a group of people who still think even in these enlightened screw-deal days, that a citizen should be self supporting that a consumer should pay the cost of what he consumes; that a producer should get paid the value of what he produces.

It embodies a theory that is very appealing to those who have quit thinking.

HOLIDAY DEATHS

About 300 persons were reported killed in highway accidents over the Fourth of July and despite the news writer's cry of anguish it seems very small if the report that there were 33,000,000 cars on the roads is true.

With that many cars on the road there must have been 100,000,000 people traveling and if no more than 300 were killed it is a feat of efficient driving of which we might well be proud. With so many on the road it may be a source of wonder as to who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs and who sold the firecrackers.

When, furthermore, it is considered that the average car was driven at killing speed all the time it is a wonder that 3000 were not killed. We must be good drivers in America. In fact, we are, for we have no people with which to compare being the only nation of car drivers.

Mrs Perle Mesta is on her way to Luxembourg as United States minister. She poured herself the job. Food and drink have been known to be adjuncts to diplomacy but are not often so boldly recognized.

ON WEST WIND

Newcomers to this country are given to scoffing at the almost sober intimations of the old timers that it is possible to raise a crop of wheat on west wind alone. Who ever heard of such a thing?

Well, the statement is one that is hard to prove wrong. Since April 1 this county has had but .77inch of rainfall and the greater part of that has come in little storms and the ground dry again before the wind quit blowing. It merely served to keep the wind cool. As for penetrating to the roots, it was a dismal failure.

But there is going to be a crop of wheat. Some farmers say 30 bushels which is almost twice the national average. And the entire county should average better than 20 bushels. That will give us over \$5,000,000 worth of wheat and a per capita income of well over \$2000.

But the question was about raising it on west wind. What else, we inquire? On April 1 the wheat was barely out of the ground, a mere green spot of plant life. Now it bumps its fat heads together with the vigor of young football players. Looks good.

Actually the west wind keeps the air cool; it provides growing conditions of the best except for rain. The grain obtains its sustenance from the moisture in the ground, down deep, and the west wind helps it utilize every bit of it.

When the west wind blows the tree tops and annoys the women's headkerchiefs and whirrs the windmills and brings dust into the parlor, it is performing only the details of its job. At the same time it brings the cool air of the mountains to the wheat fields—and they love it.

GRASSHOPPERS

The nation would lose the thrill of experiencing one of its yearly fears were country correspondents to write the stories of crickets and grasshoppers. The city boys get so much more space and so much more excitement into them.

Right now, to read the papers, a horde of grasshoppers is moving from Nevada into California and Oregon devouring all growing things as they go. The area is devastated, say the reports. Yes, it has always been devastated. If it was plowed there would be no grass hoppers.

And furthermore the grasshoppers aren't going very far because they are a small insect and a few miles wears them out. And then all the forces of the federal government will be brought in to poison them which should be easy after a diet of sage brush.

No country correspondent would ever be guilty of writing that, "The locusts set up a terrifying chatter as their tiny jaws chewed the sage—" At least no country boy would be terrified at hearing a grasshopper chewing a sage.

Razing of the Obar hotel and the Star rooms in The Dalles has been demanded by the fire chief. Perhaps they should rather be preserved by the historical society as mementoes of days past. They are of the age of the old Umatilla house. (We almost said geologic age.) Freighters of wool used to pile up at the Obar and the Star when prosperous enough to dislike sleeping in their wagons over at the feed barn on the corner. Stagedrivers, bartenders, gold miners, blacksmiths, horse traders, occupations of men garbed in cowhide boots and buckskins, stepped over their ancient thresholds and took whiskey from their belts.

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In Days of Old

From the Observer, July 6, 1900

Ladru Barnum and May Künsman were married at the home of the bride's parents in Moro Saturday, June 30.

Chief Whitney was in mail coach No. 10 Sunday enroute to Shaniko with the first through mail train. No more stage route for Uncle Sam.

County Treasurer Stanley issues a call for warrants. In the last year we have built a court house and paid for it.

George P. Higginbotham, one of our live business men, has bought the Blue barn.

From the Observer, July 8, 1910

Lester Conlee of the dry goods department of Meier & Frank in Portland is visiting his brother Howard.

Martin Hansen is building a barn 57 x 74 on his ranch south of town. Wm. Raymond having the contract.

The Wasco Warehouse Milling company bank, W. S. Stanley, cashier had a balance of \$136,995.42. Deposits were \$68,018 and loans \$91,576.

Dr. Goffin attended to eight hurry up calls the night of the Fourth.

From the Observer, July 11, 1930

Three cars made the loop around by Kent, Shaniko, Tygh Valley, the Columbia river and home on the Fourth. They were John Foss, L. E. Kaseberg, and Harry Kunsman and families.

The May family held its annual reunion at Eagle Creek on the 3rd with 32 present.

The gasoline price war is raging up and down the coast.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON, in the State of Massachusetts, on the thirty-first day of December, 1948, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME	\$2,834,165.44
Net premiums received	197,087.59
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	\$2,637,077.85
Income from other sources	\$3,051,484.45
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	\$1,166,615.55
Loss adjustment expenses	88,352.14
Underwriting expenses	1,108,120.21
Dividends paid to stockholders (Cash, \$100,000.00)	100,000.00
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0
All other expenditures including investment expenses (\$1,409.99)	11,524.11
Total disbursements	\$2,441,435.79
ADMITTED ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	0
Loans on mortgages and collaterals, etc.	0
Value of bonds owned (amortized)	1,842,202.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)	2,758,180.00
Cash in banks and on hand	441,405.05
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1948	326,939.03
Interest and rents due and accrued	9,939.00
Other assets (net)	45,397,765.08
Total admitted assets	\$3,066,480.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Total unpaid claims	15,000.00
Estimated loss adjustment expense for unpaid claims	2,531,924.95
Total liabilities	147,500.00
Total liabilities, except capital	\$3,000,012.95
Capital paid-up \$1,000,000.00	0
Special surplus funds	0
Unassigned funds (surplus)	1,897,751.18
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$2,897,751.18
Total	\$5,297,765.08
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 21,654.81
Net losses paid	3,760.81
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	0

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RUFUS NEWS FOR WEEK
 By Mrs George Fox

The Macnab relatives together with the Addington families enjoyed a family reunion at a picnic the Fourth which was held up on Fifteen Mile creek out of Dufur.

Arnold Lampert of Troutdale came to spend the weekend with his brother in law and sister Mr and Mrs James Fox. Mr and Mrs William Huck also celebrated the Fourth with the Foxes on the John Day river. Eleanor Fox of The Dalles spent the two day holiday with her folks, Mr and Mrs George Fox.

Mr and Mrs Jewel Herin of Paisley were visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Don Macnab this weekend. Sunday night the Herins and the Macnabs went to Dufur where they were overnight guests of the ladies parents, Mr and Mrs John Addington.

Mr and Mrs Louis Langford Mrs Clara White and Miss Nelle Morris, all of The Dalles and Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett and son Jerry and daughter Joan spent the Fourth picnic ing up on Fifteen Mile creek.

Mr and Mrs James Tate and family and Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett had a lawn party Sunday at the Tate home.

Guests from The Dalles coming up for services at the Rufus Nazarene church included Mr and Mrs Bob Ulrich and Mr and Dale Woods.

Rev. and Mrs Adrian Roberts had as their weekend guests their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Harold Sheels of Euphrata, Wn. On the Fourth

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the Roberts and the Sheels enjoyed the day on an outing at Lost lake which is at the foot of Mt. Hood. They reported the rhododendrons are in full bloom making the place look like a beautiful garden.

The Columbia river has been running less and less water during these warm days. The favorite swimming holes at Rufus have been enjoyed by the children.

The John Day river has seen quite a few fishermen, but as to their luck it is unknown. The John Day has fallen rapidly, also, which is a big contrast to the water they were running a year ago.

CALL FOR BIDS
 The Sherman County Fair Board will receive sealed bids up to 2 o'clock p. m. July 11, 1949, for the purchase of the wooden water tank at the south end of the fair grounds; the Fairbanks working head and a 3 HP, 60 cycle single phase motor. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bonnie P. Sharp
 Acting Secretary
 34-7c

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 Sallie Martin, N. G.
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 Elsie Jones, W. M.
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 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.
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Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
 Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
 L. V. Henricks, W. M.
 H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Pearl Jones, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned, at Rufus, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is the 24th day of June, 1949.

Ina Byrd
 Administratrix
 34-7c

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, made on the 2nd day of June, 1949, in the matter of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, deceased, Guy C. Andrews, as administrator of said Estate from and after the 10th day of August, 1949, at ten a. m., will sell for cash in hand at private sale in one parcel at the below described property in Wasco, Oregon, the Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), and the East Twelve (12) feet of Lot Five (5), Block One

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 Administrator with Will Annexed
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(1) of the Town of Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon, to the highest bidder subject to the confirmation by said Court. The date of the first publication is the 24th day of June, 1949.

GUY C. ANDREWS
 Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, Deceased.
 Address, Wasco, Oregon.

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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, with the will annexed, of the Estate of William M. Van Patten, deceased, and that Monday, the 8th day of August, 1949, 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.

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Oregon's prosperity is in direct ratio to the well-being of each of her people. Persons shown here have the vision, energy and initiative that brings individual success—and keeps our state growing. In each instance constructive service provided by banking offices in the First National Group has been of real assistance. We believe sincerely that our most important function as a bank is to make financial services widely available. Thus we help build Oregon—family by family, farm by farm, and business by business. Come in and let us show you how we can serve you.
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GEORGE KYLLO REPLACES STUMPS WITH TURKEYS. Young George Kyllö couldn't find a job in 1933, so he obtained 105 acres of logged-off land near Molalla and went to work on the army of stumps. His pluck attracted Marie Koltch. She became Mrs. Kyllö in 1934. They tried turkey raising, but lost money the first year. However, encouraged by advice and financial help from the Molalla branch of the First National, they stuck to it. Today they market thousands of turkeys annually and grow feed and seed crops. Hard work and sound advice are building a good venture for George and Marie... as progressive businesses are helping build Oregon.



THE KAUTUS BUILD BOATS.
 Elo N. Kauttu builds unusual sturdiness into commercial fishing craft. The Kauttus' two-year-old plant (Mrs. Kauttu is bookkeeper-painter) is at Jeffers Gardens on the Lewis and Clark river near Astoria. There, with his six craftsmen, Kauttu puts into practice ideas he developed as a fisherman and as an employee of the area's famed builders of Columbia River gillnet type craft. Made to carry big fish loads, his 29-foot boats—fashioned of oak, Douglas fir and Port Orford cedar—stand the Pacific's most belligerent mauls. With assistance from the First National, Kauttu helps Oregon grow by meeting fishermen's boat needs.