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REAPPORTIONMENT

The subject of reapportionment has been one for editorial comment in Oregon quite a bit recently. That is appropriate. The constitution says that after each decennial census the legislature shall reapportion the legislature in accordance with the rules laid down in that document and made back in 1857.

The necessity of reapportionment, however, isn't the question before most of the voters. It is the method.

Already a petition has been filed for one kind of reapportionment. The move for this amendment was first made by the AF of L at its Eugene convention last June. It has since been joined by the CIO, the Grange and the Farmers' Union, a group that has attained a strange political alliance in recent years. Also signing the preliminary petition was a young Republican and a young Democrat, both from Portland.

Purpose of this reapportionment measure is to divide both the senators and representatives on a population basis, except that no county would be permitted to have more than a third of the members of either house. That is not new and probably will not be an actual restriction and has been added as a gesture toward compromise.

The problem for the voter is to decide how he or she wants the state to be managed. What are our problems? What sort of a legislature can best solve them? What does our continued development require?

1) A rough compilation of bills in the 1949 legislature shows 47 about labor, 99 about law, 61 about agriculture, 90 about taxation, 91 about general government, 80 about schools, 78 about counties, 22 about cities, 61 about roads, 20 about alcohol, 79 about business, 12 about forests, 29 about property, 15 about veterans, 36 about health and 60 about fish and game. There is nothing in the list nor in the handling of the bills that indicates that Oregon should change to city thinking instead of rural wisdom. A small proportion of the bills are primarily city problems.

2) There will be little argument about the statement that best representation in any democracy is a broad one. We need to consider all phases of a proposal. Oregon is a large state and its citizens have many differing ideas all of which should be considered. A legislator chosen by people with more points of view would probably be the best.

3) Oregon's development will come from increased production of material goods. This means that rural Oregon must have a predominant voice in state affairs.

A second reapportionment plan is in process of being written. It would give each county a senator and apportion the house on a population basis. This proposal would assure the state of a broad base of information for debate on any question. House and senate arguments would have a different flavor being by delegates elected on a different basis.

From the point of general information it would be a legislature with more knowledge. Hardly an 18 year old Oregon boy is not familiar with Portland streets, its stores and its problems. Everyone reads Portland papers and knows its problems, its city and county officers and their trials and tribulations. City people know little of the country—and in fact, have little opportunity to learn. They read few farm journals, know few farmers, spend little time watching farmers work.

Rural Oregon is usually well informed about the background and abilities of the men it sends to Salem. His is a name they know and can watch in the voting. Pressure groups are too small in rural Oregon to exercise control over a member. This newspaper will be in

favor of a plan that will give to the actual producers of Oregon continued control over the development of the state while at the same time giving due voice to those who process and handle the raw materials of field and forest.

SAUERKRAUT AND SAUSAGE

Portland papers gave a very fine spread pictorially as well as wordily to the Verboort sauerkraut and sausage feast and we were glad to see and read about it and sorry not to have attended. As viands go sauerkraut and sausage are not of the nobility. Not above middle class their connotations are more often plebeian. Yet there is something stable and homely about a profusion of such common grub that is like old times.

The fancier foods get their advertising daily. Steaks may be called the top, the upper class food, yet common enough. A thick slice off the loin of a fat steer is recognized as good food for anyone be he the president of the company or governor. But anyone destined to a long period of steak and roast turkey and similar viands must come in time to yearn for simpler food. Sauerkraut and sausage, baked beans, hominy, corn bread, side pork are all good filling foods with no social standing but each is a comfort to a stomach satiated with fancy eating.

They are something to work with—and on. One can spread his elbows, bring knife and fork into play and forget the careful directions that came with his first experience with those table articles. They are foods to be eaten with the coat off and the collar open, foods to revel in and perhaps belch after. Real grub.

People's Column

To the Editor:

At the National Education Association Convention in Boston this summer a noted educator made this statement to his audience which has deeply impressed me, "I am thankful for my friends but I thank God for my opponents." He went on to explain that his own plans were pounded on the anvil of opposition and annealed in the fire of adverse criticism so that he was forced to careful self-examination in perfecting his products.

We in the Moro High School Student Body will be able to use this thought to great advantage, especially in expressing our views in our school paper. In the October 28 issue of the SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL the editor took the staff of the Moro OPTIMIST to task in an editorial entitled, "Not So Fast". Several criticisms were made. Available space will not permit consideration of all points. The two below have been selected as being most controversial:

1 That facilities for satisfactory fulfillment of social, recreational, and business needs in Sherman County should not be painted so barren a picture.

2. That more of the money spent in The Dalles should have been spent with Sherman County merchants.

It is only too easy to make a defense of a certain statement, action, or belief regardless of fact or evidence to the contrary to "save face". Such an attitude is unjustifiable. A test of the mature person lies in his ability for self-criticism. Upon due consideration, our statement, "look to The Dalles for the major satisfaction of our social, recreational, and business needs," probably could not be substantiated according to the word "major" as defined by Mr. Webster. Probably the word "considerable" would have been more appropriate. Doubtlessly Mr. French would agree to this, at least, on a social basis, since it was my pleasure to enjoy a social function in The Dalles a few evenings ago in a group of which we both were members. We thank Mr. French for a needed lesson in grammatical accuracy and hope to be much more careful in the future in choosing words that correctly depict conditions as they are.

Perhaps our patrons do not realize that operating a student organization such as ours is comparatively "big business" or that over the period from September 1947 to July 1949 our bank deposits totaled \$11-435.53. The fact that our student body spent \$2,200 in The Dalles does not necessarily indicate that we have been neglecting local business houses. No one realizes any more than we the wonderful support that local firms give to our activities. We have made a conscious effort to purchase locally whenever possible.

In addition to acting as middleman for sale of personal school books, a function declined by local merchants, principal

items of expenditure are for athletic equipment, some of which is purchased for the teams and considerable more (shoes, socks, etc.) for resale at wholesale prices to the students. We have spared little expense to obtain adequate protective equipment of the best quality, especially for football. Results of such expenditures are directly reflected in the relatively small proportion of injuries our athletes have suffered. Our girls have been furnished with excellent equipment. As far as we have been able to find out, no Sherman County business establishment stocks such materials in the quantity desired or makes a practice of ordering them. Consequently we have placed large orders with merchants in Dalles which is the closest city in which such business houses can be found.

We are grateful to the SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL for printing our OPTIMIST, which has earned state-wide recognition, at about one-half of the regular printing rates for such publications. We also wish to point out that it would be un-

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Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

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fair to question the \$682.55 which has been paid to the SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL during the past two years unless all of the services rendered have been surveyed.

We are proud of our school paper, its editor, and its adviser. Being human, we make errors. The only persons who do not make mistakes are those who isolate themselves from the rest of the world and its people. Let us profit from our errors but we need not hang our heads when errors are made in learning to express ourselves in writing.

For the Moro High School OPTIMIST and its staff. Kenneth G. Young, Supt.

Want Ads

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County their Final Report and Account as Administrators of the estate of Percy J. Thompson, deceased, and that Saturday, November 26, 1949, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Dewey Thompson George N. McDonald Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Administrators. 52-3c

CALL FOR BIDS
The City of Moro will receive sealed bids for Lots 4 and 5, Block B, Barnum's Addition to the City of Moro and the Old Legion Hall situated thereon up to six o'clock p. m. December 6. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Carrel S. Bennett, recorder. 3-4c

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Statement of Condition

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RESOURCES
Cash in vault and in Federal Reserve Bank.....\$ 66,680,316.49
Due from Banks..... 33,684,385.91
Total Cash..... 100,364,702.40
United States Government Obligations, Direct and Fully Guaranteed..... 176,201,141.01
State, County and Municipal Bonds and Warrants..... 43,649,919.39
Other Bonds and Securities..... 2,334,270.48
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank..... 510,000.00
Loans and Discounts..... 154,818,145.64
Accrued Interest Receivable..... 1,646,219.30
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults..... 5,214,916.59
Other Real Estate owned..... None
Customers' Liability on Accounts of Letters of Credit, Acceptances, and Endorsed Bills..... 3,847,030.01
Other Resources..... 452,177.52
TOTAL RESOURCES..... \$509,038,522.34

LIABILITIES
Capital..... 4,500,000.00
Surplus..... 12,500,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves..... 15,254,812.40
Total Capital Funds..... \$ 32,254,812.40
RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES. This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future; it has not been allocated to any particular loans or type of loans (Established from current earnings—January 1, 1949 thru October 31, 1949)..... 500,000.00
DEPOSITS { Demand..... 325,619,315.51
Savings and Time..... 143,121,603.96 } 468,740,919.47
Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor Endorser or Maker of Acceptances and Foreign Bills..... 3,847,030.01
Interest Received in Advance..... 1,527,393.51
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, Etc..... 1,992,607.93
Other Liabilities..... 175,759.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$509,038,522.34

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DEPOSITS
The First National Bank of Portland and 45 Branches..... \$468,740,919.47
17 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group..... 99,122,871.00
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS
The First National Bank of Portland and 45 Branches..... \$154,818,145.64
17 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group..... 24,669,841.52
TOTAL RESOURCES
The First National Bank of Portland and 45 Branches..... \$509,038,522.34
17 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group..... 106,009,378.83
TOTAL RESOURCES OF THE 62 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL GROUP \$615,047,901.17

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