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SHORTEST DAY

This week we have had the shortest days of the year and of the winter. From now on until spring the sun will be getting closer and it will have a bit more strength.

Oddly enough the sun will come up a little later for a few days but will delay longer about setting.

Thus we have passed the saddest time of the year—the shortest day. There is more abundant hope as the days get longer and there is promise of another growing season.

UNCLE JOE

Joseph Stalin has just passed his 70th birthday, that is, unless the little matter of birth data hasn't been changed for some reason since he started his squalling down in Georgia years ago.

But he looks 70 and his health is said to be that of a man that age so probably that is about it.

Because of the advancing age of the Russian ruler the world may expect some change in that country before long. When no one knows for statesmen have gone on long beyond the age of Stalin. Clemenceau did not quit until he was 84 as we remember and Churchill is older than Stalin and still right up in the collar.

It is possible that Stalin as a dictator can choose a successor who will continue the heavy handed rule of that huge nation and keep the same policies in effect. It is not probable, judging from history. More often a dictatorship ends after one or two strong men. Either the first ruler dispenses with the services or the heads of the strong men of the nation or conditions change. A nation might get used to oppression but there is always ferment in a nation of 180 million people and some of it will become effective in the same manner as did the ferment started by Trotsky, Lenin, Stalin et al in the days of the czar. The czar didn't rule with a feather pillow, it may be recalled.

If it is true that a hungry people in a democracy tend to want a try at communism, it may also be true that a hungry people under communism may want to try democracy. If the comparison is correct there must be some unrest among the Russians which may break out before Stalin's successor gets his police force aworking again after taking over.

Anyway Uncle Joe at 70 isn't as much of an international threat as Uncle Joe at 50.

CO-OP TAXES

It is reported that the Pendleton Grain Growers will begin to pay all taxes after January 1. Thus another co-operative abandons the tax free list, following

the lead of many others. Co-operatives can escape taxes and do, especially when young and small, but when they grow large the tendency is to accept the full responsibility of other corporations and pay the various kinds of taxes levied against business. The penalty of doing a large part of the total business with members only becomes too great.

It is not likely that the returns of the government would be greatly enhanced if all co-ops paid taxes because co-op prices are often kept low which results in small profits. Members of co-operatives sometimes complain that if taxed their dividends would be subject to two levies, one on the co-op profits and another on income after it came into possession of the member. Those who own stock in corporations are subject to the same regulations.

In Oregon, and it appears that the same is true of the nation, there is a tendency away from tax exemptions. There are 14 exemptions to Oregon's corporate excise tax—one of which is co-operatives. There is a movement to reduce this number just as there is an effort afoot to plug the holes whereby so much personal property escapes taxation.

This means merely a matter of more careful bookkeeping on the part of state tax authorities and investigators. There can be no complaint about law-enforcement although there may be about the laws themselves.

Inasmuch as nearly all taxes paid in Oregon are used in one way or another as offsets to real property taxes, the more taxes collected other than property taxes the better chance there is for lower property taxes. A landowner can hardly escape assessment of his acres but the owner of other types of property, especially the kind of property that can be moved or hidden, has been able to evade taxes. Co-operatives might well turn to taxpaying, as did the Pendleton group. If they could thereby aid the movement toward better assessment methods and more efficient collection of other than real property taxes.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

There has never been the unanimity regarding the proper meat for Christmas as for Thanksgiving. Turkey must be eaten on Thanksgiving or excuses made. He is the national bird for a week.

At Christmas the goose meat is often favored and time was when the proper Christmas board was traditionally graced with a whole roast pig. That was, we believe, after Charles Lamb had written his literary and gastronomic masterpiece about the origin of roast pig—an essay that has made mouths water for 140 years.

Geese are not grown in this country in any great numbers and few will be found on Sherman county tables next Sunday. We are used to feeding wheat to all livestock whether day old chicks or the plow horse and a goose can eat almost as much grain as a horse can safely digest.

There is always chicken and roasts of the steer and shooat. Perhaps there is little difference where the meat comes from as long as there is enough and as long as there is pleasure and good company. "Better a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."

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. C. S. Bennett, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Wily Knighten was in The Dalles Wednesday to attend the meeting of the superintendents from the five counties participating in the annual institute. Wily Knighten, school superintendent, has posted the notices for the hearing on the Wasco school district change to be held January 5 at the court house.

Want Ads

STRAYED: One Hereford Cow, left horn branded 12, triangle left hip, Paulen Kaseberg, Ph. 453 Wasco.

NOTICE: Stanley Home Products. Call Kathryn Blaylock, Grass Valley. Ph. 542. 7-8c

FOR SALE: Roller Canaries - Guaranteed Singers. \$10.00. Mrs. H. McCarty, Echo, Oregon 7-9p

FOR SALE: Hand made gifts. Mrs. E. Esslinger, Hotel Moro. 7-8c

FOR SALE: A live Christmas gift can be a source of unusual satisfaction. We have available several choice purebred Arabian colts of top breeding for \$300 and up. Also a number of registered females of various ages, modestly priced. Desirable registered part bred Arabians \$100 and up. Visit us soon for an inspection. Mays-Dodd Ranch, Tygh Valley, Ore. 6-7c

FOR SALE: The City of Moro will sell 100 sheets of 4 x 8 Fir-tek; 42 sheets 4 x 12 Fir-tek; and 10 sheets 4 x 8 half inch plywood.

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Keith Nelson, home from school left Monday for Kansas.

Wheatland Rebekah lodge met Thursday night in regular session with Ellen Justesen, noble grand presiding. Eighteen members were present. Following the business meeting a birthday party was held for Mrs. Etta Buchanan and Mrs. Clarice Bekkedahl.

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Leo Watkins, N. G.
John DeMoss, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.

Elsie Jones, W. M.
Edna Melzer, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Sallie Martin, N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

George G. Updegraff
Attorney at law

MORO Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION— ISOLATED TRACT — PUBLIC LAND SALE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, OREGON DISTRICT, LAND OFFICE, Portland 18

December 6, 1949
NOTICE is hereby given that under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274), pursuant to the application of Thomas S. Reese, Serial No. Oregon 01280, there will be offered, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$5.00 per acre, at a public sale to be held at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on the 31st day of January next, at this office, the following tracts of land:

T. 2 S., R. 18 E., W. M., Oregon, sec. 10, SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail. Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. These bids must be accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders for the amounts of the bids and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner substantially as follows: "Public sale bid, Serial No. Oregon 01280, Sale 10:00 a. m., January 31, 1950."

The person making the highest bid will be required to pay immediately the amount thereof. Any persons claiming adverse to the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. Any person entitled to claim a preference right under the first proviso to said section 14 as an owner of contiguous land must assert his claim within 30 days from the date of public offering and conditional sale to the highest bidder and at the expiration of said preference right period, if no such right has been asserted, the highest bidder will be declared the purchaser of the land.

Carl F. Spaulding Assistant Manager 6-10c

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November 10, 1949
NOTICE is hereby given that under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274), and pursuant to the application of Ernest E. Shull, Moro, Oregon, Serial No. Oregon 0470, there will be offered, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$3.00 per acre, at a public sale to be held at 11 o'clock A. M., on the 10th day of January, 1950 next, at this office, the following tract of land:

SW 1/4 NW 1/4, sec. 32, T. 1 N., R. 18 E., W. M., Oregon, 40 acres.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail. Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. These bids must be accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders for the amounts of the bids and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner substantially as follows: "Public sale bid, Serial No. Oregon 0470, Sale, January 10, 1950."

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Pierce M. Rice Manager 4-8c

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