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BLIZZARDS

Old timers, alas there are so few to remember, recall the big blizzard of 1884—when the snow was piled high over the few fences and crusted so that a man could walk over it. The horses, we are told, ate all the small limbs from the brush that protruded above the snow and then ate off each others' manes and tails. Cattle froze to death standing in the snow and their bodies remained there until spring. The method of feeding cattle had been to plow a track through the snow with a couple of boards and let the stock follow up, and eat the uncovered grass.

It was a tough winter on the homesteaders who had not had time to become established in their new homes. Wood was hauled from Goldendale and Tygh creek in those days and hay was cut and piled carefully from the few tilled acres. The loss of stock was serious and many a man started out in the spring southward to get a load of wool with horses almost thin enough to crawl through a collar. Then there was the blizzard of March 1905 that froze a promising crop of wheat and every few years there comes a winter that does much damage although not so often as in pioneer days. This present snow will probably result in more benefit than damage for the moisture is needed and the frost is not deep.

Two and three feet of snow are maximums here although drifts get much deeper and often in the roads. As for cold the lowest the thermometer has registered at the station since 1912, was—20 below back in 1919. There was a tremendous snow that winter too. Unofficial thermometers have dropped lower and many people can remember cold winters.

In the 38 years since the records have been kept by the government there has been zero weather or lower in 22 of them. The longest spell of warm winters was recently being 1944, 1945, and 1946, when there was no zero temperatures.

After the real blizzard of Friday Sherman countians would agree that the best place for them is in history where they give the ancients an opportunity to hold the floor for a brief recital of times long ago.

PORTLAND'S PROBLEM

The troubles of Portland about getting enough tax money to operate the city in the manner to which it would like to be accustomed are serious to that city. Other cities will soon be facing the same problem. What they do is of statewide interest.

Portland now can levy a property tax but no other kind. This should be changed. There is no reason why property owners should be the only game of the tax gatherer. Income taxpayers might share that burden as well, and the city might well be permitted to levy other taxes also.

So far the city isn't poor enough to seriously contemplate economy and little can be done about taxation until that point is reached.

PRETTY SALTY

The president has an item in the budget to make fresh water out of sea water, or at least, to provide a million dollars for purposes of experimenting on that problem. The votes of New York City and southern California may be at stake.

It may be possible to provide irrigation water by some process of changing sea water into fresh and then pumping it the hundreds of miles necessary to wet the desert sands. The scientists may figure it out, but the next problem will be for the economists to figure it out. It runs in the memory of most that areas near the ocean are pretty well watered already and that the use for water on arid land is a problem of interior sections. They are often several hundred miles from the ocean. The job and cost of pumping sea water to the deserts to irrigate cotton which

is a surplus crop already is something to speculate on around the fireplace when all other topics of conversation are worn out. We do have an agricultural problem in the United States already but it does not stem from lack of production. It comes from support prices of crops that become surpluses all too soon. Were we to develop an agricultural policy that would cause farmers to produce the things nations need instead of a surplus of things we already have too much of, it would make unnecessary this appropriation for fresh water pot of salt.

Really it would seem more sensible to apply the money on the national debt, as meager as it is, as it would make out of that momentous pile of IOUs. But it isn't surprising for did you even know an indigent in your life, who wasn't full of ideas that would make him rich? If he could just get money enough for a meal and a drink to build up his strength.

SHEPHERDERS

Papers are telling the story of a "Washington" shepherd who wandered with his band of 1200 sheep for several days through the worst of the recent northwest storm and was finally found almost frozen near his sheep.

That is in the tradition of shepherders who were originally men of such loyalty that they never left their sheep. It was understood between owner and herder that the herder stayed with his band. Special laws were made on the subject of shepherders.

The profession—or is it job, we're never clear on such things—of shepherding has suffered much at the hands of writers who preferred the recently more romantic business of cows. A cow boy is presented as a gaily bedecked individual with perhaps a banjo while the shepherd is pictured as an inarticulate moron with a beard.

But great things are expected of shepherders and more of them than not they produce them. He goes into the mountains with 1000 sheep and that many lambs and spends the summer there alone except for a packer, who he comes out in the spring with may or may not be of assistance. lambs fat enough to ship and ewes in good shape for the winter. That is a triumph of a stockman.

In the meantime the shepherd has cooked his own food, made his own trails, read what ever came to hand and amused himself without the aid of other persons.

But loyalty was the cardinal virtue of shepherders, a loyalty like that exemplified by the man who stayed with his sheep day after day in the northwest's worst storm in 20 years. Perhaps it is too late in our national economy to hope for more shepherders, but it isn't too late to hope for more loyalty to duty.

NO FISH

We might as well get used to it.

The new tentative regulations about fishing in Oregon sent out by the game commission tells in detail where one may not fish. Listed therein are creeks and rivers certainly unknown fifty miles away from their channels. Whitefish and grayling are now included in the regulations and they were scorned until recently.

The list is very positive proof that things are not like they used to be when a traveler could stop along any little creek and catch a mess of trout while his wife or partner built the fire and boiled the coffee. Them days is definitely gone forever. Maybe we should remember that when boasting about how much the state has grown recently. There are Oregonians who would prefer the fish to the company.

But we were talking about fish and fishing. The number of persons holding licenses has increased tremendously and it is well nigh impossible to find a stream free from others of like mind and direction.

Furthermore there are not many fish in the streams anymore, that is compared to the halcyon days before the population (BP). The game commission grows more trout and plants more trout but it never catches up with the demand. It is easy to blame the commission but it isn't indicative of a factual background on the subject.

Fishing trips are going to be for the purpose of getting out doors, away from the daily grind or for the taste of camp grub and the smell of wood smoke. They will not be seriously taken for fish.

Can you imagine the deepset resentment that might come from publishing Hawaiian pictures in the midst of a local storm.

RUPUS HE CLUB MEETS

The Home Economic club met Thursday at the home of Herbert Church with Mrs. Atlee Wilson as co-hostess. The club agreed to buy the plaster board for the hall. The club will be in charge of the grange program March 16. Mrs. Tracy Fields is chairman of the club and led the discussion of the new year books. Chairmen were appointed as follows: for February Mrs. C. A. Tom and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers; March, Mrs. Wm. Huck; April Mrs. Joe Morris; May Mrs. Tracy Fields; June Mrs. Andy Engberg; Sept. Mrs. Ronald Byrd; October, Mrs. Sadie Rich; December, Mrs. Harland McDonald.

University Shortens Graduating Service

The university will this year combine its baccalaureate and commencement services, it was announced today. The combined ceremony will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Approved by the Board of Deans, the move is being made to encourage larger attendance both of students and of parents, alumni and other friends of the university. Holding a combined ceremony in the afternoon students and parents will be able to get home the same day whereas with an evening commencement it was necessary for most of them to stay over.

The baccalaureate address will be retained and will become the principle speech of the combined program. An outstanding national religious leader will be obtained to make the address. The president's charge to the graduating class will be eliminated to keep the combined ceremony to approximately the same time as the former commencement exercise.

The move has been discussed with campus and local church leaders. The ceremony will be held this year on Sunday, June 11.

Ernest Woods has a few ewes in town and he is spending his nights watching over them as they lamb.

In Days of Old

From the Grass Valley Journal January 14, 1921

Two horse buyers arrived in town and we understand that the horse market is looking up a little.

Considerable wheat has been sold at \$1.45 and \$1.50. A wheat contract will be presented to growers soon for a marketing agreement.

From the Observer, Jan. 20, 1911

Local capitalists have incorporated the Prineville & Eastern Ry and will build 18 miles of line to join the Hill and Harrison lines.

Hon. C. W. Moore has been elected president of The Dalles Commercial and Athletic club.

From the Observer, Jan. 16, 1931

At the annual high school conference the Moro Optimist won first as the best mimeographed school paper.

The Dayton plan for control of surplus wheat advocates that a quarter of the crop be kept on the farm. Contract have been signed for some farmers in Washington.

Want Ads

RELIABLE man with car wanted to call on farmers in Sherman county. Wonderful opportunity. \$15 to \$20 a day. No experience or capital required. Permanent. Write today. McNess Company, Dept. B, 2423 Magnolia St., Oakland 7, Cal. 12-13

FOR SALE: Cedar posts, 27c ea. On Evergreen highway at Underwood Store. Ph. 3711, Underwood Merc. Co., Underwood, Wn. 10-21c

HARTS CHIX—Order early for layers and fryers. Dryden White Leghorns, Parmenter Reds Rock Hampshire Cross and New Hampshires. Parm. Red and Leghorn ecls. during Feb., March and April. Hatch every WED. year around. Prices and circular available. Harts Hatchery, Beaverton, Oregon 10-17n

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

FOR SALE: N. W. Thompson house in Moro, 6 rooms, full basement, oil furnace, hot water heater, fireplace, tile garage, chicken house, \$4750. Giles French, Moro, Oregon.

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING—Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Bring them in any day but Sunday. C & C Food Store, Grass Valley, Oregon. 217c

FOR SALE—Now available for immediate delivery Willys Jeeps and four-wheel drive pick-ups. Complete Willys Overland line of panels, station wagons and Jeepsters now seasonally reduced in price. Contact Willys Motor Co., Third and Lincoln Sts., The Dalles, Oregon. 227c

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.P. & 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

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. 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. John DeMoss, Secretary

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

Olive Young, W. M. Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Helen Kruger, N. G. Lucille May, Sec.



HEARD, BUT NOT SEEN . . . "Children should be seen, not heard" does not hold good for Kathryn Beaumont, 11, British youngster who will play the movie voice of "Alice in Wonderland," a Disney all-cartoon version of the Lewis Carroll classic. When she isn't delivering lines in the filming of the story, she is making another kind of delivery on the tennis court. Kathryn is a daughter of Kenneth Beaumont, British singer and radio performer.

The McKean company has evolved something new in this vicinity. A small wheeled tractor is equipped with a light bulldozer blade and it runs on the sidewalks clearing them of snow.

T. Lester Johnson
 LAWYER
 WASCO MORO

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 All persons having claims against the estate of Walter A. Medler, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the above named deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: January 13, 1950.
 Fay Helmick Medler
 Geo. G. Updegraff
 Attorney for Executrix 11-14

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned Executors of the Estate of W. H. Carlisle, deceased, have filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon their final account as such Executors, and that the 30th day of January, 1950 at the hour of 10:15 A. M., has been fixed by said Court as the time for the hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof.
 Horace S. Carlisle
 Maravine Carlisle
 Executors

Gavin & Gavin
 Attorneys for Estate
 The Dalles, Oregon

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Mrs. Louie Davis, Deceased, has filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, his final account as such Executor, and that the 30th day of January, 1950, at the hour of 10:00 a. m. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

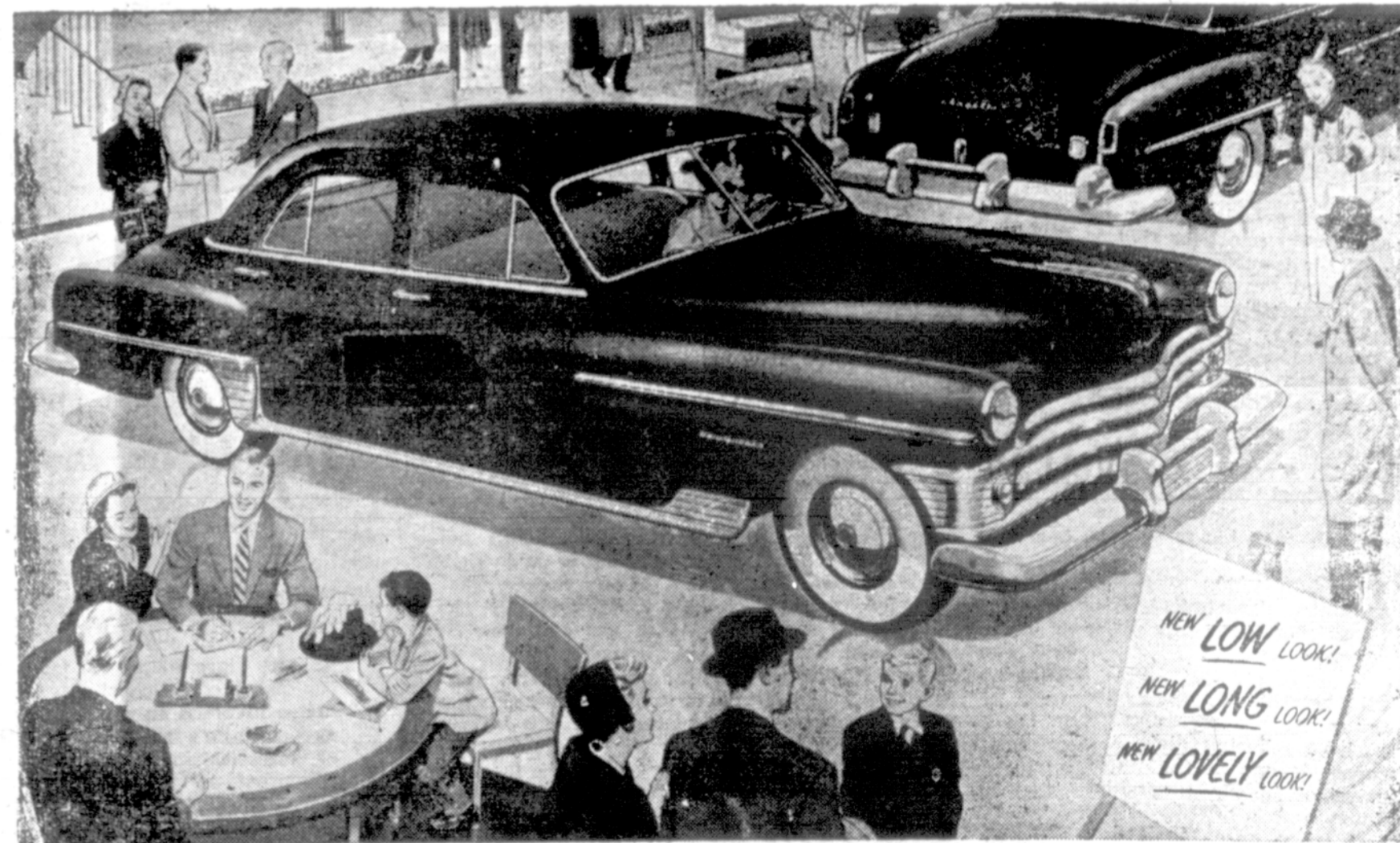
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