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These Things We Note

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From the "Western City" we glean the Athenian Oath, which if followed could make any city rise in the respect of its neighbors and itself.

"We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act or ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will reverence and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

The addition of a good looking nurse has increased attention to the trial of a New England doctor. One can die without sex but even death gets more publicity if sex is mingled in the case.

Portland is still debating the advisability of removing snow from the city streets. It is a nice summertime occupation.

A headline quotes Norman Thomas as saying socialism is still alive. What a masterpiece of understatement.

Scientists are debating the potential dangers of the hydrogen bomb which is the scare story of the era. It would be much more cheerful news if scientists were announcing discoveries to make people live longer and better.

Breathe there a man with name so dim
It isn't ever said of him
As election year come rolling in
"He'd ought to be governor?"

It is often said that the Scandinavian countries have a sort of socialism in which personal initiative has been pretty well squelched. There are pensions and relief and all that sort of thing. Everyone spends his total income, partly as a habit, partly because he needs every bit of it and as a general policy (to keep the money in circulation).

Such a form of society would be pretty static. There would be no need for anyone to develop any new ideas, new machinery or stick his neck out for any reason. All one would need to do would be to be born and then follow the line of least resistance.

Such a kind of life wouldn't be any fun for an American although he may be drifting into the same thing by grabbing for the government dollar instead of earning one of his own.

That Oklahoma leopard proved himself a modern, when he forsook his liberty for security.

Old, lively Harry Lauder died at his home in Scotland with everyone agreeing with him about getting up in the morning. A remarkably successful life.

If something is easier you can be sure that some philosopher will come forward with a theory that it should be done and will readily obtain converts. We are not followers of the hard way. If a boy doesn't like arithmetic he can search briefly through educational journals and find that his psyche might be injured if he was forced to peruse the study of mathematics. A generation ago he was injured in a different place and went on studying.

The whole family used to be disgraced if a member had to go to the poor farm or similar establishment. Now we hustle grandpa over to the relief agency as soon as he has spent the money from his life's work, even if he had plenty of help to spend it.

Aren't the seed catalogues wonderful at this time of year?

Donald Martin Files As Republican For Commissioner

Donald Martin, Republican, farmer of the Moro section, filed for nomination by his party for the post of county commissioner at the court house Thursday morning after circulating petitions Wednesday.

Mr. Martin has lived in Sherman county nearly all his life, attended school at Grass Valley, and has farmed just east of the Harmony school site for some years. He is married and has two children.

PTA TO MEET

After having to postpone two regular meetings due to bad weather the Wasco P.T.A. is to meet at the school auditorium March 6 at 8 o'clock.

After the business meeting there is to be community singing and square dancing, followed by refreshments, part of which will be a take honoring Founder's day.

Mothers from the 7th and 8th grade students are to be in charge.

WOMEN BUSY

The task of addressing, stuffing and getting more than 400,000 Easter Seal letters ready for mailing throughout every Oregon county has been completed under direction of the State Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Ruth Chandlee of Hillsboro, federation president and chairman of the project, reports.

In Sherman county, the job was under direction of Mrs. Helen Bayer, Women's club of Grass Valley. Representatives from other women's clubs in the county did the work for Wasco and Jefferson counties.

HUNT NOW ON

A game hunt to exterminate pests and rodents has been organized with E. C. Smith and Robert Helyer as captains of two sides, each having about thirty members. The hunt will end March 13 with the losers furnishing a dinner for the winners. Points are given for each kill ranging from one point for a sparrow to 50 points for a coyote. Boundaries on the hunt extend from Shaniko city limits to Grass Valley city limits and from the Deschutes river on the west to the John Day river on the east.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds attended Pomona grange at Moro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin left Saturday for Portland on business for a few days. Mrs. Jennie Martin of Moro is staying with Deanna, while they are gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gould and his mother, Mrs. Mayme Gould came up from Portland Saturday to spend the week end with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Bruce Alley and family.

Mrs. Orville Ruggles entertained the beginners and the junior Sunday school classes at the church Saturday evening with a party. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens, W. C. Owens took the former's mother, Mrs. Lela Owens, to Portland Thursday where she left for Los Angeles and then on to her home in Chillicothe, Mo., after spending a week here with her son and family. They returned home Friday.

Jack Horner left Sunday for his home in Des Moines, Iowa, after spending ten days here visiting at the home of his sister in law, Mrs. James Earl and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry were hosts at a party at their home Thursday evening honoring those who had birthdays in February, those honored were Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. Ross Fields, Mrs. Bruce Alley, Mrs. Don Smith, R. J. Baker, Bernard Martin and Mrs. Perry.

Other guests included Earl Olds, Ross Fields, Bruce Alley, Don Smith, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Keiper. The evening was spent playing canasta with Mrs. Fields and Bernard Martin holding high scores and Mr. and Mrs. Baker low scores. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostess.

County Court Calls Counsellors For Road Confab

The county court is thinking again about a special tax for road purposes and as a step toward that possibility has called a meeting of the budget committee for Friday, March 3, at 10 a. m.

The probable costs and the requirements of the road system will be discussed at that time. The court has expressed the opinion that a millage of five mills for a term of years will be needed to repair and build the county roads although no definite program has so far been prepared.

At the end of February the county road fund contained some \$26,000 and the special road fund, voted several years ago still had over \$18,000 making a total of \$44,000. This is half of the road budget made last year indicating that the money available on July 1 1949 is not entirely expended.

Whether the voters of the county want to expend additional sums on the roads for construction would be the question they would have to decide. Funds are available now for maintenance and possibly some construction.

Pomona Grange Meets

Sherman County Pomona Grange met Saturday, February 25, at the Harland View grange hall.

Members partook of dinner at noon preceding the meeting which convened at 1:30 p. m.

The regular order of business was taken care of.

During the lecturer's hour Giles L. French, Representative from this district, spoke on Reapportionment.

C. A. Reed field man for Ace Flying Service, spoke on application of 24D and the problems it presents.

Mrs. Trace Fields, lecturer, presented additional numbers of a patriotic nature.

Pomona Grange will meet at Rufus the last Saturday in May.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, March 7, at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Flood Undermines Buildings Doing Much Damage



CONSERVATIONIST HERE

Lawrence Warren, work unit soil conservationist, was in town Monday from The Dalles where he has been living recently to hunt for a house and office space. He expects to be in the county for five years or more, directing the farmers about how to save their soil. Vernon Miller, chairman of the local soil conservation district was aiding Mr. Warren.

Tommy Foster Lucky In Crossing Accident

Tommy Foster had a close call from sudden death Monday evening about 6:30 when the Ford truck he was driving for the Moro Grain Growers collided with an engine tender on the railroad crossing at Wasco.

Foster was returning from The Dalles with 100 sacks of feed, mostly rolled oats, and was travelling at a speed estimated by others under 25 miles per hour. The train was pulling in to the Wasco depot. They met at an angle of about 45 degrees

and the front end of the truck was crumpled into a jumble of iron and steel.

Foster was thrown out of the cab and the steeringwheel was pushed back to the seat, the engine upended at a steep angle, the front bumper put nearly back to the dash.

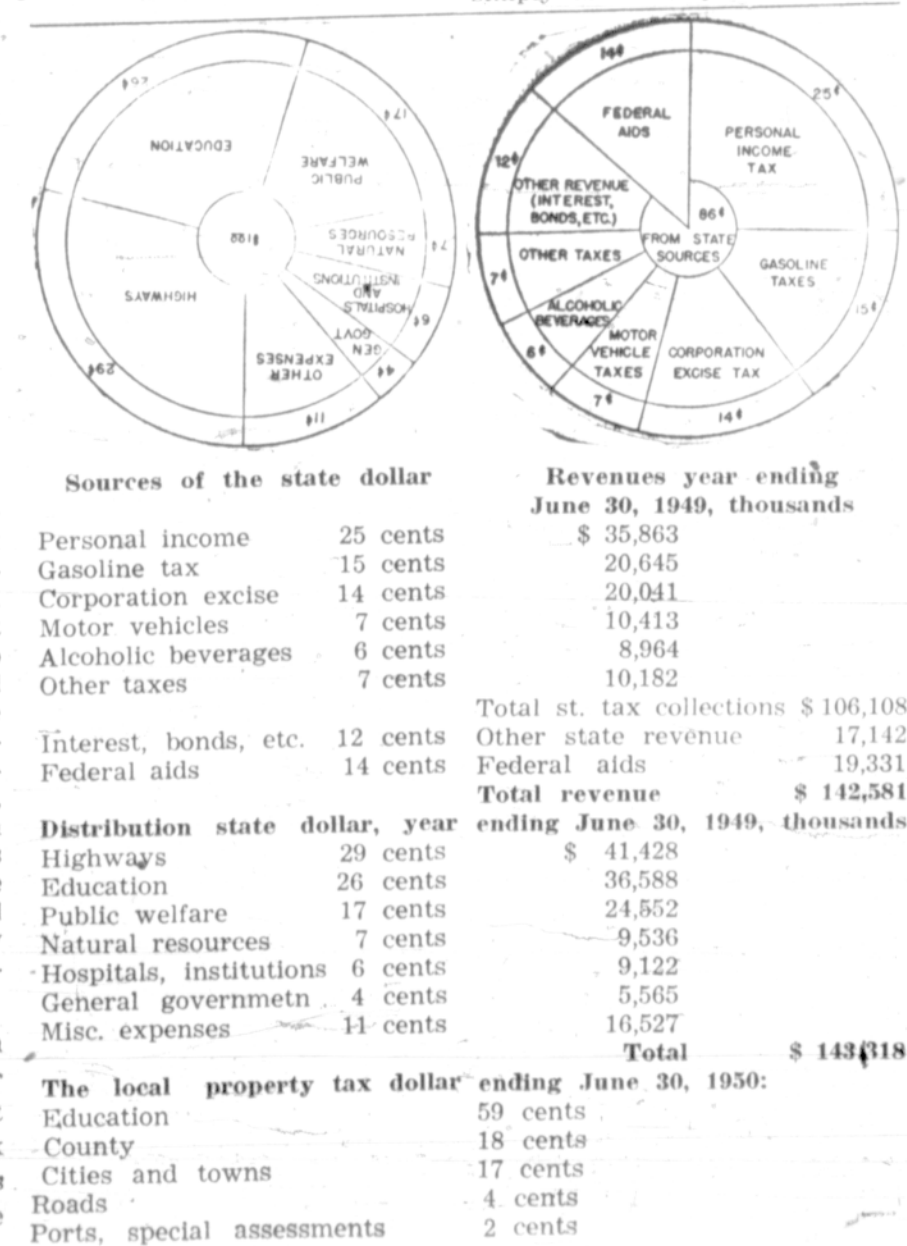
The load of feed was partly scattered although no great loss resulted to it. Another truck came to get the load and wreckers came to pick up the pieces of the old one.

Tommy Foster sustained no serious injuries. He has a bruised shoulder and arm and a small scratch on his head.

This Is How the State Finances Look In A Pie Chart Served With Statistics

For the benefits of the residents of Oregon who would like to know what becomes of the money they pay in taxes, the State Tax Commission has prepared a booklet to give the data.

Where the state dollar comes from and where it went in the year ending June 30, 1949 is presented in graphic form. The tax situation has never before been shown in this manner nor as simply and clearly explained.



Flood Damages Buildings Over Drainage Tunnel

The run-off of flood waters last Thursday washed out around the tunnel under the Ginn-Coleman building and the Schade-witz garage Thursday night and early Friday morning the front fell from a part of the garage and the wall between the two buildings dropped into the hole made by the washout. The roof on each building remained level but supports are loosened and they may collapse.

In addition to the damage done to the buildings the city street, newly paved, was undermined so that it is settling clear across and about a third of the street over the washout has fallen in. No one knows what happened. One theory is that the water broke over the top of the tunnel, another that the walls or floor broke and let water out into the dirt which was washed away. In any even the tunnel is of little use.

No definite conclusions have been reached as to what to do with the remains. The Ginn-Coleman building is owned by the John Karlen estate and the Schade-witz garage is owned by the Moro Grain Growers. Whether either or both will decide to repair the buildings is not known.

Several trucks were stored in the garage and groceries and household goods and a house trailer were stored in the Ginn-Coleman building which has been rented by the Platt Truck company in recent months.

The ditch made last summer to contain the water above the bridge at the fire house held it alright with no leakage. The fire house bridge however was not lowered and could not take the water which broke over the levee and flooded the park, later washing Railroad Avenue badly and doing some damage to the Moro Lumber & Fuel building.

BROTHERS MEET AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell of Dansville, Michigan and William Mitchell of Portland who have been reunited for the first time in 51 years have been guests during the past two weeks at the homes of William Mitchell's sons in law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bekkedahl. Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell left Monday for California on their return trip to Dansville. William Mitchell will remain at Kent for a short time.

The two brothers had not seen each other since William Mitchell left Dansville 51 years ago shortly after the marriage of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell. William Mitchell came to Vancouver, Wash., in 1904 where he married Mrs. Mitchell, the former May Howell in 1907. They moved to Kent in 1917 where they operated a ranch until 1936. During that time, Mr. Mitchell and R. P. Barnett contracted and built that section of the Wapinitia cut-off from the Maupin junction to Wapinitia. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell spent several years in Hermiston and moved to Portland in 1941 where they now reside.

FILEGEL OUT FOR OFFICE

State Senator Austin F. Flegel of Multnomah county, native Oregonian, lawyer and business man, today announced that he would be a candidate for Governor in the Democratic primaries.

In the State Senate, Flegel had one of the heaviest committee assignments of any senator.

In 1939 Flegel became executive vice-president of the Willamette Iron and Steel corporation and succeeded the late Amdece M. Smith as president of the corporation. He brought to Oregon its first ship-building contracts. Willamette was one of the first ship-building firms in the United States to receive the Navy "E" for efficiency and speed of production. At its peak of operations it employed more than 16,000 persons.

The Multnomah county senator is one of the leading spokesmen for the Columbia Valley Administration, and has advocated CV-A throughout Oregon as a benefit to agriculture, labor and business.