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COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM

The county court is concerned  
about roads. The people are also  
concerned about roads. The con-  
cern, however, does not appear  
to come from the same senti-  
ments.

The court feels, as expressed  
by the members earlier this  
month, that there is little wrong  
with the county road program  
that a few hundred thousand  
dollars would not cure. Probably  
\$40,000 or \$50,000 a year would  
be the curative dose preferred  
by the court.

The sovereign voters, judging  
from remarks and arguments  
heard when the subject is broach-  
ed, feel that better organization  
and management and perhaps  
engineering would be necessary  
before the money could be pro-  
perly used.

This editorial is not written  
to settle that difference, but to  
attempt to bring that difference  
to common grounds so it can be  
resolved into suitable action  
about roads.

Everyone agrees that the  
county road system is growing  
old and needs—and will need—  
much reconstruction to make it  
suitable to the demands on it.  
Our main county roads were  
graveled over 20 years ago and  
little new construction of a ma-  
jor sort has been done since  
that time by the county. The  
war and the depression were the  
causes and the blame does not  
properly rest upon the court,  
past or present.

It is the belief of this news-  
paper that the voters of Sher-  
man county would be willing to  
pay higher taxes for road con-  
struction if a suitable program  
was adopted and there was as-  
surance that it would be follow-  
ed and that the work would be  
done efficiently and economical-  
ly. The voters, we believe, are  
neither devoid of money nor of  
interest.

A suggestion was made at the  
discussion between court mem-  
bers and budgeteers that some  
contract work might be advis-  
able. That seems reasonable.

Certainly in these days of  
huge road contracts many con-  
tractors must have some heavy  
machinery that cannot be used  
on contracts won in the state  
bidding. Certainly these con-  
tractors would like to keep their  
men and machines busy. There  
must be times between contracts  
when contractors would appre-  
ciate a small job to keep crews  
occupied and machinery work-  
ing.

The county is fairly well  
equipped to do the maintenance  
work on the county roads. That  
is about all it has been doing  
for years. Both machinery and  
men are better adapted to main-  
tenance than to new construc-  
tion, which is now done by big-  
ger machinery than the county  
could efficiently own.

It seems reasonable to assume  
that a plan could be formulated  
that would provide for new  
work on a continuing basis that  
the taxpayers would approve.  
It would depend on the proper  
selection of jobs to be done by  
the county and upon the contrac-  
tor doing a good job for the  
money expended. It might be  
advantageous for both.

SET FOR PRIMARY

All entrants for the primary  
race are now listed officially at  
Salem or the county court  
houses. There will be nothing  
very exciting in the races for  
most offices although the battle  
in November may give voters  
an opportunity to make a choice  
between different philosophies of  
government.

Senator Morse has no competi-  
tion of note although Howard  
Latourette, who is running as a  
Jeffersonian Democrat, will get  
some sympathetic Republican  
votes this fall.

Congressmen generally have  
no competition equal to the task  
it would have to assume. Only  
exception may be that Carl Do-  
naugh may succeed Angell—  
but that would entail no change  
of political thinking.

Governor McKay will ride on  
to the general election without

a primary scuffle and is expect-  
ed to retain his seat for another  
term unless something changes  
the outlook. The three Demo-  
crats aspiring to the nomination  
against McKay all profess ad-  
herence to the state Democratic  
platform and it is doubtful if  
Oregonians would elect anyone  
supporting that document. How-  
ever, this is about the only cir-  
cumstance that may bring a change in  
public political policy.

Some 15 state senators are to  
be elected and 60 representatives  
out the things do not indicate  
a changed outlook on the part of  
candidates likely to be chosen.

County offices, here and else-  
where, have aspirants who  
would make little change if  
elected and in most cases the  
incumbents will probably pre-  
vail.

The outlook, then, is favorable.  
Oregon has made the greatest  
growth of any state. It has gone  
it with a smaller per capita tax  
load of any state. Its standing  
as to education ranks with the  
best as to teachers' pay and  
distribution of taxes—although  
some new school houses are  
needed. Oregon attracts new in-  
dustry because it has a reputa-  
tion of solid, conservative gov-  
ernment; a people unwilling to  
make sudden reversals of public  
policy. There is no indication  
that a change will be made this  
year. And when our record is  
the best, no change can be for  
the best.

WHY NOT BE STRONG

Alcoholism, drunkenness to  
most of us, is now being digni-  
fied as a disease instead of a  
habit. Science has taken hold of  
the weakness for alcohol and,  
not being satisfied to deal with  
a habit, has evolved a new set  
of fancy words and called it a  
disease of the nervous system.

One effect of this proposed  
change is that it takes drunken-  
ness out of ordinary hands and  
places it in the hands of the  
doctors and psychoanalysts and  
the anxious amateurs of Alco-  
holics Anonymous. There was a  
time when a wise old bartender  
was the best counselor on how  
much to drink and when.

We can't see that much of  
anything is going to be benefi-  
ted by making drunkens a dis-  
ease except the doctors incomes.  
Next thing smoking will be a  
disease and overeating, driving  
a car too fast or any other in-  
dulgence. We are willing to com-  
promise and call it a weakness.  
That still assumes that the in-  
dividual has some control over  
his actions which the term  
"disease" precludes.

Not much is going to be gain-  
ed for civilization if we find  
means to excuse our ills. It does  
away with the theory of individ-  
ual responsibility for personal  
actions without which society  
will come apart at the seams.

Being dissatisfied with one's  
mother-in-law, fear of losing a  
job, worrying about money, hav-  
ing various and sundry "repres-  
sions" may be reasons for drunk-  
ness but are not excuses for it.  
The easier we make it for the  
weak to escape responsibility  
for the results of their weakness  
the more weak people we will  
have. As a nation we are mak-  
ing too many excuses for our-  
selves.

SPRING?

Some of the more rugged are  
going without their coats and  
lighter garb is on every back.  
The sun shines brightly as it  
nears the equinox although the  
wind blows from the snow fields  
unwarmed. The grass grows but  
slowly and only the more favor-  
ed slopes are green.

A week ago spring seemed at  
hand and we were just as hope-  
ful. Then came another bit of  
snow, eight inches of it. And that  
isn't exactly springlike. There  
are a few pussy-willows out  
and early flowers are pushing  
out of the chilly soil. Remem-  
bering history it seems safe to  
predict that spring will come.  
It always has.

But we would like to be as-  
sured, to have some sign that  
this sunny day is really a har-  
binger of the vernal season. Let  
it be balmy for a week, balmy  
enough to be impelling so that  
the calves would frolic in the  
pasture, wheat fields would turn  
green, lawns lose their yellow  
cast, housewives till their gar-  
den plots, robins listen for work-  
ing worms, children pick butter-  
cups.

It has been cold so long—and  
so drearily still fears another  
chill. Let us have a time, how-  
ever short, in which one can  
lay on the ground and watch  
the clouds slowly move across  
the blue sky and feel that na-  
ture is with us instead of again-  
st us again.

Raid on gamblers seem more  
frequent since the Wallows  
county matter made such things  
prominent. It is about time for  
a post-war season of better  
morals to supersede the laxity  
that first follows wars, but the  
evidence that it is here is very  
slight.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, Mar. 17, 1911  
Married: At the home of the  
bride Mr. John Thogerson and  
Miss Grace Byers, March 15.  
Fee for saloon license at Was-  
co is \$750.

D. Baker has resigned from  
Crossfield employment and re-  
ported to the Spokane club of  
the Northwestern baseball lea-  
gue.

W. D. Wallan has been ap-  
pointed county treasurer in place  
of Capt. W. Stanley, who is mov-  
ing away.

Grass Valley J. Mar. 11, 1921

A maxim we read printed on  
a postal card in circulation Mon-  
day bears a thought well worth  
remembering: "Neither God nor  
the government should be asked  
to help those who will not help  
themselves."

It is expected that work on  
the Sherman Electric line will  
begin Monday 21st.  
S. B. Holmes, wife and daugh-  
ter, returned from a winter  
sent at Oakland, Calif., and re-  
port a good time.

Sherman County J. Mar. 20, 1931  
City of Moro officials signed a  
contract for purchase of the  
Conlee well.

Baseball started with the pro-

mise of teams from Rufus, Was-  
co, Moro, Grass Valley and Kent.  
Edna Crowfoot and Eben Kee  
were married in Portland last  
week and are now at home at  
the Kee ranch north of Grass  
Valley.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Divine worship at the Grass  
Valley Methodist church next  
Sunday, March 19, at three  
o'clock in the afternoon with  
Rev. H. Gravenor delivering the  
sermon.

A drivers license examiner  
will be in Moro Tuesday, March  
21, 1950, at the courthouse be-  
tween the hours of 10 a. m. and  
3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of  
Richmond who are a brother  
in law and sister of Mrs. Trace  
Fields were callers at the Fields'  
home Saturday afternoon and  
evening. The Fields' recent  
guests had to see the new home  
which the Trace Fields' are  
building beside the highway just  
east of Rufus. The progress on  
the house hasn't been as rapid  
as they had hoped for when  
they began building. Several un-  
expected difficulties were en-  
countered, but they hope to be  
moved by May.

Mrs. Clara Macnab of The  
Dalles was a Saturday night  
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leland  
Medler.

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

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.  
Meets on the 1st and  
3rd Thursday evenings  
each month. Visiting  
members cordially in-  
vited 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.

Marvin Howell, N. G.  
Leo Watkins, 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

Mr. and Mrs. James Fox spent  
the latter part of the week and  
the week end at their farm at  
Corbett. They returned home  
Monday.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given Guy C.  
Andrews, Administrator of the  
Estate of Antone F. Sandvick,  
deceased, has filed in the County  
Court of the State of Oregon,  
for Sherman County, his final  
Account and the Court has set  
the 25th day of April, 1950, in  
the office of the County Clerk  
in the County Court house at  
Moro, Oregon at 10:00 o'clock a.  
m. as the time and place for the  
settlement of said accounting  
and for hearing objections to the  
same, if any.

GUY C. ANDREWS  
Administrator  
J. Tracy Barton  
The Dalles, Oregon  
Attorney for the Estate. 20-23c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims  
against the estate of Emma J.  
Sayrs, deceased, are hereby not-  
ified to present them, in proper  
form, to the undersigned, the  
duly appointed, qualified and  
acting Executor of the Last Will  
and Testament of Emma J.  
Sayrs, deceased, at the office  
of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro,  
Oregon, within six months from  
the date of this notice, to wit:

Carroll Sayrs  
Geo. G. Updegraff  
Attorney for Executor 17-20c

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Best way to spruce up a telephone is with a soft, dry cloth... never with water, or any other liquid.

HOW TO TREAT YOUR TELEPHONE

Suggestions to help protect your service



1. A twisted cord can lead to trouble. Although the  
wires are especially designed for flexibility, too many  
twists and kinks may eventually break them and inter-  
fere with service until a repairman can call. Good  
idea to get the curls out by letting the receiver dangle  
and unwind by itself. . . . keep them out by  
remembering, each time you call, not to put turns in  
the cord as you handle the receiver.



2. It's built to take it . . . but your telephone can  
develop ailments if it's dropped. So make sure the  
stand it sits on is solid and is in a spot where it won't  
be accidentally bumped. Other ways to help protect  
service: Avoid "gadget" attachments for your tele-  
phone . . . keep cords clear of doorways where they  
may be pinched . . . and always keep water away from  
wires and fittings.

3. Did you ever stop to think that your telephone  
is one service or piece of equipment in your home  
that's repaired and maintained for life at no extra cost  
to you? This maintenance is one of the values in-  
cluded in the rates you pay for service . . . rates that  
make it one of your really good buys today.

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