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GREEN AGAIN

The wheat, slowly and unevenly, is turning green in the sown fields and a few days of warm weather would make half the county a bright lively green again. It is green with promise, too, the promise of bountiful harvests; there is potential bread grain for 600,000 people growing in the green fields of Sherman county. That is enough to feed all of Portland and perhaps a couple of other good sized cities as well.

The grass is coming on the hillsides and cattle are hustling after the tender but not very strengthening grass. Many of these cattle mean beef for the tables of the state. Perhaps enough to feed 100,000 persons their beef for the year. And to furnish them shoes and leather coats and saddles for their riding horses.

The state will be rich as long as fields like this are fertile and continue to produce, as long as there are men able and accustomed to farm them and tend the animals.

Farmers like to produce. It is a part of farming. They call it a successful year when they can cooperate with nature and produce good crops and big ones. The farmer likes to be paid for it, too, because he enjoys the good things of life as well as any. But to the farmer who follows his way of life by preference the recompense of making things grow is of primary importance.

Success may be measured in doing things well, in caring for the soil so it yields, in plowing and cultivating and sowing and harvesting so nature responds with bounty sufficient for those who need food. A good farmer is like a good cook who likes to see others enjoy the product of her handiwork.

Here in this little county is growing the food for thousands, it is a county small in acres but only two counties in Oregon have larger tilled acreages. People who would scorn its size live by its efficiently grown food.

Food is the most important thing in the world. Men live by it no matter what their spiritual creed. As our fields turn green there is promise that again we can feed the city its bread and cake and buns and hotcakes. It is important.

TAX COMING

The state budget director and the state tax commission have released some figures on state finance that should and will interest everyone who pays, or may pay taxes. That includes everyone who toils or who owns the land or implements of toil.

Roughly the surplus at the end of the last biennium was some \$56,000,000. (It was a surplus in one sense of the word.) At the end of the fiscal year in June it will be roughly \$46 million. Estimating expenditures on a basis lower than history indicates the state will drop to a deficit of \$32 million by the end of the biennium ending June 30, 1953, according to the compilation.

The figures for income are kept at the same sum. \$18 for excise tax and \$32 million for income tax although by no stretch of the imagination could they remain the same for four years. First estimate of the tax commission was \$25 million income from income taxes.

The estimate is made without considering the imposition of any more levies. Should the people vote the soldiers bonus and the additional basic school fund the deficit would rise to \$50,759,976. And if welfare costs continue to grow there would be a larger deficit than that.

Valuations are being raised and millages already voted are growing in size although limited by the six percent amendment.

It must be remembered that the people of Oregon vote their own taxes and also vote their own expenditures. The legisla-

ture is without power to vote new taxes and put them into effect without giving time for a referendum. Most of the huge costs now on the state came from initiative measures, measures voted by the people themselves. It has become popular to take such propositions to the people who of late have been softer than the legislature.

Well, so what if the people want pensions and schools and bonuses bad enough to pay the taxes for them they have the means to do it. It will mean a state millage of probably 20 or about double Sherman county's tax load. Under present laws it will be the property owner who will pay the additional amount.

If the people prefer economy and a slower route to the things desired they have the power over that, too. They can vote NO on measures that cost additional money. There has been no known way except bankruptcy (almost impossible for a state) to obtain the bounties that free spending bring except higher taxes. Too often the ones who pay the taxes are not the ones who receive the benefits. The tendency has been to vote more and more expenses because income taxes have been plentiful.

The state officials now report the end of that era.

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WHAT'S A POOR CITY GOING TO DO?

Estimates of over \$20,000 for construction of a bridge across First street and for another \$5000 for digging a new channel put the flood of February in the major disaster class.

The city last year bonded itself for \$8500 for water and drainage purposes and of this amount \$1000 has been paid. Final payment should be made in 1950.

About 18 years ago the city was in debt around \$75,000 including unpaid interest and delinquent warrants. By scrapping and delaying and some varying methods the city got out of debt and held a celebration over that fact, a conclusion that seemed improbable, if not impossible, at one time. With glee the bonds were chewed to bits with a cutter.

Now in one afternoon's flood it appears possible that the city may be half way up the same ladder of indebtedness.

Means of doing the job cheaper are being looked for. If First street is to be bridged the consensus of opinion is that the bridge should reach clear across the street. A shorter bridge would cost almost as much anyway. Nothing less than solid construction seems feasible. It should be 20 feet wide and eight feet deep. Even that will not assure that all floods will pass through it. Some floods are too big for any channel smaller than half the flat.

It might be possible to have the U. S. engineers survey the drainage area of Barnum canyon and prepare a report. After that it would be necessary to obtain an appropriation from congress and wait our turn for construction. It is doubtful if the engineers would build the bridge although they would certainly dig a drainage ditch within a couple of years.

It might be possible to let the whole thing go and resign ourselves to building a new street every year—sometimes twice.

If there is any among the citizenry of the community with an idea that will make it possible to do the job of repairing the damage for a cheaper price his ideas will be listened to with gratitude. It is a ten thousand dollar idea that is needed.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, April 7, 1911

The earth was covered with two one-half inches of beautiful snow Tuesday morning.

Thirty nine votes were cast at the city election. Dr. O. J. Goffin was elected mayor; H. U. Martin, L. Barnum, F. A. Sayers and O. A. Ramsey, councilmen.

Fred Peetz shipped several sacks of Burbank potatoes to Pease & Co. at Shaniko.

Henry Ruggles and others who had been trying their luck in Wallawa county are back in Sherman county.

From the Grass Valley Journal

April 8, 1921

I. D. Pike who has been at White Salmon for two weeks, will open a tire repair shop soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer have a new baby boy at their place, arriving Wednesday, April 6.

The best price a farmer could get for his wheat at The Dalles was 95 cents.

Walter Byers and Miss Fay Howell drove to Madras Wednesday and came back Mr. and Mrs. Byers.

From Sherman County Journal

THE AMERICAN WAY



Can't Be Done With the Girl Friend Aboard

Rufus News of People, Churches, Weather

By Mrs. George L. Fox

The grange hall was decorated in spring flowers Wednesday evening when the Rufus grange put on the third and fourth degree work. William Huck, captain of the degree team had charge of the work.

Grange opened by the degree master E. C. Eaton after the officer marched into the hall with the seating drill. Singers for the grange were Mrs. Leo Watkins and Howard Belshee. Mrs. Geo. Fox played the marches and the songs. Candidates coming from Harland View grange to take the degrees were Norval Lane, Bert and Irene Belshee, Victor and Gladys Lane, Sam and Emma May Alberty and from Rufus were Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Johnson. George Drinkard another candidate of the Rufus grange was ill that evening.

Coming from The Dalles to attend grange were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belshee, Mrs. C. P. Adams and Mrs. Mary Wilson.

Mrs. Luther Steward, Mrs. Harland McDonald and Mrs. George Fox assisted by other ladies of the Home Economics club served supper buffet style to more than fifty people. After the supper hour, square dancing and Paul Jones dances were enjoyed by the crowd.

Joe Morris and Donal Brislain took the 4-H club Forestry club on an overnight camping

April 10, 1931

The Moro Commercial club hears state representatives Yates and Snell with many present.

Hay canyon and Harlandview are preparing baseball teams for a battle next Sunday.

Loading facilities for barges are being planned along the Columbia between The Dalles and Arlington.

The Grass Valley-Moro baseball game was rained out with Moro ahead.

George G. Updegraff

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home again by Mrs. Brackett. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hilderbrand who are here from Hood River for spring work, were Sunday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields. The Fields took their guests to see their new home in Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox spent Wednesday in Mayville visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greiner.

Leland Medler was dismissed Saturday from the hospital where he had spent nine days after an operation. Medler though now home will have to spend several weeks on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tom and children left Friday for Portland to spend the week end with Mrs. Tom's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Langford of The Dalles gave a birthday dinner Sunday at their home honoring their granddaughter, Miss Joan Brackett. Also invited were Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and son Jerry.

The Boys club met at the Fay Brackett home Tuesday evening. The boys are beginning new airplane models. Most of the boys are making flag ship planes but Bill Coats is making a Black Widow, a more difficult model.

Rev. Tom Weatherby will give a special revival meeting and singing at the Rufus church beginning April 11 and to last until April 23. Services will begin at 7:45 p. m. and will be every night excepting Saturday.

The Young People's society of the Rufus church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris Friday night for a weiner roast. About thirty people were out to enjoy the big bonfire for which Morris has been saving his old trees. Games were played during the evening.

Mrs. Leo Dumler and sons Wally and Donny of Salem arrived Saturday to spend a few days visiting relatives here. They are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Macnab. The children at Salem have a vacation from school all this week. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson left Sunday to spend a couple days in Portland visiting their

son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Willard. While they were gone Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown took care of their motel.

Going from Rufus to Harland to attend the old fashioned dance given Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huck, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mathleson drove to Pendleton Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hyrdron. Judy Hyrdron returned home with her grandparents for a visit until Easter.

Motoring to Yakima Saturday night to see a special show were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peck.

Joe Morris and son Wally visited friends in Dufur Sunday afternoon while Mrs. Morris stopped off in The Dalles to take in a show.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given Guy C. Andrews, Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. 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

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN KARLEN, DECEASED.

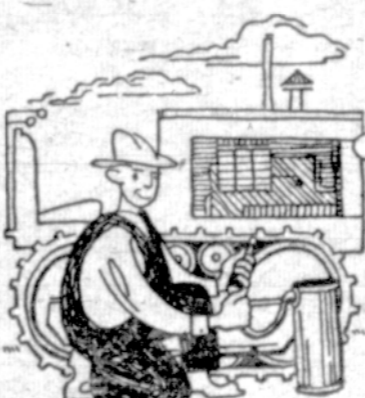
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, as the Administrator of the Estate of John Karlen, deceased, under and by virtue of an order of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 23rd day of March, 1950, in the matter of the Estate of John Karlen, deceased, will sell at private sale, in one or several parcels, to the highest bidder, under the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to confirmation of the above entitled Court,

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