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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

"You may burn my body to ashes and scatter them to the winds of heaven; you may drag my soul down to the regions of darkness and despair to be tormented forever; but you will never get me to support a measure which I believe to be wrong although doing so I may accomplish that which I believe to be right", Abraham Lincoln, taken from a speech at Springfield.

Requirements for job applications often make mandatory certain years of schooling. How much wiser it would be to demand certain knowledge instead of time. In other words what is learned is of more importance than the time spent learning it.

The old time horseman is pretty much a thing of the past mostly, we suppose, because there are so few horses. Slim West who trains the horses on the Laffoon ranch still has the knack of understanding and being understood by horses. He trains colts to neck rein with a short bit of rope around their necks and no bridle. The spade bit boys of another era wouldn't believe it but it's so.

TTWN
A reader would like to know why Gordon Ridge is so named. It was named for one Thomas Gordon, described as a large dark man of Scotch or Irish ancestry who took up a homestead along the Deschutes river in sections one and twelve in 1851 in very early days.

He was established and had built a bridge in 1867 when Governor Wood came to this part of the state to make his cursory inspection of the road for the Dalles Military road company officials. The story is (now unprovable) that the bridge was so weak that the company officials did not dare drive the team and buckboard across themselves. Detractors have it that the governor was in a liquid state of extreme tolerance and accepted the road. The record shows that he did accept the road after brief inspection but does not give the details of the bridge.

The late Walter Carlisle used to tell some great stories about Thomas Gordon, who was primarily a horse raiser but who often added to his income by some very good luck at poker. He planted an orchard along the river and some trees still remain. One of his sons shot one of the Walkers who had a homestead farther up the ridge in a dispute over a fenced-in road which ran from the Gordon place over Gordon ridge to join the military road. George Gordon, son of Thomas, was in Sherman county some years ago shortly before his death at Yakima. The Gordons are said to have raised the Indian boy Peire Chucherie, but his is another story.

TTWN
We successfully passed the saddest day of the year last week with bare notice so happy were people with the crop-reviving rain. We refer to June 21, the longest day of the year and we call it the saddest because after it we have six months of declining daylight until the happiest day comes next December to start a day lengthening process.

TTWN
They were saying that an elderly gentleman was a philosopher which might have been true although it did seem that he was merely old enough to not give a damn.

TTWN
Makers of and sellers of firecrackers prate about the patriotism indicated by the explosion of them. Yet a brief observance will prove that few who shoot firecrackers look like students of history. Rather they more resemble the kind of people who honk horns in tunnels; the kind who like to make noise.

TTWN
Someone has said that what's wrong with the newspaper business was to many reporters and not enough editors. A short time ago it was said that too many writers were putting their own ideas in their copy. Oh, well.

Wasco Wins Easy 10-0 Game From The Dalles

Wasco defeated The Dalles Sunday by a decisive score of 10-0 and had little trouble doing it. Wasco hitters hit safely 15 times off the slants of Jerry Clements while Risikosky was holding The Dalles to four. Each team made six errors.

The only chance to even the score The Dalles had was in the sixth when the bases were loaded, through a hit by Clements a walk to Brumbaugh and a slant off Kiel's ribs. But Kerbs hit a little foul to Harvey and Clements fled out to Van Gilder in center to end the inning. The Dalles made two double plays during the game.

But all these efforts were in vain as Wasco scored in six of their eight innings and hit safely in every inning but the seventh. O'Meara made two, D. Richelderfer two, Risikosky one, Adams three, Tom two, H. Richelderfer two, White one and Harvey, who has developed an eye for hitting lately made three.

Next Sunday Wasco plays Goldendale on the home grounds and the fans who have begun to wonder if the team's luck will last all season, may see the locals up against a harder team than of late.

Field Day At Station Set For July 7

The annual field day at the experimental station will be held July 7, Friday and begin at 1:30 p.m. Standard time, says George Mitchell.

In addition to the usual sights to be seen on the station the fertilizer trials are considered interesting this year. Two new winter wheats, ready for distribution, will be shown. They are Brevor, a common type headed wheat and Elmar, a club headed variety, both of which are smut resistant.

At the nursery Bill Hall will show off some varieties of winter barley. Everyone is invited to attend and make the field trip.

A Circus Is Coming To Town Monday

All arrangements have been completed for the exhibiting of the Seal Bros. Circus in Wasco, July 3, at the circus grounds.

Seal Bros. Circus and animal exhibition features a show replete with all new features and bright and colorful new equipment, bringing a circus which offers two hours of good, clean, wholesome entertainment with a host of famed Big Top favorites who will leave the audiences breathless with excitement, thrills and pleasures.

Two performances at 2 and 8 p.m. Doors open one hour earlier.

About the County

The Eakin family reunion was held at Bear Springs Sunday, June 25, when a large number of relatives and friends gathered for a pot luck dinner at noon. Mrs. O. N. Ruggles and Mrs. L. D. Eakin of The Dalles had charge of the program. C. H. Beard of The Dalles was the speaker, his subject was "You Better Look Out or You Will Get a Crew Cut". Mrs. Ruggles gave a reading from the Eakin family, Bonnie Jean Andrews of Parkdale sang "Galloway Bay" and records were played. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Eakin, Mrs. Lottie Dillinger and Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Dillinger, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hartzell of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eakin and family, Mrs. Paul Herzberg, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blaylock, Orville Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Smith and son, Lowell, Bill Smith, Mrs. Ed Wakefield and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eakin and family from Powell Butte.

The American Legion auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Glenn Perry Wednesday afternoon with 14 members present. Mrs. Marcus Esslinger, president presided at the business meeting. Officers were installed as follows: Mrs. Harry Young, president; Mrs. Charles Ferrigo, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Gene Reynolds, treasurer. Not present were Mrs. Robert Tatum, 1st vice-president Mrs. Frank Sayrs, secretary; Mrs. J. E. Norton, historian and Mrs. Donald MacInnes, assistant historian.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Todd left Saturday for Mollala to visit their son Lawrence Todd and family before they leave June 30 for the Mission fields in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brock and Mrs. Ed Alley were in The Dalles Sunday to visit their mother, Mrs. John Hays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and daughter, Phyllis and Mrs. Bert Cox left Saturday afternoon for Portland after Mrs. Rust received word her father, Bill Hayes, died of a heart attack. Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Geraldine Rust went down Tuesday for the funeral.

A party will be held Saturday evening July 1, at the I.O.O.F. hall for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pausch. The public is invited.

Jim Jones, scout leader, and Herman Peters took the boy scouts on an over night trip to Rock Creek dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eakin and family returned Monday from a trip to California.

Jesse Helyer brought Mrs. Helyer and small son home last week from The Dalles after spending sometime at the home of her mother, Mrs. Herman Schilling.

Bill Holmes, R. J. Baker, and A. A. Dunlap attended a North Pacific Grain Growers annual meeting held in Spokane Sunday and Monday June 18 and 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson and daughter, Janice, of Lyle, Wn., spent Sunday at the Fred Cox home.

George Fox Jr. shot a young coyote with his 22 rifle Monday afternoon. In the morning, when the Foxes were riding the pastures along the John Day, a mother coyote and four young ones were seen sunning themselves in the canyon just north of Box canyon. When George Fox and his sons went in the afternoon with their rifles to try to get them they found just the mother and two young ones. All got away except the one George Jr. shot. The coyotes get very bold, and help themselves to the farmers chickens if given a chance.

Mrs. David Richelderfer and Mrs. Roland Johnson are giving a shower Wednesday June 28 at the Johnson farm home honoring Mrs. Gordon Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Melvon Brady of Portland spent the last week end visiting friends in Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan are taking their vacation at this time. Mrs. Jordan is the Rufus postmistress and while away, Mrs. W. E. Rice is taking care of the mail and the Jordan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins who have been residing in Moro are fixing up the Bill Oehman place and are going to make it their home. Mr. Watkins is farming the wheat land on the place, which is owned by L. E. Kaseberg.

Miss Eleanor Fox came home Tuesday from Corvallis where she is a senior in secretarial science and education. Miss Fox stayed at the Kappa Delta house of which she is a member to help with 4-H summer school. She will spend the summer on the ranch with her parents.

The farmers are working their summer fallow at this time after the big rains we had a couple of weeks ago. They like to get the fallow in good shape before harvest begins, so no green weeds will be seen to distract them from the harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds returned home last week from Medford where they spent a few days visiting their son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bruckert of Moro visited Wednesday evening at the A. F. Balzer home. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lemley took their daughter to The Dalles last week for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons were in The Dalles recently to visit his father, Fred Stradley at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Canavero came last Monday from Los Gatos, Calif., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb and her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Logan and son Robert of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Weld and daughter, Mrs. Ronald Rosling and son of Lowell arrived Monday evening to visit Mrs. Logan's and Mrs. Weld's parents, the J. S. Newcombs.

Mrs. Bonnie Kaasa and grand-son, Dennis Davidson of Tacoma, Wn., left Wednesday for their home after spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger.

about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Winners at the Arabian horse show held in Portland this week were Mrs. Marjorie Van Gilder who took third with a jumper, Mr. Nifty and first within the half bred pleasure class with the same entry. Miss Faye Thompson took several prizes with Mayrene and Hara Zeyd, purebred Arabians. Miss Thompson now lives at Eugene.

Mrs. Robert Fairfield and sons are here from Oakland, California to visit awhile with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee and Mrs. Elizabeth Schaeffer and her brother, Max. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barzee were up from Portland to complete the family group.

F. H. Young, manager of Oregon-Business and Tax Research, was in Moro Monday on a trip to see the glories of eastern Oregon.

Homer Belshee is here for the harvest season and again working for Tom Fraser.

Sheriff Fields has had several guests at his hostelry this week including Calvin Ellis of Vernonia who had been caught driving while under the influence who spent days and will not legally drive for a year; Paul Gray, who was under the influence but not in a car and the old reliable Cy Smith and Billy Whiz, whose capacity for potables overcame their discretion.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jones went to Portland Sunday where he underwent an operation for removal of a growth on his vocal cords. How he is doing has not been learned.

MELZER-COATS

The wedding of Nell Lorraine Coats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats of Wasco and Harold Melzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Melzer of Moro was an event of Sunday at the Moro Community church. Rev. W. W. Gearhart officiated.

The bride, in white satin with long train and veil carried the traditional bouquet of gardenias and pink roses, was accompanied by her sister, Lois as maid of honor wearing lavender taffeta and carrying yellow gladioli. The bridesmaids, Patricia Kaseberg and Norma Hardie wore yellow taffeta and carried lavender gladioli. The candle lighters were gownned in yellow and blue and were Priscilla Melzer and Carol Johnson of Lyon, Oregon.

Little Mary Ann Coats as flower girl was pretty in a white satin gown like the bride and the ring bearer, David Rutschmann of Dayton accompanied her in a linen suit.

Wayne Melzer was best man and other brothers, Millard and Vernon were ushers.

A reception was held in the social room of the church after the wedding and refreshments were served from the table where the appropriately decorated wedding cake was placed.

After a few days on the coast the couple will return to Sherman county for the summer. He will continue his studies at Oregon Institute of Technology this fall.

Moro Council To Start Work Soon On New Bridge

The city of Moro, through its council, reached a tentative agreement with Bert Ferren Tuesday night on construction of a bridge across First street and the digging of a ditch to change the course of flood waters.

Mr. Ferren, who is a Portland contractor, will begin immediately to dig across the channel and fill the old channel.

The type of bridge that will be built is not entirely decided although, unless difficulties now unforeseen present themselves, a concrete bridge will be built with deep pillars, no floor, steel reinforced top, 52 feet long and with a carrying capacity of 180 square feet. The plans are at present to lay the sewer in a new ditch where it will have better alignment than in the old water course.

The council also granted a building permit to Carrel Bennett to construct a two car garage on his lots in Block two and made some suggestions about enforcement of the parking ordinance and the rules about riding vehicles on the sidewalk.

Republicans Choose County Officers

The Republican central committee met at the court house Saturday afternoon and organized for the two year term by re-electing Mrs. Howard Conlee chairman, E. D. McKee vice-chairman, Gles French, secretary, Mrs. B. Estelle Halley, treasurer.

Other officers chosen were Mrs. Ernest Shull and Frank von Borstel congressional committeemen, E. D. McKee, Mrs. B. Estelle Halley, A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Clara Rolfe and Mrs. Collis Moore nominating committee and Gles French and Mrs. Collis Moore, alternates for the chairman and vice-chairman at the state meeting.

Mrs. Halley agreed to act as finance chairman and aid the chairman in financial matters. L. P. Haven was named to fill the place left vacant by the death of Kenneth Walker as committeeman from Klondike.

MACNAB-HAZELTON

At a nuptial Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in The Dalles, Miss Junietta Hazelton became the bride of George Macnab at 10 a. m. Saturday, June 10, Father Roden saying mass. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Junietta P. Hazelton of Kansas City, and a niece of Howard Pratt of Wasco with whom she has made her home for sometime. The groom is a son of Mrs. Bee Macnab of The Dalles. Both are well known in this community.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Howard Pratt, wore a white gown with lace fitted bodice, marquisette skirt, and a finger tip veil caught with a pearl tiara. She carried a red rose corsage on a white prayer book with sweet Williams cascading down in front. Mrs. Hazelton, mother of the bride, wore a black lace over lime green taffeta dress, black lace hat, pink rose corsage; Mrs. Macnab, mother of the groom, wore a navy suit and hat with pink trimming and pink rose corsage. Miss Delberta Elkington, maid of honor, wore a blue marquisette gown with cap sleeves, a square neckline with a fitted bodice and a full skirt. Misses Barbara and Dorothy Zeleny, cousins of the bride were flower girls. Bob Macnab, a brother of the groom, was best man.

The church was decorated in snapdragons, peonies and glads. Following the ceremony, the wedding party enjoyed a breakfast at The Dalles hotel. In the afternoon a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pratt at Wasco. Spring flowers had been placed thru-out the rooms. The four tiered cake was white with pink rose buds topped with bride and groom and served by Mrs. Howard Pratt. Mrs. Donald Macnab, sister in law of the groom, served the punch from a crystal bowl and matching cups. Mrs. Keith McDonald presided at the guest book.

Three Girls Tell Of Experiences At Club Meeting

Three girls gave the program at the Sherman County club Wednesday noon and covered the activities of the younger set with three reports on girls state, 4-H summer school and a cooking club.

Diane Christianson told of her experiences at Salem attending Girls' State with 180 other girls who were divided into six groups to better give them information about city, county and state government. They elected officers and Diane was a state representative. They heard speakers tell about the importance of government including Lawson McCall, Capt. Bill Browne, Mayor Lee and Senator Wilcox.

Joan Eakin reported on her trip to summer school where she had classes about food, home making, kinds of new fabrics, color and design as well as many meetings and time out to have fun with new acquaintances.

Sherry Woods told of the Baker's Eight 4-H cooking class and what it had done under the supervision of Mrs. Tommy Thompson during the spring months.

Officers were elected as nominated at a previous meeting and an invitation to meet with the Home Economics club at Rufus was received. That date will be in October.

High Water Menace To Farmers

The Columbia river at Rufus has seeped into the low part of the Rufus orchards, and some damage to the trees is feared by the owners. The seepage does not lower very fast when the river is dropping, but remains for quite awhile. The John Day river is dropping, too, and it is hoped it will not leave any mud flats along the river's edge to catch the cattle that graze in the pastures. In other years when the river has been high it left soft mud along its banks, and as the cattle try to walk through it to get a drink they become mired down and are unable to get out without help. If they aren't found in time they soon die. The pasture owners have to move their stock to higher ground when this happens.

Earl T. Jones Dies Suddenly At Boise

Word has been received in Wasco of the death of Earl T. Jones who was buried last Friday in Boise where he has been manager of the First National bank for many years. He died suddenly while cutting the lawn earlier in the week.

Earl Jones came to Wasco from Marion county when a young man and started to work for the Barnett bank where he remained until the banks were consolidated. He lived in Wasco until the depression closed all banks.

Survivors are his widow, Moree (Gollther), a son Stanley, working in a bank in Caldwell, Ida., two brothers in Boise and his mother in Salem.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

The weather departed from its chill of the post rain period this week and turned warm again. Some folks still comparing it to the past week, thought it hot.

Mrs. Karl Landstrom and daughters are here from Portland this week while Mr. Landstrom is on a trip for the government bureau for which he works.

Mr. and Mrs. Keneth Young left Tuesday. They will go to New York where he will enter Columbia university to work on his doctor's degree. He hopes to spend a month in army camp to keep active his reserve officers status.

Members and friends of the First Baptist church of Grass Valley are invited to a basket dinner following the morning service next Sunday at the church. Quarterly business meeting will follow.

County Court Pays Claims and Taxes For May; Continues Requests

CONDENSED REPORT OF COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS JUNE 7 TERM

Treasurer's and Clerk's financial reports as of May 31 presented and filed.

Claims allowed against all funds as presented.

Road foreman reports on proposed closure of County Road.

Resolution adopted re: closure of road petitioned for by Kenneth Sather et al.

Requests of W. C. Fuller, Sadie Rich et al for road and bridge improvement referred to road foreman.

Transfer of title to Kent Legion Hall held under consideration.

Order placed with Moro Lumber & Fuel Co. for fencing materials for Rufus-Scott Canyon road.

G. M. C. dump truck acquired from Service Motor Company.

No further matters being at issue adjournment ensued.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON. GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR MAY, 1950, APPROVED JUNE 7, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT

GENERAL FUND:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Elsie Jones, P.M. \$5.00; Norman E. Fields, \$3.57; Norman E. Fields, \$60.00

CLERK'S OFFICE: Elsie Jones P.M. \$10.00

COUNTY COURT: Vernon I. Miller, \$25.60; Chas. F. Metsker, \$12.15

JUSTICE COURT: West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$34.40

COURTHOUSE: Frank Mullen, \$26.27; City of Moro, \$13.50; Ivan Kirkelle, \$3.00; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$48.10; C. Mersinger, \$1.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$26.89

DEMOSS PARK: Don DeMoss \$9.90; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$0.95

ELECTIONS: Judges, etc., \$336.15; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$10.30

CORONER: E. M. Alley \$27.80; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., \$2.80

EMERGENCY: Arthur Van Gilder, \$8.00; H. O. Kunsman \$280.00

COUNTY PRINTING: \$7.80

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: \$7.50

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER:

\$50.00

RETIREMENT: \$64.89

MISCELLANEOUS: State Industrial Accident Commission, \$11.60; First National Bank, \$132.00; State Tax Commission, \$17.65; Public Employees Retirement System \$163.21; National Hospital Association, \$10.50

ROAD FUND: WAGES: Frank Bazzel, \$280.15; E. McPherson, \$216.87; Earl Rehr, \$193.13; H. A. Shields, \$244.02; Frank E. Bayer, \$247.56; Geo. H. DeMoss, \$205.19; Joe Drinkard, \$275.52; Jason Glenn, \$243.10; First National Bank, \$91.10; State Tax Commission, \$21.46; Public Employees Retirement System, \$97.20

WEED CONTROL: J. K. McKeane Co., \$1590.00; Keith McDonald, \$66.91; John Belloni \$4.28

REPAIRS: O'Meara Supply Imp. Co., \$11.02; Arstill-Monroe Pontiac, \$40.83; Wasco Motor Co., \$14.00; Pump, Pipe & Power Co., \$50.90; Interstate Tractor & Equip. Co., \$138.60; Smith Auto Parts, \$2.97; Howard Cooper

Corp., \$1.88; L. H. Pierce Auto Service, \$7.76; J. K. McKeane Co., \$17.17; Contractors Equip. Corp., \$211.92; Hulden Motor Motor Co., \$90.00; Northwest Truckstell Sales Inc., \$31.36

GAS & OIL: Standard Oil Co., \$363.82; Union Oil Co., \$194.44

TIRES & TUBES: Walthers-Williams Co., \$135.54

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Ranch & Home Store, \$15.25; W. R. Reid, & Son, \$9.21; Moon Equip. Co., \$1.87

INSURANCE: W. T. Balsiger, \$48.60

MISCELLANEOUS:

Norman E. Fields, \$2.25; State Industrial Accident Commission, \$87.83; Paul Cyphers, \$0.46; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$7.90; City of Moro, \$3.50; Pacific Power & Light Co., \$2.39; J. E. Wilson, \$50.00

BRIDGES & CULVERTS: Moro Lumber & Fuel Co., \$222.42; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equip. Co., \$30.00

RETIREMENT FUND: \$64.15

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND: Rich Freight Lines, Inc., \$78.14