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**WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?**

In all this debate about democracy and communism and how the people of other lands are reacting to it there's something we'd like to know. That is: what does the ordinary American think democracy is?

It is often confused with capitalism and maybe the two are related but it hasn't been proven. A critic says we think of democracy as the kind of government that gives us automobiles, enough food, good clothes and all the other luxuries we do enjoy. That may be true. Yet, those things come from capitalism—more than from democracy—and also from a nation rich in natural resources.

The men who wrote the Declaration of Independence protested against many things and objections to most of them were later written into the constitution which should be a source for ideas about democracy.

These hardy old revolutionists were opposed to the king's veto of "laws most wholesome and necessary for the public good"; dependence of judges on appointment, too many officers, large standing armies, making the military superior to the civil power, imposing taxes without consent. We have given up these things since 1776 and still consider ourselves a democracy.

Actually this is a republic instead of a democracy in that we are governed by delegates elected by the people for that purpose. They are to make the laws and men (judges and executors) are to enforce them. A democracy is a government in which the people get together without the use of elected delegates and is impossible in a nation of this size.

To many the essence of our democracy—as we call it—is in the bill of rights which was not written until the constitution was all done. Jefferson came back from France to get the first ten amendments into the

constitution. A critic says that we put too much emphasis on money and will put a price on anything. That is nearly true but is more capitalistic than democratic. We'd like to have some one find out what Americans think about their democracy, what they like about it and don't like about it and why.

Probably a lot of the things disliked would not be adjuncts to democracy at all. It is true that we have done a poor job of exporting democracy, of teaching it to other peoples. They usually find us guilty of exploitation which has nothing to do with democracy at all, but with capitalism.

Certainly at one time the crusade on behalf of the freedoms of democracy was a real thing in the world. The idea that men could be free to come and go at will, free to express themselves, free to exercise and develop their talents, free from vindictive rulers, assured of a fair trial had a meaning to peoples all the world.

We have lost the knack of preaching it. We may have diluted it with desire for cheap labor. But the fact is that the ideal of freedom though democracy is being challenged (and successfully) among the world's peoples by an oppression which is better told than we are telling the story of democracy.

The answer requires some thought.

**CENSUS**  
According to information contained in the daily papers the population of Sherman county has decreased some 61 since 1940. So far as has been learned no one in this county has received any information about the census. Whether the listings were made by precincts or helter-skelter is not known, nor is it possible without information to tell whether the loss has been in town or country. Perhaps it isn't important for us to know. Yet 20 years ago it was easier to check than it is this year.

The 1950 census is not entirely comparable to former ones because of the unfortunate decision to count students at the location of the school instead of at their homes. Really they are residents of almost any place than the school town for so few of them remain there long.

It is of little importance whether the county lost a few or gained a few and 61 is not many

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either way. It may indicate that the trend of lowered population has stopped in the wheat belt. It has been going on since the successful or persistent have been buying out those who wanted to leave.

If the John Day dam is built as soon as may be expected the population of the county will increase greatly, just as the construction of the McNary dam has increased the population of Umatilla county and the Detroit dam of Marion county and the shipyards of Multnomah county. Such developments are governmentally engendered and not always indicative of an increase in local enterprise and certainly not indicative of an increase in values. When and if the John Day is built we look for some tax troubles like other counties are having.

There are those who feel that the country was just as well off before the influx of population; that the fishing was better, the taxes lower, the competition easier. There is an argument possible in that theory, but as for this county those who have come are generally rural people who fit in well with the natives and take their place comfortably after a season of getting acquainted.

Marshal Mumm says the city is pumping enough water to furnish every Moro resident 200 gallons per day. That's all there is; there ain't no more.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN**  
CORDELIA S. CROSS, Plaintiff  
v.  
H. A. CROSS Defendant.

**SUMMONS No. 2737**  
TO: H. A. CROSS, defendant above named:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the expiration of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer plaintiff for want thereof will take judgment against you for the sum of \$5680.00, with interest thereon at the legal rate from November 23, 1949, together with her costs and disbursements incurred herein.

You are further notified that pursuant to an attachment issued out of this Court, George A. Potter, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Eliza J. Dingle, deceased, which estate is now being probated in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County, has certified that he has the following personal

property in his possession and under his control belonging to you, to-wit:

An undivided 1-17th interest in the undistributed residue of assets of the Estate of Eliza J. Dingle, and undivided 1-9th interest in remainder of \$10,000.00 trust fund in favor of Alfred Smith, life tenant, as provided by Last Will and Testament of Eliza J. Dingle, deceased.

and that the plaintiff will apply for an order for the sale of said property so attached to satisfy any judgment that may be recovered by her against you.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable E. H. Howell, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 26th day of May, 1950, directing the publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper published and of general circulation in Sherman County, Oregon.

Date of first publication June 30, 1950.  
Date of last publication July 21, 1950.

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Of Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Moro, Oregon

**IT THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY**  
CHARLIE L. POWELL, Plaintiff  
vs.  
MARY EDITH SAYRS; LAMER H. SAYRS; MRS. LAVONNE HART; MARY LOUISE LEMLEY; the unknown heirs of OMER G. SAYRS, Deceased; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint, herein; Defendants.

To: The unknown heirs of OMER G. SAYRS, Deceased; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you are hereby required to answer the Complaint filed against you in the above cause, on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief as prayed for in plaintiff's complaint, to-wit: 1. That the defendants and each of them be required to set forth the nature of their claims, if any,

to the following-described real property, and that all of the adverse claims of the defendants or any of them may be determined by decree of this court.

NW¼ of Section 34, Township 1 South, Range 16 East of the Willamette Meridian.

2. That by said decree it be adjudged and decreed that the defendants and each of them have no estate, right, title nor interest in and to said land and that the title of the plaintiff be decreed to be good, valid and clear.  
3. That the defendants and each of them be forever enjoined from asserting or claiming any right whatsoever in and to the above-described real property, adverse to the plaintiff, and that the plaintiff's title be quieted in and to said land, that the plaintiff be decreed to be the sole and exclusive owner thereof.  
4. For such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published by the order of the Honorable E. H. Howell, Judge of the above-entitled court, made and entered on the 23rd day of June, 1950, Date of first publication is June 30, 1950.

**DICK & DICK**  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
The Dalles, Oregon

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF NAOMI VAN GILDER, COUNTY TREASURER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM DECEMBER 31, 1949 TO JUNE 30, 1950**

**COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 28,627.00
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	803.29
Rec'd from R. Ornduff, Co. Clerk, Clerk's fees	607.60
Rec'd from N. Fields, Co. Sheriff, Sheriff's fees	116.25
Rec'd from R. O. Scott, Justice of Peace - fines	977.50
Rec'd from Wasco Electric Cooperative	2,064.74
Rec'd from County Clerk, Game License fees	16.30
Rec'd from Miscellaneous small receipts	34.95
Warrants paid on County General Fund	\$ 20,967.55
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	12,430.08
	<b>\$ 33,397.63 \$ 33,397.63</b>

**GENERAL ROAD FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 25,583.09
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	582.00
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Motor Vehicle Registrations	9,795.77
Rec'd from R. O. Scott, Justice of Peace - fines	1,971.25
Rec'd from Rent of Equipment	94.00
Rec'd from Sale of Material	21.04
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Refund Gas Tax	551.98
Rec'd from Sec. of State - 1-20 mill tax overplus	192.93
Rec'd from Miscellaneous Small Receipts	30.54
Warrants paid on General Road Fund	\$ 23,234.41
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	15,588.19
	<b>\$ 38,822.60 \$ 38,822.60</b>

**POST WAR ROAD CONSTRUCTION SINKING FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 1,161.92
Rec'd from sale of gravel	654.10
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 1,816.02
	<b>\$ 1,816.02 \$ 1,816.02</b>

**BRIDGE FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 120.76
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 120.76
	<b>\$ 120.76 \$ 120.76</b>

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 20,020.06
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	13.42
Warrants paid on Special Road Tax Fund	\$ 2,801.20
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	17,232.28
	<b>\$ 20,033.48 \$ 20,033.48</b>

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND - CITY OF MORO**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 864.56
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	4.54
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 869.10
	<b>\$ 869.10 \$ 869.10</b>

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX - CITY OF WASCO**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 988.58
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 988.58
	<b>\$ 988.58 \$ 988.58</b>

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX - CITY OF GRASS VALLEY**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 619.64
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 619.64
	<b>\$ 619.64 \$ 619.64</b>

**NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TUITION FUND**

Cash on hand December 31 1949	\$ 10,735.40
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	2.28
Rec'd from Basic School Fund	1,304.06
Rec'd from Rural School District	333.28
Paid Warrants of County School Sup't	\$ 516.23
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	11,858.79
	<b>\$ 12,375.02 \$ 12,375.02</b>

**COUNTY PER CAPITA SCHOOL FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 398.50
Rec'd from Sec. of State	2,355.00
Paid Warrants of County School Sup't	403.50
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 2,753.50
	<b>\$ 2,753.50 \$ 2,753.50</b>

**RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 2,968.08
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 383.28
Apportioned to Non-High School District Fund	2,620.02
Apportioned to School Districts	14.78
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 2,968.08
	<b>\$ 2,968.08 \$ 2,968.08</b>

**STATE SCHOOL FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 303.98
Paid Warrants of County School Sup't	\$ 803.59
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	.39
	<b>\$ 303.98 \$ 303.98</b>

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 1,081.01
Rec'd from Rural School District	2,620.02
Paid Warrants on Special School Districts	\$ 497.69
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	3,203.34
	<b>\$ 3,701.03 \$ 3,701.03</b>

**CITY OF MORO**

Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 20.73
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 20.73
	<b>\$ 20.73 \$ 20.73</b>

**CITY OF WASCO**

Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 228.72
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 228.72
	<b>\$ 228.72 \$ 228.72</b>

**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY**

Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 70.95
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 70.95
	<b>\$ 70.95 \$ 70.95</b>

**LAW LIBRARY FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 29.63
Rec'd from County Clerk - Circuit Court & Probate fees	23.10
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 52.73
	<b>\$ 52.73 \$ 52.73</b>

**COUNTY FAIR FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 4,782.04
Rec'd from 1949 fair receipts	111.65
Rec'd from Sec. of State - 1-20 mill tax	375.88
Paid Warrant on County Fair Fund	\$ 4,679.87
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	589.70
	<b>\$ 5,269.57 \$ 5,269.57</b>

**TAYLOR GRAZING ACT FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 588.90
Rec'd from Sec. of State	306.13
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 892.03
	<b>\$ 892.03 \$ 892.03</b>

**TAYLOR GRAZING ACT WAR BOND ACCOUNT**

Bonds and Int. on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 1,116.48
Rec'd from Interest on Bonds	20.00
Bonds and Interest on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 1,136.48
	<b>\$ 1,136.48 \$ 1,136.48</b>

**COUNTY DOG TAX FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 20.36
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 20.36
	<b>\$ 20.36 \$ 20.36</b>

**ADVANCE TAX FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 3.06
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 3.06
	<b>\$ 3.06 \$ 3.06</b>

**STATE MALT BEVERAGE FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 2,156.03
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Malt Bev. Tax	160.78
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Amusement tax	24.45
Rec'd from Liquor Control Commission	638.99
Rec'd from Sec. of State - License fees	9.21
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 2,989.46
	<b>\$ 2,989.46 \$ 2,989.46</b>

**SHERIFF'S UNSEGREGATED TAX ACCOUNT**

Rec'd from Norman Fields, County Sheriff	\$ 5,770.48
Apportioned to Funds	\$ 5,770.48
	<b>\$ 5,770.48 \$ 5,770.48</b>

**TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY**

Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 150.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 150.00
	<b>\$ 150.00 \$ 150.00</b>

**SUMMARY OF BALANCES ON JUNE 30, 1950**

County General Fund	\$ 12,430.08
General Road Fund	15,588.19
Post War Road Construction Fund	1,816.02
Bridge Fund	120.76
Special Road Tax Fund	17,232.28
Special Road Tax - City of Moro	869.10
Special Road Tax - City of Wasco	988.58
Special Road Tax - City of Grass Valley	619.64
Non-High District Tuition Fund	11,858.79
County Per Capita School Fund	403.50
Rural School District	14.78
State Irreducible School Fund	.39
Special School Districts	3,203.34
City of Moro	20.73
City of Wasco	228.72
City of Grass Valley	70.95
Law Library Fund	52.73
County Fair Fund	589.70
Taylor Grazing Act Fund	892.03
Taylor Grazing Act War Bond Account	1,136.48
County Dog Tax	20.36
Advance Tax Fund	3.06
State Malt Beverage Fund	2,989.46
Tax Foreclosed Property	150.00
	<b>\$ 71,299.67</b>

**CASH SEGREGATION**

Sherman Co. Branch The First Nat'l Bank	\$ 70,299.67
U. S. Government Bonds	1,000.00
	<b>\$ 71,299.67 \$ 71,299.67</b>

State of Oregon )  
County of Sherman ) ss.  
I, Naomi Van Gilder, County Treasurer of Sherman County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of receipts and disbursements and balances of funds of Sherman County, Oregon, for the period ending June 30, 1950 as appears upon the records of my office and in my official custody as such Treasurer.  
Witness my hand this 7th day of July 1950  
Naomi Van Gilder  
County Clerk  
By Catherine L. Monroe, Deputy  
Sherman County Treasurer  
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