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THE PIONEER MARKER

A modern might inquire "Why stand a rock on end and put a brass plate in it in an often deserted spot?"

It does seem sometimes that regard for the past suffers in the race for attention. It must compete with funny (sic) books, athletic events, radio music, magazines, the broad highway and the passionate and perhaps pardonable battle for more and more money. But all these can be intensified and made more enjoyable by a knowledge and appreciation of the events that made up the very lives of generations of people who have gone this way before.

We must take our cues from the past because we cannot know the future. We must be guided by what has happened, not by what we hope or expect will happen. One may flippantly say that the pioneers and their covered wagons, their battles with the Indians, their struggles against storms and lack of water and discouragement and despair are all water under the bridge. Yet, the John Day river flows in the same channel as it did when the first Oregonians crossed it in 1842. And the stamina and strength of character they displayed are still guides to material and spiritual success today.

In honoring the pioneers we are honoring the things they stood for, the ideals they cherished. We still admire bravery on the football field or in the wagon train; we respect self reliance in youth or in ancestors; we expect our better citizens to have the fortitude to stay with their word and their ideals. The pioneers were that kind of people. The state and the nation developed from that kind of mental and moral stamina. No substitute has ever been found for character building in a life or in a nation.

That is why the Historical Society is dedicating a plaque to the pioneers near the John Day crossing of the early wagon trains. In honoring them it will honor the ideals that make this nation possible.

THE TAXPAYERS' BILL

A measure will be on the ballot in November which, if passed, would add another \$30 per census child (about \$50 per school child) to the basic school fund. Instead of using five methods of dividing the money among the districts of the state this \$30 would be divided on the basis of children. This method further handicaps children in rural Oregon where children have long suffered from lack of the "educational opportunities" which the original bill was advertising as equalizing.

The report of T. C. Holy, Ohio educator, who has made reports for several states and now for Oregon, points to our lack of proper school organization as our main weakness. In that he is absolutely correct.

Although the rural school law has helped consolidate districts all over the state there are still over 1200 school districts, many with so little property and so few pupils that a successful school is impossible. We need a complete reorganization of our school districts. Dr. Holy recommends a minimum of 75 elementary pupils for a school and 100 high school pupils. There will of necessity have to be exceptions to both.

The cost of educating Oregon's growing thousands of children could be materially reduced if the state was properly organized. That has been admitted for years by our own educators. It is certain that the longer we continue to pour increasing dollars into the present inefficient system the longer we will maintain it. It is like trying to keep up a broken down car. Additional money poured into the Oregon system as it is now is wasted money.

The bill for the additional \$30 per census child would continue the policy of taxing over a wide area, (the state) for distribution to smaller units. Such a policy robs local citizens of their control over their affairs

and is of necessity wasteful because some units receive that do not need the money and there is no way to redistribute such funds in complete equity.

Voters of Sherman county will be wise to Vote 307 X NO because 1) they will receive less than half what it will cost them, 2) it will not cure the worst fault of the school system, 3) such a method of taxation is a wasteful and inefficient practice.

STOCKMAN AND BULL

Labor is making a valiant effort to unseat two Oregon congressmen at this election. They hope to beat Ellsworth and Stockman. These two have been active in support of the Taft-Hartley law, have not voted for CVA and in general are not satisfactory to the labor group or the more radical of the Democrats.

Stockman is the congressman from this district and numerous criticisms of him have been voiced recently, none very serious and more indicative of his forgetting to get around over his territory more than anything else. If he were opposed by an acceptable man the race might be close.

But Vernon Bull is not a contestant for the honor of representing the second district of Oregon that deserves the regard of voters however dissatisfied they may be with Mr. Stockman.

Mr. Bull has served long in the Oregon legislature with no distinction other than as a consistent vote for labor, for radical theories and as one who persisted intemperately over trifles. He has neither the mentality nor the temperament to represent Oregon at the capitol.

POOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

The renewed argument over the price of milk in Portland causes us to note that farmers too often get themselves in poor position as far as the public is concerned. Distributors bet more for a quart of milk in the city than farmers do, yet the farmer gets the blame. If one possible solution is taken distributors will get an increase because of the fight of the farmers for a higher price for milk.

Wheat farmers are in much the same predicament. They get something like three cents out of the price of a loaf of bread and all the blame for the 17 to 20 cent price the consumer pays. A business that appeared so unfairly before the public would hire a firm of public relations experts. That sometimes helps. Yet the numerous organizations that purport to speak for the farmers should be able to present the farmers in a more favorable light, without the aid of paid propagandists.

Have you stopped recently to contemplate the fall with kindness instead of with the shiver that comes with the first cool days. There's no garden to bother, there is a comforting warmth of autumn fires, the leaves fall and give a broadened view, there's football, there's time to read in the longer evenings. In fact, fall is a pretty satisfactory season. Wouldn't it be awful to not enjoy it and thus be uncomfortable for a quarter of a life?

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Of Sherman County Journal, published weekly at Moro, Oregon for October 1950 State of Oregon, County of Sherman, ss.
Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Giles L. French, who, having been duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the editor of the Sherman County Journal and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 127, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Giles L. French, Moro, Oregon, Editor, Giles L. French, Moro, Oregon, Managing Editor, Giles L. French, Moro, Oregon, Business Manager Lela B. French, Moro, Oregon.
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5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the twelve months preceding the date shown above is 680.

GILES L. FRENCH
editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of October, 1950.

Carrel S. Bennett
notary public seal my commission expires March 2, 1951.

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WHEAT COMMISSION TO STUDY RAIN-MAKING

Jens Terjeson, chairman of the Oregon Wheat Commission stated the commission in conjunction with the Oregon State college and at the request of wheat growers, have instituted a separate and independent check on rain-making and rain makers in the state of Oregon to determine whether or not rain-making is possible in a commercial way. Wheat farmers for a long time have known that many of their

problems would be solved with additional rainfall. However, they have been confused over the too optimistic claims of the rain-makers and the too pessimistic claims of the weather bureau. During September an independent survey will be started by the wheat commission and the college on a large rain-making attempt in Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties by Dr. Krick noted for his experiments in artificial cloud seeding. The survey will be thorough and impartial and will be based on correlation factors between norms of the weather stations involved and others in surrounding areas. Wheat farmers in Oregon and in other states are eagerly awaiting in the results of the survey. "Successful rain-making," according to Ed Ball, administrator, "would be a great boon to wheat farmers, however, it is just as important to know definitely if it fails. For example much good money has been spent by western Kansas wheat farmers on attempts at rain-making with vague and inconclusive results."

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Donald J. Williams
Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Executor 47-50c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county his final Report and Account as Administrator De Bonis Non with the Will Annexed of the estate of John J. Conroy, deceased and that Saturday, November 4, 1950, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.
Patrick McHugh
Attorney for Administrator,
d. b. n. c. t. a. 49-52c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, EVELYN ELIZABETH SMITH, has been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Leon Howard Smith, deceased, and has qualified as such Administratrix. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at her residence at Wasco, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit, September 29, 1950.
EVELYN ELIZABETH SMITH
Administratrix of the Estate of
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BROWN & VAN VACTOR,
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for Estate. 48-51c

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