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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

At least two magazines have just reviewed a book about snobs. Which is interesting because people like to read about themselves, but it does seem hardly worth a dollar to learn that everyone is some sort of a snob. The point is, what are they snobbish about. An intellectual snob would be one who respected learning, a moral snob one who respected good conduct and felt superior to those who did not. As the author points out one can likewise be a snob about size or color or residence or even about not being snobbish.

TTWN
When a politician buys a few votes with his own money that's bribery; when he buys a few million with money from other people then he's a great humanitarian.

Oregon Labor Press
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There is no satiety with other people's money.

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After an election it is easy to tell who has lost; it is the side that keeps on calling names.

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Ed Aldrich was an editor. He helped his county and community as an editor and as a representative on the highway commission and other boards. When in his prime, when his politics were little swayed by partisanship, he was a potent force in the eastern Oregon area. He was one of Oregon's strong editors, a group that has suffered heavily by deaths in recent years. His information about wheat, highways, irrigation and other problems of his district was usually complete and he used it for the benefit of his district.

TTWN
The SPEBQSA (Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America) had a contest in Portland recently and decided something. But something else has been decided also. Like many other things the organization came after the life was out of the practice which is to say that no one sings around barbershops any more. And the winners looked so serious in the picture, with none of that disheveled look that was adequate evidence of the condition that made barbershop singing so much fun in its hey day.

TTWN
Perhaps the most unpopular thing a man can do is to be successful. We still subscribe to what has been called "the great American cult of mediocrity."

The centennial edition of Harper's magazine shows pictorially the changes that have been made in 100 years. Suppose we consider, as a plain example, the difference between a carpenter's tools of 1850 and 1950, a farmer's equipment and livestock, the kitchens, transportation. Every thing has changed but the people and they have new clothes.

"And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:12. You know, in our early days we thought that was remarkable and sufficient excuse for a flood.

Would it be proper to suggest "Men of the Year" in other activities? Or "Woman of the Year". We'd like to judge a contest to find the "Woman of the Year for Chicken Frying" for instance.

We are consistently milling less flour for more people. That is the wheat growers part of the farm problem in a nutshell.

TTWN
From an advertising bulletin we note this line "The more arguments you win the less friends you'll have."

TTWN
You wouldn't suppose, would you, that there was any significance in the fact that it was a Baptist church that was washed away in the California flood?

Two Boys Drive Off Five Cars In Busy Day

Two boys from Yakima, Wn., held a drive away party all their own in Sherman county Wednesday when they stole five cars before being arrested.

The boys, Ronald Leroy Board, 14, and Mark Baehm, 15, are charged with taking a 1946 Ford at Yakima about ten o'clock Tuesday morning and driving it to Shaniko where it was abandoned in the afternoon.

They then took a 1939 Chrysler belonging to Walter L. Young a laborer of Shaniko and drove it to Moro, where about four o'clock they drove the Chevrolet belonging to James E. Brown, away from First street while Mrs. Brown was in a shop. The boys went back to Grass Valley where the Brown car stopped.

Back in Grass Valley the boys took the Willard Rofe Ford and drove it back to Moro. There they split and Beard picked up a Dodge coupe belonging to A. H. Arstall that Claud Bayer has been driving.

They drove around on country roads apparently fearing capture. Sheriff Fields blocked the highway north and deputy sheriff T. M. Garrett put a road block on the road south. About two o'clock in the morning the boys drove into Wasco from the south and took a back street. But after a short chase Fields caught them and brought them to the county jail in Moro. They had Rofe's 30.06 rifle and some shells but did not use it.

Baehm is reported by Sheriff Fields to be on probation for a previous car theft and both boys will be returned to Yakima to appear in answer to a felony warrant for breaking and entering. Charges under the Dyer act may also be preferred.

Lodge Play At Grass Valley Shown

It seems that Cora Perrigo, playing the part of Fanny Smithie, had a yen for people with noted names which aroused her unsympathetic husband (well cast Orville Ruggles) to sarcasm. Claud Bayer had the part of a famed guest who was urged to make violent love to Mrs. Smithie, Barbara Hanson (Hazel Adams) a guest and the Smithie daughter, played by June Rolfe.

The self made Romeo apparently enjoyed the task although his words were identical in each case. In the meantime Jack Bird, a young lover of June, played by Ross Fields, was keeping the house occupants excited. Sallie Martin and Archie Cantrell were a henpecked husband and wife that kept well in character. Boyce Blaylock as an officer and Katherine Blaylock as a maid had minor parts. Dorothy Perry was director.

The play was given Saturday night at Grass Valley by members of the Odd-Fellows and Rebekah lodges to a receptive audience.

Miss Ethel Hansen played a piano solo before the curtain went up for the first act, and a trio composed of Rev. A. L. Kintner, Rev. Paul Bayles and Don Earl sang negro spirituals between the first and second acts. The drawing for the afghan was held between the second and third act and was won by Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.



Roberson getting a pass away is holding Bill Mariett of Jefferson. Although threatened by Neilson out of the play. Brown of Jefferson. Martin (60)

Grange Installation Set For Saturday; Pomona Meets Too

There will be joint installation of juvenile and subordinate grange officers next Saturday, November 25 at 10 a. m. in the morning at the Rufus grange hall, reports Mrs. Walter Bruckert. Verne Lantz, district deputy will give the installation ceremony. After a dinner at noon the Pomona grange of Sherman county will hold its meeting which include a program during the lecturer's hour.

School Smoker Held At Rufus

The fathers as well as the mothers got a kick out of seeing their youngsters perform at the "Smoker" which was held at the Rufus school Monday night.

Boys were evenly matched by their coach Donal Brislain who was also referee. First on the program was a wrestling match between Wally Joe Morris and Jerry Brackett. Wally got the decision. Also wrestling were Ronald Douglas and Howard Steward which was a draw. Buzz Brand dressed as a girl, and Jack Steward put on a clown act before they wrestled. The decision went to Buzz Brand.

Next on the program was the boxers. Jimmy Fox and Neal Eaton's bout ended in a draw. Bobby Byrd and Vincent Belloni put on a show which the crowd enjoyed. Vincent won the decision. Jack and Howard Steward came out with a draw. Charles Wilson boxed Ronald Douglas and won the decision. At the end of the bout, the crowd was asked to choose the boys putting on the best exhibition. The choice was a tie between Vincent Belloni and Ronald Douglas.

Judges for the smoker were John Belloni, Carl Thompson, and Ray Brown. Dick Francis was the announcer and Gayle Eaton was timekeeper.

Rusty Rinehart, teacher at Wasco was present to help with the boys. After the smoker, a film on football was shown.

Wasco Women Aid Girl Scouts

A silver tea and apron sale for the benefit of the Wasco Girl Scouts was held in the Masonic hall at the November 17 meeting of the Wasco Womens Study club.

Mrs. Walter Bruckert, president presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. George Potter and Mrs. A. S. Anderson were admitted as members.

The club voted to provide a sheet for the hospital in Germany, a project for this year of our state president, Mrs. Hildred Zell.

Reports of the Fourth district convention held in Wasco November 6 were given by Mrs. Earl Richelderfer. Mrs. Carl Tuggle, and Mrs. Walter Ruggles.

Mrs. Paulen Kasberg, Girl Scout leader, had charge of the program. Piano solos were given by Carmen Royce and Betty Haven.

The girls then modeled the aprons brought by the club women, also assisted by the scout committee in serving tea and cookies to the guests.

Taxes Collected To 96.6 percent; Most To Schools

The big tax turnover of the year was made this week when Sheriff Norman Fields gave Treasurer Naomi Van Gilder \$291,100.31 in newly collected tax moneys.

The turnover accounts for \$300,088.08 of the county levy which totalled \$316,172.93. Already 96.6 percent of the taxes for the year have been paid. Discount taken by taxpayers was \$8,987.77.

Of the money made available to taxing units the county gets \$43,801.62, the rural school district \$186,631.00, and general roads \$35,231.68.

School districts: Rufus \$4807.85; Wasco \$3162.88; Kent \$6337.65; Moro \$1045.43; Grass Valley \$1464.58.

Cities: Wasco \$558.71; Moro \$1589.87; Grass Valley \$1468.14.

In addition to the current collection \$1168.24 was received from delinquent taxes paid and this will be distributed to the proper taxing units.

Total amount collected for schools in this turnover was \$206,450.29 which is almost exactly 70 percent.

Sheep Club Formed By Moro 4-Hers

The Moro Sheep club will hold an organization meeting at the Ernest Woods home in Moro Friday, November 24 at 3:00 p. m., states T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

Mrs. Howard Ross will serve as local leader for the group. Last year club members from this club made an excellent showing at The Dalles Wheat League Show and Pacific International with top quality fat lambs.

Boys and girls nine years of age from Moro area and interested in a 4-H sheep project should attend this meeting, according to Thompson.

Club members will obtain and raise a sheep for showing, at one of the various livestock shows. Boys and girls will learn various breeds of sheep, parts of the animal, proper feeds and rations, judging, record book-keeping, and the proper fitting and showing methods.



NOBEL PRIZE WINNER... Professor Thaddeus Reichstein, Swiss chemist, shares this year's Nobel prize for physiology and medicine with two American doctors, Dr. Philip Hench and Dr. Edward Kendall of the famed Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn.

EATING EXCLUSIVE ENDEAVOR EVIDENTLY

Thanksgiving day was, as usual, a very quiet one in this county. Except for a dance in the evening there was no observance of the day of a public nature.

Women were busy from early in the morning when they put the turkey into the oven and made the other necessary preparations to feed the men folks and the ever hungry children, whose appetites were quickened no doubt by long contemplation of the day. Thanksgiving, be it known, is popularly regarded as a day on which it is proper to eat to repletion.

No one worked except the few who pandered to the appetites of others and some of them worked short hours.

Townsfolk deserted as so many stayed home to engage in personal affairs without notice of the needs or wants of the public.



Kenneth Blau Killed In Highway Accident; James O'Meara Seriously Injured

A fatal accident took the life of Kenneth Blau, 28, about three o'clock Tuesday morning on the Columbia highway just west of the Dillon overpass.

Blau was returning from The Dalles with James Y. O'Meara; Blau was driving O'Meara's 1950 Mercury while O'Meara slept. On a straight away a trailer belonging to the Cummings freight line of Portland was parked awaiting repair to the tractor.

Flares were out and two flagmen, were reported watching and directing traffic.

Blau pulled out to pass the trailer and suddenly swerved in the rear of it which he hit with the left front of the car. The blow killed Blau instantly and broke O'Meara's hip, dislocated his shoulder or broke a collar bone, and caused other injuries including concussion. The big freight outfit was moved more than a foot by the impact although the car was said to have slowed down when starting around the parked trailer.

Kenneth Blau was only last week awarded the Sherman county "Conservation man of the year" prize for work done in preventing erosion on the 2200 acre ranch which he farmed.

He served with the Marine corp during the war as a pilot having the rank of the first

Rufus Grange Loses Lady Steward

Rufus grange met in regular session Thursday night with Master Atlee Wilson in the chair. After the routine business, was taken care of, Mrs. Sadie Rich handed in her resignation as lady assistant steward. Mrs. E. C. Eaton was then nominated and elected to fill the office.

A check of \$35 was received from the Sherman County Fair Board for the Rufus grange first prize with its booth at the fair. For the lecturers program, Mrs. Harland McDonald asked each one to tell their favorite book or magazine, and tell the reason for their choice. Mrs. Sadie Rich gave a reading. In the contest seeing who could name the most magazines, Mrs. Sadie Rich won the prize.

Mrs. Trace Fields presented on behalf of the grange and Home Economics club, Mrs. Sadie Rich with a lovely pin and ear ring set. Mrs. Rich who has made her home near Wasco for a long time is renting her home, and has bought an acreage in Hubbard where she plans to live.

Mrs. Harland McDonald read a poem, after which all the members sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds." The ladies served a bountiful supper before the members dispersed.

Wheat League Calls Farmers To Talk Problems

Meetings of wheat leaguers in Sherman county for the purpose of passing on resolutions to be submitted to the state convention of wheat growers to be held in The Dalles, December 7-8-9 will be held next week at the court house.

Tuesday at 9:30 the Youth Activities committee will meet and the following have been appointed to serve. L. E. Kaseberg will be chairman, Paul Frase, vice chairman, and Paul Alley. Elton Medler, Jay McKay, Wm. A. Brinkert, Fred E. Cox, Harry Van Gilder, Donald von Borstel, Amandus von Borstel, Leland Medler, Blaine Miller, Harold Eakin, Harley McKay, Earl Gentry, Leonard Fields, A. B. Christianson, Kenneth Martin, Bob King, David Richelderfer, Luther Davis, Ralph Eakin, Joe Morris, Don McGinnis, Howard Ross, Art Van Gilder, Donald Macnab, John Rolfe, John Schadewitz, Gene Reynolds.

TAXATION TOPIC

That afternoon the Taxation and Legislation committee will meet with Allen Tom as chairman and A. C. Kaseberg as vice chairman. A. J. Smith, L. P. Haven, Lester Wilson, Norris Gilson, D. L. Reynolds, G. H. Root, Theo. von Borstel, David Reid, Donald Martin, Harvey Thompson, Collis Moore, Tom Alley, Dell Olds, Giles French, Theo. Johnston, H. B. Pinkerton, C. A. Tom, J. K. McKean, E. E. Kaseberg, George Potter, Vernon Muir, Kenneth Fridley, Floyd Root, Harold Ginn, Roy J. Baker and Max Brown.

Wednesday afternoon the other three committees will meet: Production and Transportation will have Gordon Harper, chairman, George Wilson, vice chairman, J. R. Yocum, Max Barzee, Stuart Macnab, Joe Hilderbrand, Floyd Platt, Stan Coelsch, Lamer Sayrs, H. A. White, Art Watkins, Geo. Mitchell, W. C. Fuller, W. E. Nichols, James Tate, Charles Kuypers, T. L. Fields, Durward Helyer, Dewey Thompson, Sam Davis, Marvin Thomas, Ernest Woods, John DeMoss, Willard Harper, Don McDermid, Vinton Watkins, Dean Pinkerton, Claud May, L. E. Dehler, Vernon Melzer, Frank Sayrs, Charles Davis, and Dean Reynolds.

ELEVATOR MEN HEAD GROUP

On Wheat Disposal & Market Development will be W. T. Bal-siger, chairman, A. A. Dunlap, vice chairman, Damon Fields, Earl Gentry, C. R. Morrison, F. L. Watkins, H. M. Zell, Willard Barnett, Tad McCoy, Donald Martin, Roy Schilling, Lester Barnum, Bob Davis, Fay Brackett, Earl Fields, M. I. Howell, George Harris, W. K. Haggerty, Carroll Sayrs, Gordon Reid, Fred Dormaler, LeRoy Belshee, Malcolm McDermid, Jesse Helyer, J. C. Wilson, Ted Thompson, W. H. Andrews, Vern Dutton, Glen Van Gilder, Carl Melzer, Roy J. Baker, and Sam Davis.

The Federal Agricultural Program and Land Use committee will be chaired by Russell Belshee with Frank vonBorstel vice chairman, W. S. Holmes, Pete Macnab, Carl Melzer, Lloyd Henrichs, Arzell Lemley, Chester Coats, Carl Everett, John Reckman, Bernard Martin, Robert Belshe, A. Douma, Orlov Martin, Charles Burnet, Claus Bardenhagen, Kenneth Sather, Art Justesen, W. E. Bruckert, Robert Boynton, Ronald Powell, Dewey Thompson, Ira Fridley, Alfred Kock, Art Schilling, Larry Warren and A. J. Bucholtz.

Tommy Thompson, county agent, will be secretary to all committees.

Chris Schultz Post Auxiliary To Cook

The American Legion auxiliary plans a food sale and bazaar at the Legion hall December 2, according to the president, Mollie McLachlan.

A quilt made by the late Maud Axtell will be raffled off, proceeds going to Aden Axtell and the auxiliary. There will be two other prizes in the raffle which will be concluded before Christmas.