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THE TREADMILL WAR!



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
 Whether we like it or not, whether we recognize it or not, we are living in a section of the United States that may be expected to undergo greater economic change than any other. That is true of the Pacific northwest in general but especially true of this particular part of it.

The McNary dam will be built and operating within a few years. Already the Bonneville Power administration is surveying a route for a high tension power line through this county to connect McNary with the central station to be built near Maupin.

Bids were just opened for construction of a power line of 230 kw from Big Eddy to Maupin which is a part of the Grand Coulee-Detroit line.

It is expected that the dam across the Columbia at Cello will be built soon and within a few years there will be a dam across the Columbia just below the mouth of the John Day river.

These dams will mean that this area will produce more electricity than any other place in the nation. There will be 980 thousand kilowatts at McNary and at Cello and 1,275 at John Day; over three million kilowatts within little over 100 miles.

There is transportation on both sides of the river and barge transportation will be greater with the construction of the dams. Air and truck transportation can be increased to meet any demands.

With the completion of McNary the north end of Morrow county is going to be irrigated, over 100,000 acres of it according to plan. Also some irrigation is planned for Gilliam county and in Wasco county.

The new development here and on the Columbia basin project in central Washington means that there will be additional truck traffic between the northwest and California which should properly go through this county.

There are constant developments in agriculture and also they are usually taken care of by the federal government or larger units of agricultural industry the local manifestations of them are important to this county.

And a change is coming over the politics of this state and that is merely an outgrowth of the spending policies of the new deal. The costs of government are tremendous and growing each year. No longer can a single person, a county, an industry, (agricultural or manufacturing) stand idly by without taking notice of the political changes that are in process. These have to do with taxation, with legislative apportionment, with additional uses of government authority. They may eliminate entire businesses or take them over.

It is possible for a people or a county to sit quietly and let all these things go on without taking part in them—to let others plan and partake to their own advantage. But it is not wise to do so.

This county is not very large. It is the state's smallest in population; out of 36 counties it is 27th in area; although figures are not complete it is about 24th in agricultural income. But it is third in tillable acres, first in per capita income, first in percentage of tillable land, third in production of wheat.

It produces enough wheat to feed the entire state in some years, assuming that the consumption is three bushels per capita. We are important economically. We are efficient agriculturally. We perform the most necessary service in the world: raising surplus food.

We must—if we are going to retain our place—be prepared to meet the development that is coming our way, must continue and expand our county-wide associations, must preach to our economic importance to ourselves and to others. If we get into the race we may win, place or show; if we remain spectators we will pay admission.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

A story from Salem that there might be initiative measures filed as a means of reprisal against those who are contemplating referendums is very interesting, very, very, in fact. It does seem odd, come to think of it, that the initiative and referendum have been used as offensive weapons almost exclusively. Now the defense gets busy.

Oddest of any part of the story was that some one was going to initiate a measure for repeal of the basic school law if the grange went ahead with its referendum against the reorganization law passed at the latest session. It is true that the counties that get most of the advantages from the basic school law are the ones that will undergo the greatest change under the Holy reorganization law.

But it is also true that the basic school law helps cities more than it does rural areas. (This is not true of Portland which loses almost \$4,000,000 under the basic school law.) It is all so confusing that it appears that some one must have been angry and speaking with his tongue with his brain disconnected.

But as far as it concerns us, however, if they put the whole school program on the ballot for a general overhaul it would be a fine thing. But it is almost too much to hope.

GOOD PROGRAM

The Mormons have bought a large dairy farm near Portland and will use it to produce food for their program which is to keep members of the church occupied and busy. Mormons have always been solicitous of their church members and have a reputation for taking care of their own. Members take care of the church, too, it may be said.

The whole social security program might have been modeled after that of the Mormon church except that the church's is successful and that of the federal government has merely resulted in inflation that defeats the original purpose.

May it be presumed that there will be a time when everyone will belong to a group—perhaps religious—that will provide employment and assurance of security. Such a prospect makes the tithing provision of the church seem very practical and very valuable and much more modern than cursory critics would lead us to believe.

Anyway it is a form of enterprise that can please the "free enterprisers" and the social security theorists alike.

NEW CONSTITUTION

A bunch of young fellows without very restrictive jobs are talking about the state's constitution and like young fellows all over the world (those who are not engaged in war) they want to forthwith do something about it. In fact, they want to write a new constitution.

The idea is an old one and has been flitting around the legislature for many years and different groups, generally lawyers, have talked about writing a new constitution more to their liking. It often comes when a group or person finds that the constitution forbids something he or it wants to do.

There is some obsolete stuff in the Oregon constitution but it isn't doing as much harm as it might. There is the provision that anyone engaging in duelling cannot hold lucrative office, even if he issues a challenge and goes to another state to fight the duel. It is obsolete but so far as known is not restricting the state's progress very much.

The state cannot pay for religious services which keeps the houses of the legislature from paying preachers for praying. Old fashioned. No. Old fashioned preachers didn't get paid for anything.

"No person arrested or confined in jail shall be treated with unnecessary rigor". Rigor is an old fashioned word meaning severity. That section probably makes the rubber hose unconstitutional. But who cares about that.

The constitution says that each county shall elect a surveyor although there are but 31 surveyors listed as being elected. It says that the governor's salary shall be \$1500, the treasurer \$800 and the supreme court justices \$2000 which is obsolete and not observed. So what. There can constitutionally be no term of office more than four years—so the recent legislature reduced the term of members of the board of higher education from nine to five. Tish. Tish.

The constitutional provisions for reapportionment of the legislature are probably unworkable; at least they have never been followed. We think that is a good thing for the entire state.

Trouble with rewriting the constitution is that so much of it has been voted by the people who change it in four or five places each election. The initiative and referendum keep it up to date, or at least, up to requirements or demands. If any group thinks it can rewrite it and get rid of the ban on the emergency clause on tax measures, the six percent limitation and enforce population apportionment let it go ahead. We'll bet on the people.

Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

Another of the larger gatherings was a Mothers day dinner held Sunday for the W. A. Morris family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown in Rufus. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Klock and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams and daughters of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers and son, Mrs. Harvey Hansen and daughter Mrs. Bob Morris' grandmother, Mrs. Bailey of Walla Walla, Wn.

The Rufus school children living on the hill are riding in a new school bus. The bus was first put on the route Thursday evening. The other bus which was used on the hill and bought three years ago, was put into duty doing the route on the highway from Rufus to Miller as that old bus was really ancient.

The rain passed the community by this past week. For three weeks a good rain fell each Friday. Over the weekend, an east wind was blowing. It is hoped, we won't have too much of that as it might prove injurious to the wheat which is so nice and green now.

The John Day and Columbia rivers are really high now. They are also quite muddy. The Rufus community gave donations so that the area of Rufus could be sprayed for mosquitoes. The mosquitoes were so bad here last summer, there was no rest even in the daytime from the biting insects.

The Rufus school children are enjoying their picnic Wednesday. The high school and the upper grade room went to Eagle Creek and the primary room stayed on the school grounds.

Graduation at Rufus will be Thursday night, May 24.

The measles which were quiet here for the past couple of weeks cropped out again this week, when Bobby Byrd the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byrd got them.

Miss Dolores Fox who is convalescing from a recent attack of the measles while at OSC is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Huck left early Friday morning for a two weeks trip to California. George Fox made a business trip to Portland the first of the week. While away he was an overnight guest of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Will Fehrenbacher at Troutdale.

James Holt who recently entered Rufus school as a freshman in high school has withdrawn from school.

A man from the army engineers in Portland has been working Rufus and vicinity lately in connection with work on the proposed John Day dam.

A man from the Cricket and Grasshopper control office in Walla Walla, Wn., was recently in the district checking up on insects.

The second regular Rufus grange meeting was held Thursday evening. Members from Harlandview grange were also present to see the degrees put on.

Master Andy Engberg opened the meeting. Honored guests were Walt Bruket, Sherman county Pomona grange master and Clarence Higley Harlandview grange master. Tom Helseth of Pendleton, a district soil conservationist, was also present.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Anna F. Schwartz, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers, and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting executor of the Estate of Anna F. Schwartz, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: May 18, 1951.

Arthur J. Bucholtz
 Executor

T. Lester Johnson
 Attorney for Executor 28-31c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Donald Knighten has been appointed Administratrix with the Will annexed of the Estate of Christopher Thomas Taylor, Deceased, and has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to said Administratrix at Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. The first publication is May 18, 1951.

DONALDA KNIGHTEN
 Administratrix with the Will annexed of the Estate of Christopher Thomas Taylor, Deceased.
 J. Tracy Barton
 Attorney for the Estate
 The Dalles, Oregon 28-31c

Harlandview candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Warren and Thomas Thompson. From Rufus were Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Guy and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobson. These candidates received the third and fourth degrees of the grange. William Huck was the degree captain. Mrs. Charles Wilson played the marches and songs. The singers were Mrs. Walt Morris, Mrs. Lillian Bower and Mrs. George Fox.

After the close of the meeting, supper consisting of potato salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee was served to the nearly fifty people present.

Mrs. Adrian Robirts has been appointed as supervisor of the Daily Vacation Bible school at Rufus. Mrs. Robirts called a meeting of the teachers for the purpose of getting them organized. Mrs. Chet Coats will teach the intermediate group, Mrs. Fay Brackett the junior group, Mrs. John Mathieson the primary group and Mrs. W. E. Rice the beginners group. Bible school will start Monday June 11 at 9:00 o'clock daylight time. Mr. Adrian Robirts and Miss

Dottie Steward will be helpers. The Rufus Missionary society met Thursday for an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. John Mathieson. Mrs. Fay Brackett was presented with a corsage from the society since she is the retiring president. The morning was spent in devotions and Mission study. Pot luck dinner was served at noon and the afternoon was spent packing two boxes of used clothing to be sent to the American Indian Missions.

Women Learn About Soil Conservation

The tour of conservation projects on Friday, May 18 which was sponsored by the Wasco Women's Study club, was attended by about 30 persons.

Among the men from the state offices were Tom Helseth and Mr. Mayke of Pendleton, Mr. Parton of Hermiston, Lawrence Warren of Moro and Thomas Thompson of the county extension service at Moro.

Mr. Helseth explained the methods of measuring the depth of soils, showed pictures of soil erosion and maps of the conservation districts in the entire United States.

Mr. Warren pointed out the soil practices on the Kaseberg farm such as crop rotation, stressed the use of grass and alfalfa in the same field.

Thomas Thompson showed the nitrogen plots on this farm and called attention to windbreaks, strip cropping and grass waterways on the experimental farm at Moro.

At the close of the tour the group enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Wasco park.



MOTHER LOVE AMID RUINS...
 A Korean mother suckles her baby in the ruins of Seoul, which is allied hands for the second time. There is not much left standing of the city, since two armies have fought over it.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Floye Coleman, has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Pernilla A. Sisco, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, at the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County, Oregon; County Court House, at Moro, Oregon, or at the office of her attorney, John M. Stapleton, Vogt Bldg., The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which date is May 4, 1951.

Floye Coleman, Adm.
 Estate of Pernilla A. Sisco
 John M. Stapleton
 Attorney for Estate,
 Vogt Bldg., The Dalles, Oregon.
 Pub. May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1951.

NEW HAIL INSURANCE RATES

THE NEW INSURANCE RATES ON HAIL FOR WHEAT HAVE BEEN SET AT \$1.50 PER \$100.00 OF INSURANCE IN SHERMAN COUNTY FOR THIS YEAR. THE FIRE RATES ARE 45 CENTS PER \$100.00. GET YOUR APPLICATION IN AT THE OFFICE OF THE Sherman Co-op in Wasco Griffith & Meeke ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE

NOTICE OF 1951-52 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215, O. C. L. A.), notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Moro, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted May 15, 1951, the budget estimates for Moro, Oregon, for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952, as set forth in the accompanying schedules I, II, III, and IV. All persons are hereby notified that on Tuesday the 19 day of June, 1951, at 8:00 p. m. in Moro, Oregon, said budget estimates may be discussed with the Council, the levying board for Moro, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of Moro, Oregon on May 15, 1951 was as follows: \$14,500.00. Signed Clyde Gillmor, chairman, Budget Committee; Currel S. Bennett, Secretary Budget Committee; John Parker, G. Douma, Darwin Van Gilder, Harry Kunsman, Members Budget Committee.

Sch. I SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS, LEVIES, FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

1951-52	Total of All Funds
TAX LEVY CALCULATIONS	
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 16,441.40
Estimated Receipts & Cash	5285.00
Amount to Balance the Budget	11,156.40
Total levies needed for 1951-52	11,156.40
Tax levies inside 6% limitation	557.75
Tax levies outside 6% limitation	8,198.65

Sch. II SUMMARY OF EST. EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS LEVIES, FISCAL YEAR 1950-51

1950-51	Total of All Funds
TAX LEVY CALCULATION	
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 6041.40
Estimated Receipts & Cash	5515.22
Amount to Balance the Budget	526.18
Total levies needed for 1950-51	526.18
Tax inside 6% limitation	526.18
Tax levies outside 6% limitation	NONE

SCHEDULE III

Actual for 7-1-48 to 7-1-49	Actual for 7-1-49 to 7-1-50	Actual for Six months	Budget 1950-51	EXPENDITURES FUND and CLASSIFICATION	Budget 1951-52
\$ 698.76	\$ 1004.71	\$ 557.99	\$ 585.00	GENERAL FUND	\$ 585.00
				WATER FUND	
			4150.00	TOTAL WATER FUND	\$ 4750.00
8307.27	5063.98	1966.70	200.00	MISCELLANEOUS	400.00
171.44	100.41	9.50	806.40	Emergency	806.40
8478.71	5164.39	1976.20	300.00	Power - Street Light Account	
			1494.89	Old Legion Hall	
			4.13	Streets, Walks, Sewers & Well	7500.00
			3983.23	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8706.40
			5487.25	DEBT SERVICE	
				Interest on Bonds	400.00
				Principal on Bonds	2000.00
			\$ 4577.01	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 2400.00
14664.69	13419.28	7653.14	7321.65	GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 16,441.40

SCHEDULE IV

240.33	341.81	67.12	200.00	RECEIPTS	400.00
30.00	234.50	249.79	50.00	State Liquor Apportionment	200.60
4123.16	4590.41	2799.95	4000.00	Licenses & Fees	4000.00
102.55	60.00	60.00	60.00	Water Rents	
			60.00	Legion Hall Rents	
			100.00	Rent or Property	60.00
23.93	284.52	151.14	200.00	Sidewalk Collection	
286.79	857.74	1998.75	360.00	P. P. & L. Franchise	275.00
2258.49	1528.88	953.35		County Road Tax	350.00
1377.84		8061.63		State Highway	
8360.51		2004.00	300.00	Bonds	
17.00	567.05			Miscellaneous Revenue	
17070.60	8494.91	16345.43	5270.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5285.00

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