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WELCOME

The activities resulting from the opening of a new bank headquarters for the Sherman county branch of the First National are such as to establish good will and mutual trust between the bank and the county. The expressions of congratulation, the evidences of faith are more elaborate than is usual for other types of business.

That is, we think, proper in the case of a bank opening. The business of banking is based to a large degree on faith. A depositor shuns a bank in which he has no faith; a bank refuses a borrower in whom it has no faith. Laws can punish the wrong doer but no one wants to get into that. In the care and use of money faith is a prime factor. That is the reason the county may feel proud that the First National bank has chosen to build a new bank building here as indication that their decision of 15 years ago is to be permanent. Local residents have had no doubt of that. They feel that the resources and the income of the county are certain to merit a bank.

Yet, both should be pleased over the new facilities for transacting banking business. It will be more convenient for customer and employee in the new building. Farmers who use the most modern of tillage and harvest machinery will appreciate the attitude that caused the bank to construct new quarters. Banking services have expanded generally in the last 20 years. The lending of money is only one of them whereas it used to be the only one. Banks could hardly exist on the money loaned in this county in recent years contrary to the conditions formerly when they could not exist because loans were too large. Income from other services make the banking business more stable, just as a few beef cattle stabilize wheat farming. This newspaper joins with farmers and business men in welcoming the bank, in congratulating it on its new building, in wishing it well in its probable expansion of services. We also are happy that another new and modern building has been added to the town as evidence of its continued growth.

PRICES DOWN
Prices are going down and have been for some time. Those who study such things say it is a leveling off process after the inflation period. Those who remember similar prophesies prior to the depression of the 1930s will be cautious. But there is a certain amount of relief to know that prices are dropping although slowly. Some of them were really pretty high. Farmers might well be happy about it for the price of their products have not been going up nearly so fast as the price of things bought to maintain production. It may be assumed that the government will protect farmers against sudden drops. Even along the highway one can see signs of lowered prices and evidence of coming competition. The signs are out telling of cheaper gasoline and oil prices, lumber is advertised at a bargain, there are sales at lower prices on many items. Grocery items carry coupons to indirectly reduce prices and it is likely that before long the slow reports of the government will notice the fact.

CAN IT RAIN
For nearly a week it has been trying to rain and has achieved no more than a try at this writing. Were we to prognosticate failure it might help. It acts like it used to in the dry old days when the farmer could not expect rain with the confidence that has been possible since 1940. Anyone old enough to have a crook in his neck from looking for clouds in the sky will remember how it used to seemingly try to rain. Clouds aplenty flew across the sky driven by wind that apparently came up for that purpose, dribbles of moisture fell on fields

And Speaking of Banks--There Was One Planned For Kent Once Upon A Time

"Speaking of banks", said the old timer, "reminds me of a funny thing that happened years ago. Can't prove it, but did hear it."
"Ted Hannafin was running the saloon at Grass Valley, where the drug store is now, the fancy glass that used to be around the door was put there to decorate the Hannafin & Wiley saloon which moved in when the building was built in 1904. Ted was a jolly Irisher, from Australia, a sheep man until he found that putting wool on men's tongues paid better than putting wool on sheep's backs."
"One morning about half past six as Ted was building the fire and sweeping the floor Harry Smith came in with a before breakfast expression far from pleasant. Ted understood and the two bent elbows in the silent salute of men who can drink before breakfast. Neither was to be outdone in generosity or drinkability and the bottle slid over the smooth bar several times before another man with troubles suspected of solubility came in.
"Joe Williams was the barber and a good one—he admitted it. He joined the others and made such efforts to catch up as were soon successful. The talk grew away from the worries that had brought them together. It touched upon the beauties of the country, the benevolence of the sun, then rising behind the hill, it mentioned the excellence of the spring weather, the prospective bounty of the crops, and expanded beyond the immediate vicinity toward Kent, then being settled and verging on advancement to the ranks of in-

corporated cities of the county. "It seemed that a day so well started should, before sundown, encompass at least one deed worthy of the promise of the country, and who could better do it. 'Kent needed a bank' said one. 'A fine idea', said another. 'And who could better start it?' said the third.
"And hiring the best rig from the livery stable and providentially filling its bottom with refreshment the three of them set out for Kent to establish a bank in that fine, thriving city, struggling upward toward metropolitan proportions—an opportunity for any forward looking man."
"Word was sent on ahead and as the promoters entered the town they were invited to partake of a hastily prepared but ample and tasty dinner prepared by the women of the village who themselves were interested in the sudden promise of economic growth.
"The dinner was a huge success. The self appointed mayor of the unincorporated town, presided and partook of the food and the fixins'. It was a glorious dinner. Speeches were made, the fertility of the soil was toasted. The wisdom of the forward looking bankers to be was praised. They bought a couple lots in the center of the townsite and turned their horses toward home.
"They owned those lots for 20 years, but the idea of the bank faded on the 15 miles home to Grass Valley, faded as the dust enveloped the promoters who had left their enthusiasm at Kent with not a single bottle to go home with."

parched until four inches of rain wouldn't have wet them, or black clouds hung in the heavens so securely that even lightning could jar but a little rain from them—and that in spots.
The law of averages should be expected to bring less rain in the 1950s than it did in the 1940s. One must however, solve the question of whether the wet years were averaging past dryness or merely as a prelude to future dryness. That we do not know. But we do know that the weather man is acting like he did years ago when there never was enough rain.

CARD OF THANKS
I take this means of telling the friends who voted for me in the recent election that I appreciate the support very much.
Kenneth Sather

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank the voters of Sherman county for their very generous support in the recent general election and to pledge again my allegiance to their welfare.
Charles Allen Tom

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank the voters of Sherman county for their support at the general election. Although I had no opposition, I appreciate your vote and will continue to work to the best of my ability for your interests.
Stewart Hardie
State Senator

SEAL SALE NOW ON HERE
Soon tinsel, holly, bright ribbons, and tissue paper will be strewn from one end of our house to the other. Packages will be piled up ready to be carried to the post office or delivered in the neighborhood. Cards will be stacked on the desk, some ready to be mailed, others waiting until we can check the addresses of roving friends.
Sherman county has been fortunate in its good health up to date. 94 percent of the Christmas seal sale is used to support TB control programs in the state the money comes from, 74 percent to the county, 20 percent to the state.
Sherman county's list has been sent out after checking and if any names are missing or more stamps are needed Norma Everett at Wasco will supply them.

RASMUSSENS WED 25 YEARS
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rasmussen have many guests this week because of the approach of their 25th wedding anniversary which will be November 19. Celebration will be delayed until Sunday the 23rd and will be at Hood River. Here are her mother, Mrs. Hannah Krogness of Wyndman, N. D.; her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I. Nash of Neche, N. D. Coming later are Mrs. Rasmussen's brother Lionel Krogness and wife from North Dakota and her sister, Mrs. Kenwood Woolworth of Seattle. Also here are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rasmussen of Melner, N. D., his brother and wife.

Rufus News
(By Mrs. George L. Fox)
The Rufus grange held election of officers Thursday night when the grange met in regular session with Roland Johnson, master, presiding. The results were as follows: Roland Johnson, master; Harland Johnson, overseer; Mrs. George Fox, lecturer; George Fox steward; Wm. O'Brien, assistant steward; Mrs. Roland Johnson, chaplain; Mrs. Walt Morris, treasurer; Mrs. Atlee Wilson, secretary; Sam Brock, gatekeeper; Mrs. Ben Galloway, Ceres; Mrs. Will Huck, Pomona; Mrs. Grace Medler, Flora; Mrs. Andy Engberg, lady assistant steward; and on the executive committee were Atlee Wilson, Curtis Neal and Will Huck.
Mrs. Roland Johnson said the bazaar date was changed to December 13 instead of December 6 as it was first planned. Also that two of the quilts have been completed by the H.E.C.
The names of the new candidates, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. George Macnab and Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith were balloted for and elected to become members by initiation. The Rufus grange are to take their candidates to Harlandview grange for the 1st and 2nd degree of the order Saturday, November 15 at 8 p. m. The candidates of both granges are to come to Rufus grange Thursday November 20 at 8 p. m. The Rufus master said the officers would have a degree work prac-

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NOTICE OF BOND SALE
Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until eight (8:00) o'clock P. M., Standard Oregon Time, on the 2nd day of December, 1952, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened by the District School Board of School District No. 17, Sherman County, Oregon, for the purchase, at not less than par and accrued interest, of the following described negotiable general-obligation coupon bonds of said school district, in the principal amount of \$310,000.00, dated January 1, 1953, in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, numbered one (1) to three hundred ten (310), inclusive, to mature serially in numerical order at the rate of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00) on the 1st day of January of each of the years 1954 to 1963, inclusive.
The bonds will bear interest payable semi-annually at such rate or rates, in multiples of 1/4 of 1%, not exceeding six (6) per cent per annum, as shall be specified by the successful bidder. Both the principal of and the interest upon the bonds will be paid at the office of the county treasurer of Sherman County, Oregon.
Each bid must be unconditional, must be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check in favor of the district, or upon a bank doing business in

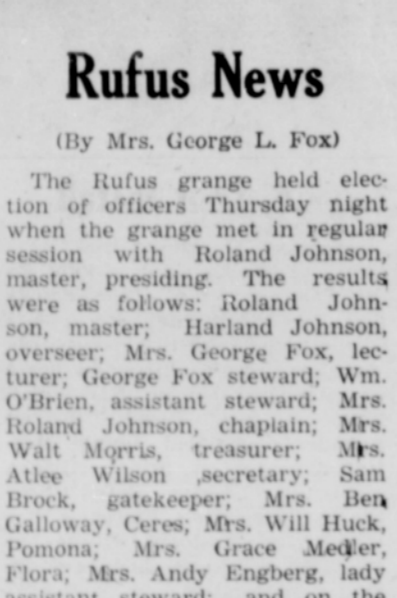
the state of Oregon, in the sum of \$6,200.00, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Proposals for Bonds". No interest will be allowed on the deposit with the successful bidder will be retained as part payment of the bonds or to secure the school district against any loss resulting from failure of the bidder to comply with the term of his bid.
Each bidder shall include in his bid a statement of the total cost to the district, if his bid be accepted.
The successful bidder will be furnished with the written opinion of Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler & Sayre of Portland, Oregon, to the effect that the bonds constitute the valid and legally binding obligations of the said school district.
The bonds will be delivered complete, without undue delay, at the expense of the school district, at such city in Oregon as the successful bidder shall name.
Clara E. Houston
Clerk School District No. 17,
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Estate of Thomas M. Garrett
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate No. 568
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, Probate Department.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Thomas M. Garrett, deceased by the County Court of

the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
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PEARL GARRETT
Administratrix
A. J. MOORE
Court House, Bend, Oregon
Attorney for Administratrix

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