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These Things We Note

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Now that they've picked the ten best dressed men we can go back to our old clothes again.

Pete Stadelman was a quiet and kindly man who liked to do things for his friends. It will be a long time before his generosity to community and individuals is duplicated.

There is certainly a socialistic tinge about a nation that won't let a citizen starve to death if he chooses, but reduces his wages for a promise of food in senility. With inflation the citizen trades three beans for one or rather, three beans for the promise of one. Good deal—for whom?

Apparently it is alright to smoke tobacco if no smoke touches the smoker.

A husband to be successful should be strong enough to be dominating or weak enough to be mothered. The failures lie between the extremes.

The worst trouble with skiing is where it has to be done.

You either have your nose to the grindstone or in some one else's business.

If the farmers can get the politicians bidding for their votes they may do alright for awhile. But if one party ever gets big enough to read an economics book instead of election returns—be ready to duck.

We note that labor "leaders" don't like the idea of letting the men vote on strikes. We'd like to hear from the men.

The candidates are beating the crocuses out this spring and some of them will last longer.

Being a listener may sell more beans than being a talker but it is harder work.

It is too early for us to make any disparaging remarks about the severe weather back east. Really we don't want to call attention to the warmth of our winter for fear the weather man will think we're feeling too smug. (Which we think we are).

Chicago electricians are to have a paid holiday on their birthdays. Guilt was once determined by walking on coals.

Some day we suppose men will harness earthquakes and use them to shake the top soil merely and make plowing unnecessary; maybe direct them to the harvesting of nuts and concentrate them to the razing of unwanted buildings. We presume it is too much to expect that they can ever be used to shake a high school lad out of bed.

Congress is to get the weather daily and what would members give to know the political weather?

Klamath Indians, when and if they become citizens, want some exemption from taxes. Rachael, bring the walnut juice.

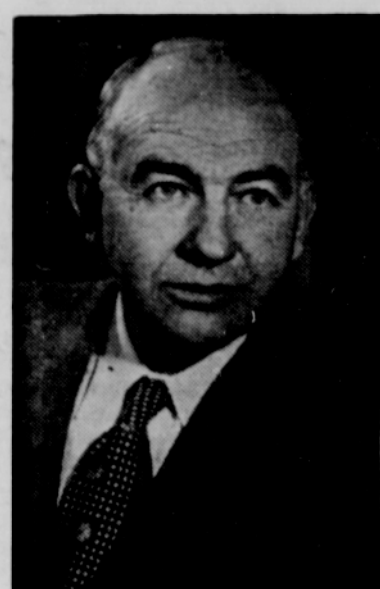
Any nation in financial difficulties should start a war with the United States. It really pays off.

"When I got out of a job", mused Uncle Emmett, "I used to set down and try and figure why I'd lost it and how to get another one and keep it. It was my business. Now it seems to be everybody's business and I reckon I'd been just mean enough to let every one else do the worryin' if they'd done it in my time."

The potato men are going to advertise to try to get their market back. It will be a long job, but it has to be done since the government took over their business and ruined it by pricing them out of the market.

When they get jet and atomic engines the highways will have to be straight because there won't be time to make them.

Resigns Wheat Post



Jens Terjeson

Jens Terjeson, Oregon Wheat Commission chairman, resigned from that position effective February 15, 1954. A desire to devote more time to his farming operation was given as the reason.

Governor Paul Patterson in accepting the resignation stated, "I wish at this time to acknowledge to you the debt of gratitude which the state owes for the many years of service that you have given to the state and particularly to those people engaged in agriculture. Oregon and the agricultural people are better today for your having served the State of Oregon."

Terjeson, instrumental in forming the Oregon Wheat Commission in 1947, has been chairman of the organization for the past six years. In resigning he states, "I have enjoyed the fine relationship with the Commission; also with the State college, the State Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Wheat Growers league and other organizations interested in the wheat industry. Through this fine cooperation it has been possible for the Wheat Commission to build a sound, constructive program."

The Oregon Wheat Commission is a state agency originated to find new markets for wheat and wheat products.

Commission Vice-Chairman, Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington, will assume Terjeson's responsibilities until an election of officers is held later this year.

First National Has More Loans Now

Year-end statement of condition figures released by the Moro branch of First National Bank of Portland show that on December 31, 1953, deposits at the branch were \$2,718,295.43 and loans were \$315,296.10. Announcement of the totals were made by B. C. Pinkney, manager of the local branch.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for December 31, 1952. On that date, deposits were \$2,703,305.42 and loans were \$229,573.83.

Further figures show that on December 31, 1953, deposits at the First National Bank of Portland and its 49 statewide offices were \$589,047,433 loans were \$301,022,354, and resources were \$46,160,026.

In releasing the figures, C. B. Stephenson, president of the bank reported that deposits and resources were down slightly over a year ago, and loans were up over the same period one year ago. Over December 31, 1952, deposits dropped \$2,748,189, resources were down \$833,368, and loans increased, \$23,207,677.

Also released at the same time were figures for the First National Bank group, consisting of the First National Bank of Portland and its 49 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices. On December 31, 1953 deposits for the group were \$728,194,630, loans were \$358,387,280 and resources were \$798,143,846. These figures represent a decrease over December 31, 1952 of \$1,729,758 in deposits, an increase of \$2,441,489 in loans and an increase of \$819,671 in resources.

Former Grass Valley Carpenter Suicide

Jacob H. Gorence, 43, a carpenter who has worked at Grass Valley for several years, mostly with the Henry George company, builders of elevators, committed suicide Tuesday near Moses Lake, Washington by carbon monoxide gas. He has a brother, George, and a brother in law, who are being sought to determine what will be done with the body.

Wasco Cemetery Gets New Well; Ready For Improvements

The Wasco cemetery association is getting ready to install a pump in its new well, drilled in the draw above the Rich place which has potential ability to throw out 330 gallons per minute. An 85 gallon per minute pump will be installed which engineers have told the association is large enough to irrigate the four acres in the cemetery.

Cost of the well was \$1200 and probable cost of the pump and pipe line to make it effective will be \$3000. A 10 x 10 pump house will be built to house the pump and as the land is to be leveled part of this will be below ground when the job is done.

Officers of the association are Walter Bruckert, president and Hildred Zell, secretary. Funds are needed to complete the work and a letter has been sent families having plots in the cemetery asking for donations. When completed the entire four acres will be in green grass and perpetually cared for.

Young Men Start AT Grass Valley

Two young men, Bill Alsop and Bud Eslinger, have bought the Pike Garage at Grass Valley and opened it up for business, a business which will be known as the Grass Valley Equipment & Repair Company.

The equipment part of the name will come from dealership of Massey-Harris farm implements which Pike has carried for some years; the repair part will come from general repair and welding of all farm and automotive equipment.

Mr. Alsop is well known in the county and for the past few years has been working for Charles L. Powell on that farm; Mr. Eslinger is also well known although he comes from Hillsboro where he has been engaged in several activities requiring knowledge of machinery.

Toms, Father & Son File For Office

County Judge C. A. Tom of Rufus filed for reelection with the county clerk and will again make the race for election to the office he has held for the past five years. He is a Republican.

Norman Fields, county sheriff, filed by petition for reelection to his office. He is a Democrat and has held office since being appointed to fill the place vacated by C. C. Wilson, who resigned.

Charles A. Tom, son of Judge C. A. Tom, filed with the secretary of state for reelection to the legislature. He served his first term in the 1953 session being one of two who represented Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties. J. P. Steiwer of Fossil filled the other seat and presumably will file for reelection also. A constitutional amendment passed by the voters in 1952 will limit the representatives from this district to one unless upset by the supreme court.

Moro Womans' Club Entertains Fourth District Here; Listen To Reports

The Moro Womans' club held its January meeting last Thursday afternoon at the social rooms of the Community church, with over thirty women attending. Mrs. John Parker and Mrs. Maggie Barnum were hostesses.

The club's vice-president, Mrs. Dewey Thompson, presided at the business session. The club accepted with regret the resignation of its president, Mrs. James Dyer, who resigned because of illness in her family.

Mrs. Harry Pinkerton was director of the program, which opened with the group singing, "The Oregon State Song". Mrs. Pinkerton read "The Club Womans' Litany", then welcomed the guests present. Mrs. Hugh White of Wasco, the conservation chairman of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, told of the club's "Memorial Forest" bordering the Sunset highway, in the Tillamook burn area. The trees and expenses are paid for by the clubs and the planting is done by Portland high school students. Mrs. Walter Bruckert, chairman of water and soil conservation, spoke of the urgent need for education and action in saving the natural resources. Mrs. Hildred Zell, also of Wasco, past-president of Oregon Federation of Women's clubs and chairman of gerontology for the general federation, spoke interestingly of her recent trip to

Orville M. Gibson Wasco County Centennial Marks Suicide In Canyon Area Decline, Population Growth Near Old Home

Orville M. Gibson, 67, Madras, ended his life by shooting himself with a 303 Savage rifle in a small cave in Remington canyon, probably Saturday night and his body was not found until one o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Gibson has been mechanic in the garage at Willowdale for some time and had recently gone to Portland to go through a clinic where he was told that he had cancer. Saturday morning he told his wife that he had a job to do in Shaniko and would probably not be home that night.

After he had gone his wife found that he had not taken his tools or his identification papers or other things usually carried and that afternoon she and her brother in law, Bert Cox, notified the local state police officer, Harold Engbaum, who started to search.

Saturday, Gibson had mailed a letter in Grass Valley to his wife which was delivered to her Monday forenoon. The letter told her that he was going to the Moro cemetery to visit the grave of his mother and then would return to the Grass Valley cemetery to the grave of their daughter; that he would leave his car there and walk down into a canyon where he knew of a cave his dog had found years ago when chasing a porcupine. He wrote that the cave had a small opening and that there was no need to search for him and that burial would thereby be unnecessary.

Gibson Lived Here

Orville Gibson was born in Douglas county, it is believed by those who knew him. His mother had a homestead at the head of the canyon where the body was found and he had once been well acquainted with the country.

Willard Barnett had noticed the car parked in the cemetery and had given notice of it.

Officer Engbaum brought Spencer Darrah of Madras with him and with local men started search. It is evident that Gibson did not find the cave he sought, probably because of darkness, and found one with a large opening. It is about 100 yards from the bottom of the canyon on the south side. He had eaten his lunch, which he carried in a bucket and left that in the canyon.

Keep and Dellgrave of the BmtW Darrah and Officer Archie Keep and Dell Olds were the party that found the body. Bruce Alley, county coroner, called Kenneth Libby, Wasco county coroner, who took the body to The Dalles.

Sheriff Norman Fields and Deputy George Geiser, aided in the search as did local men acquainted with the country. Tom Monroe took his plane but the body was found before he had received his bearings.

He is survived by his widow, Bessie of Madras, and a half-brother, Ed Lewis of Bend.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced by the family.

A hundred years ago Wasco county became a political entity, a loose one, naturally for its boundaries extended from the crest of the Cascades to the top of the Rockies. All of the then territory of Oregon east of the Cascades was put into a new county.

A hundred years is a long time and it is difficult to discern the reasons for making a new county. Business for residents east of the Cascades had been handled by the Clackamas county court, no member of which knew much about it, neither did they wish to be bothered.

Nathan Olney and his brother Cyrus and some others had been granted a ferry license on the Deschutes with privilege of building a bridge and a subsequent session had permitted reduction of the fee. The legislature had given this license although it was usually county business.

Only need for more local government was the possible need for organizing against the Indians who were showing signs of arising against the few whites, which they did the next year. Even so, the ability to organize didn't amount to much because there was no one to be organized. The estimate of Major Rains, who was stationed at The Dalles with the cavalry, that there was not over 35 white persons in the projected county may be considered political evidence only as the major opposed the formation of a new county. There must have been from three to five hundred whites east of the Cascades.

The Dalles had had a business boom by selling food and clothing to emigrants who came from across the plains and this business was profitable, flour bringing up to 15 cents, coffee up to 40 and pork up to 37½ a pound. There was a settlement at Umatilla, one at Fort Boise and soldiers stationed at Fort Hall in addition to the few that were at The Dalles.

The settlers of the Willamette valley were not concerned about the country east of the mountains and would just as soon let it go entirely. In fact, in 1859 during the constitutional convention the delegate from Wasco county, Charles R. Meigs, tried to remain without the state but the leaders of the convention, Thomas Dyer and Mathew P. Deady, thought it best to have a big state.

The first officers of Wasco county were appointed by the territorial governor John W. Davis, an appointee of President Pierce. There wasn't much for them to do other than giving licenses to operate ferries and build bridges. There was competition for ferry sites in those days, especially during the emigrant season which was from late August until November. There was great changing of rates which had to be done

Soil Testing Story Told By Cushman

Soil testing program of OSC will be outlined by Howard Cushman, extension specialist soil conservation, at the annual meeting of the Sherman County Conservation District, 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 19, county court house, Moro, reports T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

Wayne Autin, agronomist, soil conservation service, will discuss "Conservation Farming in Relation to Wheat Allotment Program." Conservation practices on diverted acres to build and maintain fertility along with use of soil waterways, cross slope and contour farming, and other practices will be outlined.

Other speakers will include Don Hyder, range conservationist, Squaw Butte-Harney experiment station, on "The Opportunity in Range Management Through Sagebrush Control and Reforestation," Bob Baum, secretary, state soil conservation committee, Corvallis, and Harold Tower, newly appointed state conservationist, soil conservation service.

Operation, procedure, and place of the soil testing laboratory will be covered by Mr. Cushman. The laboratory initiated a year ago gives a standard reaction, salt and sodium content and organic matter content are made on samples. Coordination of field plots with soil analysis is being performed throughout the state.

The annual report of the district will be presented. During the business meeting election of a supervisor for the expired term of A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco, will be held. A film, "This is Our Land" will be shown starting at 1:30 p. m.

through court action. Even in the Snake ferryman had to get their licenses from the Wasco county court at The Dalles.

The court also granted licenses for merchants to sell goods but there was less competition in this although it did bring in a small income for the county. Finding a sheriff who could collect taxes was another job that seemed never ending. Not many owned land and the taxes were levied on personal property which was less stable as to location than than now.

The Olney brothers, who had come to The Dalles in 1847, were prominent in all public affairs. Cyrus was one of the territorial court judges and well known all over the state. Nate was at different times county judge, sheriff, commissioner and general handy man in Wasco county government. He was a squaw man which did not endear him to white women. He lived with Annette for years.

He owned the first ferry at the Deschutes and had a part in many of the bridge schemes that kept hope alive in transportation circles around The Dalles. Mrs. Lord describes him as "handsome, intelligent, genial, and a general favorite with men" and he was reliable, too, for whenever he was appointed to perform duties by the early court his report was available within a meeting of two. He surveyed the first county road across Sherman county so that D. G. Leonard could have a toll road and bridge at his location on the John Day.

Wasco county is reported to be going to celebrate during all of 1954 the centennial of its political formation and it might properly ask residents of all of its original territory to help it in so doing.

P.P.&L. & Mt. States Plan Power Merger

Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light, and Z. E. Merrill, chairman of the board of Mountain States Power, today announced that the boards of directors of the two companies have approved for submission to stockholders a plan for the merger of Mountain States with and into Pacific Power & Light.

"Consolidation of the two operations would greatly strengthen the ability of the companies to meet present and future public service requirements of their customers and to support the development of the region," it was stated.

The proposal is to effect the merger by an exchange of stocks. Basis of the exchange would be 9 shares of Pacific Power & Light common stock for each 10 shares of Mountain States common, and one share of Pacific \$100 par value preferred stock for each two shares of Mountain States \$50 par value preferred.

Stockholders of the two companies will vote on the plan at special meetings called for March 12.

The merger can become effective only after approval by the state and federal regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.

Served by Pacific Power & Light are 151,000 electric customers in Oregon and Washington. Mountain States serves 71,000 electric customers in Oregon and 39,000 in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Pacific has annual operating revenues of \$21,985,000 and Mountain States has \$15,571,000.

Total capitalization of Pacific Power & Light is \$108,000,000 and of Mountain States is \$44,400,000.

Visitors Tell About Saskatchewan

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sadler of Kindersley, Saskatchewan, have been here this week to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Parker. The women are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadler have two farms near Kindersley, which is near the new oil fields of Saskatchewan but they are not excited about the proximity of oil. They are very concerned about a great influx of ducks and geese which come into their winnowed fields and destroy crops in the fall and say that Canadian farmers in their area are trying to get their government to permit control of the game birds by an open season.

Canadian wheat is selling for around \$1.60 and is being moved to foreign markets slowly at that price. Crops have been comparable to ours. The Sadlers are on a trip south which will take them until spring before they will return to their home.

New Elevator At Grass Valley To Start Soon

Members of the Grass Valley Grain Growers held a special meeting last Saturday and by a vote of 54 to 8 decided to start construction of a new 680,000 bushel grain elevator to care for the expected 1954 crop. Work is to begin next week although the exact site has not been picked. It will be in Grass Valley.

The Grass Valley co-operative now has approximately 1,500,000 bushels of storage and it is all full and farm bins are also full, making some storage construction necessary unless there is a movement of wheat very soon. The farmers thought it cheaper to build the storage cooperatively than individually.

Moro Has No Plans

The Moro Grain Growers has 1,700,000 storage including the flat houses that are not entirely full. About 400,000 bushels of this is available for 1954 crop and if some selling can be done—and the wheat shipped—it may be possible to handle the coming crop.

Wasco Undecided

The official capacity of the houses belonging to the Sherman Co-op Grain Growers is 1,960,000 although only about 1,750,000 can be used because of difficulties of storing varieties of grain. A meeting is to be held at Wasco soon to decide on policy as to storing the crop.

Storage now available—and nearly full—is 5,160,000 bushels without inclusion of farm storage. The new construction, commercial and farm, will bring the total well over six million bushels.

Hall Appointed Acting Superintendent

William Hall has been notified that he has been named as acting superintendent of the Moro experiment station, pending approval by the state board of higher education. The board will meet within a few weeks.

Mr. Hall is a crops man and has been plant breeder at the station since coming here from OSC. He has taken post graduate work at both OSC and Washington State while working here. Effort is now being made to bring a soils man here to fill out the station staff.

New Officers, Old Honored A Meeting

Annie Fulton chapter No. 124, Wasco initiated Patricia Skiles into the Order Tuesday December 22. Addendas were given in honor of the retiring and incoming worthy matrons under the good of the Order. Refreshments were served at the close of the chapter. The hall and buffet table were decorated in the festive mood of Christmas.

Joint installation of 1954 Annie Fulton chapter and Taylor lodge officers was held Saturday, January 9 at the Masonic hall at 8 p. m.

Moro PTA Hears Athletic's Praised

The Moro PTA met for its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening in the school gym. President Mrs. Paul May presided over a short business meeting, then introduced Jerry Disch, program chairman for the evening. Mr. Disch introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Hal Smith, track coach and physical education instructor at Linfield college. Mr. Smith spoke on the role of function of physical education in public schools. He stressed advantages which small schools offer in that each child gets much more of a chance at being a part of a team and receiving individual help. Stress was also put on the fact that loyalty, team work, etc., which are learned in the physical education courses, are the basis of good citizenship in the community.

Miss Jansen, physical education teacher, Don Anderson, grade school superintendent, and Jerry Disch, outlined their physical education programs in the Moro school.

Cake and coffee were served by fifth and sixth grade mothers, with room mothers Mrs. Ernest Woods and Mrs. Ted Thompson in charge.

Children enjoyed the usual full length movie.