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These Things We Note

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If you're wrong, compromise; if right, never.

T T W N

Some of us give a man the highest praise by saying he is smart, some note a man's honesty and others pick men for ability to get things done, meaning his will. When a man has all three he's read about in the papers.

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Wonder how long it will be before Sunday newspapers are sold by the pound, like bananas.

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Communism is the ownership and management of the implements of production. That is its basic difference between capitalism which lets the people own them. No matter how big a company gets it can never become so large a monopoly as a government.

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As an example of the size of this country we point to the sign on the Columbia River Highway "Mt. Hood In Foreground". It is 40 miles away.

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Emotions often come from weakness.

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Humans develop unwillingly. They remain dependent as long as possible, on mama, on papa, on the employer, on the government. Some make it clear through. If we are to have representative government we must first have independent individuals; dependent individuals will prefer strong and protective government. We have the choice between strong people and strong government.

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Thousands of un-endangered persons were saved Monday in the civil defense tests by being theoretically blocked from going to work in cities. In case of actual attack they'd probably hear about it and go the other way without benefit of official warning.

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There's nothing more amusing than people; they are the most diverting of the animals. And if one doesn't take them too seriously (oneself included) it is a constant pleasure to live among them.

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When men first learned to roll tobacco into cigarettes it was considered a neat trick and no youth could aspire to admittance into the charmed circle of manhood without achieving proficiency in the accomplishment; then it was done by machine and taxed into extravagance without causing a revival of the once well-practiced art. Once upon a time it was an axiom that no girl should consider marriage without the ability to bake a fine textured, spongy loaf of bread; then it got into the hands of the professionals, the price quadrupled and the quality reduced. And still no bride would consider it a part of her needed accomplishments.

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Special interests always seem to be the other side's interests.

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Regardless of the daily threats of disaster it is probable that the old world will keep on turning around, the sun will shine, the rain will fall and some sort of people will worry about things that will never happen.

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The news often exaggerates differences of opinion by announcing "splits" in parties, administration bodies, etc. Actually there isn't anything to worry about because there should be differences; that is why we have our kind of government—to get the benefit of more than one brain. When we have no differences it will be time to worry—or will it be too late?

T T W N

Even Portland has dug up a few who have so little faith that their ideas are sufficiently similar to those of the remainder of their countrymen that they will testify about their feelings in regard to communism. What communist ideas must a person support to be put in the class of anti-Americans?

Summer School Draws Twenty Sherman County 4-Hers

Twenty Sherman county 4-H club members left Tuesday for the annual 4-H Summer School at Corvallis, states, T. W. Thompson, county extension agent.

Mrs. Thelma Trimble, Grass Valley, accompanied the group as chaperone. The Grass Valley school bus served as method of transportation with Clair Adams driver. T. W. Thompson will attend the school session the second week.

The Sherman county school delegation will be on the air over KOAC, Corvallis at 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. Monday, June 21. County parents and friends are invited to tune in the states own station 550 on your dial. Events from summer school may be heard each afternoon from 2:15 to 3:00 p. m. and each evening 7:30 to 8:00 p. m., June 16 to 24.

Four-H club members enjoy an educational and entertaining ten day visit to Corvallis. Informative classes held on a variety of subjects according to age and sex each morning. A general assembly of the 1850 members from all over the state and athletics are held during the afternoon. Evening programs are also part of the program. Delegates will return June 25.

OREGON DELEGATION VOTES MOST OFTEN FOR IKE

The Oregon delegation in the house of representatives leads all delegations in the country in its record support for President Eisenhower's program, and in its perfect attendance and voting record on all major legislation so far, Congressman Coon stated.

WHEAT ALLOTMENT FOR FARMS WITH NO WHEAT FOR THREE YEARS

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for all of the years 1952, 1953, and 1954 may apply for a 1955 wheat allotment, according to Frank von Borstel, chairman of the Sherman county ASC committee. Application must be made by June 30, 1954. Blank application forms are available at the Sherman county ASC office in Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Waldroff and family of Sunnyside, Wn. were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Gladys Morrison and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Coelsch.

Field Tours and Station Day Help Inform Growers

The farm tour of last Friday and that of today showed farmers who made the trip some of the improvement work being done by individual farmers toward correcting nature's errors. Control of weeds, sod waterways and grass planting to overcome cheat grass were shown along with nitrogen fertilizer trials on several plots in the county.

Fertilized plots look good and differences can be seen in the in the looks of the wheat although no conclusions are possible until harvest and results depend on the weather, says Tommy Thompson, county agent.

The field day at the experiment farm will be held July 7, Wednesday, and by that time it may be possible for the several experts to more correctly appraise the work they have superintended during the year.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Frank Sayrs left Wednesday to attend the grand lodge of Masons meeting this week in Portland.

A comparatively new Ford was wrecked on DeMoss hill Tuesday morning when the driver lost control on a turn and drove into a power pole making a direct hit. No one was seriously injured.

Carol Kopp of Kent was on the honor roll at Eastern Oregon College of Education for the last term.

Last week a head on collision occurred west of town when cars driven by Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg and Arthur Sargent met. Mrs. Sargent and Rev Gravenor occupied the Sargent car also. They were all shaken up but none hurt seriously.

A number of the streets in town have been worked, oiled and graveled and are a big improvement. We hope someday to have a few more streets done and other badly needed repairs and improvements.

Rev. and Mrs. Gravenor left Sunday after his having been pastor of the Methodist church four years. They have moved to a home recently bought near Hillsboro. As a going away gift the church at Grass Valley where he also held services, presented the Gravenors with a lovely organ.

Moro Voters Approve Special Levy Asked By Budgeteers

Vote in the city election authorizing a tax levy in excess of the six percent limitation resulted in 18 voting for and 6 voting against the levy.

The excess levy was for \$8800 with which, according to the adopted budget the city will do work on the water system, the ditch through town and improve the park.

Grass Valley Church To Sponsor School

Vacation Bible school begins Monday at the Grass Valley Baptist church. All children from the ages of four years through grade school are invited and welcome.

Miss Helen Carlson, instructor at the Multnomah school of the Bible will conduct the school. She is an experienced children worker, having spent the past four summers working with children along the coasts of British Columbia and Alaska in conjunction with the Marlen Medical Mission.

The use of flannel graph and object lessons holds the attentive interest of the children as Miss Carlson teaches. She will speak to the Sunday school June 20.

Beginning June 21 at 9:00 a. m. the school will run through July 3rd. The final program will be July 2 so those leaving for the Fourth of July weekend will not miss it. If you have any questions contact Ed Fritts.

More Rain Comes To Help Wheat

Another .16 inch of rain fell during the past week to increase optimism among farmers and keep the air cool and the ground wet. It came in small showers and did not evaporate as small rains often do, because there was no heat to dry it up. Greatest amount came Tuesday noon when .08 fell in a quick shower.

Wheat over the county is pretty well headed out and is developing rapidly in the cool weather and damp atmosphere. Already there are prophesies that this crop will be the best ever in bushelage per acre.

John DeFigh, principal at Rufus was one of the delegates at the president's conference of the Oregon Education association in Portland last week end.

Winners At Wheat League Show From Sherman

Sherman county winners at the wheat league stock show in The Dalles in the beef division. Hereford class were: under 900 lbs. Jim Thomas, 3rd; Art Decker 4th; Lee Kaseberg 5th; Arnold Miller 7th; Kay McKay 8th; John Thomas 9th; 905 to 950 class: John Fields 1st; Sally Fields 6th; Terry Kaseberg 10th; 950 to 1025 class: Sally Fields 4th; Virgil Fields 5th; Sterling Gochmeyer 11th; 1025 up class: Steven Burnett 2nd; Florene Crews 9th; Allen Miller 10th.

Shorthorn: Frank McKay 6th; Paul Sather 10th. Angus: Jean Ross 1st; Alice Kaseberg 2nd. Steven Burnett 5th, Gary Miller 6th. Of the beef class only the Steven Burnett Hereford graded prime.

Sherman county was second in county beef herd. Art Decker 4th and Gary Miller 7th in senior judging; Sally Fields 3rd, Steven Burnett 4th Arnold Miller 7th, Sterling Gochmeyer 8th in intermediate judging; John Fields 1st, Terry Kaseberg 2nd and Florene Crews 7th in junior judging.

Jean Ross was first and grand champion in sheep classes. Jim Coons 2nd, Virgil Fields 5th, John Fields 1st and Ann Hall 8th in the light Southdowns; Jeanette Belshee 7th, Tommy DeMoss 8th and Arlean DeMoss 12th in the lightest class. Jim Coons had the best pen of three. Jean Ross had 1st, John Fields 2nd and Virgil Fields 3rd for blackface sheep. Sherman county's sheep was first for county herd. Jean Ross was best senior showman, Jeanette Belshee 9th in intermediate; Jim Coons 5th, Tommy DeMoss 6th, Arlean DeMoss 9th, Virgil Fields 10th, John Fields 11th, Ann Hall 12th in junior sheep showmanship.

Frank McKay was 1st and 2nd with Duroc swine and Doug McKay was 3rd and 4th. Sterling Gochmeyer was 4th and Frank McKay 6th in senior swine showmanship. Doug McKay 3rd and Darlene Gochmeyer 4th in junior showmanship. Sherman county had the third best herd.

SHERIFF IN SALEM

Sheriff Norman Fields was in Salem last week end and while there attended the meeting and dinner of the parole board and heard a speech on the subject of parole.

School Elections Monday To Decide Board Personnel

School elections will be held next Monday, June 21. Each district will elect at least one director and in case of resignations more than that number.

The Rural School Board will elect a new director, the term of Philip O'Meara of Wasco having expired. It is for a three year term.

The Non-High School Board will elect one new director, the term of Willard Barnett of Grass Valley having expired. The office is for a five year term.

March of Dimes Head Brings Honors

Gene Malecki, administrator for the March of Dimes, was in Sherman county Tuesday to confer with Mrs. Collis Moore, county chairman, and to bring his personal congratulations to Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, campaign director of the 1954 campaign inasmuch as Sherman county was the best in the state.

Duane Lemley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley of Grass Valley is graduating from Ohio State university with a master of arts degree in social administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Malen of Astoria and family were visitors here last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton.

Wendell Balsiger drove to Spokane Thursday to attend a grain dealer's meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Serrurier were here Tuesday for a brief visit with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knighten and to attend the Miller-Knighten wedding last Saturday. They live in northwestern Washington and he has retired from the banking business which he learned at Grass Valley.

Stuart Johnson, well known here as insurance salesman has just won his tenth award from the national association, a distinction he has achieved for the past ten years.

Edwin Balsiger is home from Eugene and his first year at the university where he is a pre-dental student. He is working for the Moro Grain Growers this summer.

Mrs. Grover Coffman has her two grandsons here for a visit for several weeks.

Anaejan Knighten-John Miller Married In Afternoon Ceremony In Church

At an afternoon ceremony, June 12, in the First Congregational church in The Dalles, Miss Margaret Anaejan Knighten became the bride of Mr. John Jason Miller Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Miller of Portland. The Reverend Robert A. Hutchinson, D.D., pastor of the Pioneer Riverside Community church of Hood River, officiated.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willy W. Knighten of Moro, was given in marriage by her father. Her dress was of imported rosepoint lace and tulle, made with lace bodice with portrait neckline and full tulle skirt with bands of matching lace. Her illusion veil was held in place by a Juliet cap of heirloom lace embroidered in seed pearls. She carried white roses, stephanotis, and white belladonna delphinium.

Miss Marjory Miller of Portland, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Frank Sayrs of Moro, Mrs. Robert V. Flatt of Heppner, and Mrs. Robert Runnion of Pendleton. All wore floor length gowns of blue dotted swiss over blue taffeta, fashioned after the bride's and trimmed with large flirtation bows at the back waistline. They carried fan shaped bouquets of two shades of blue belladonna delphinium and white net and ribbon, and wore small matching arrangements in their hair.

Mr. John Robert McClure of Portland was best man and ushers were A-Ic Willy W. Knighten, brother of the bride, E. H. Miller Jr. of Heppner, cousin of the groom, and Graeme Duthie and John Peterson of The Dalles.

Tom Fraser of Moro was soloist, singing "Calm as the Night", and "The Lord's Prayer". Mrs. Lella G. Fancher of The Dalles accompanied Mr. Fraser at the organ and played the wedding music.

Candlelighters were Harry and Kenneth Miller, brothers of the

Patterson Pleases With Talk On Pioneer Ideals

"We will have lost our rights as free citizens if we fail to keep the ideals of the pioneers", said Governor Paul Patterson in his talk to the members of the Sherman County Historical society at DeMoss Springs Park Sunday as they gathered for the annual meeting. "The way to strengthen our form of government and give strength to our leaders in this struggle against the powerful government idea, is for each of us to do our jobs well, to be good city and county officers, good club members, so that representative government will work so well the world will want more of it", continued the governor.

The day was not a pleasant one being cold with rain threatening although none fell. The crowd was restricted to slightly over 150 whose spirits were high at the feasting and during the program.

Eugene Colton's Boy Scout Troop 351 raised the flag. Rev. Merlins Shields gave the invocation, James Tate welcomed the members and visitors and Mrs. Allie Ruggles read the report of the society for the year.

Tom Fraser sang "Sweet Oregon", a song that has become traditional at meetings of the society. Giles French, assisted by Mrs. Elton Eakin, Don Anderson and Charles Burnett, read descriptions of two events in Sherman county's history: the naming of the county and the celebration of the coming of the railroad to Moro. Everett Cantrall played a trumpet solo before Governor Patterson's talk.

Harry Pinkerton as chairman of the Betterment committee, asked for eight specified improvements to the county including the destruction of old and unused buildings, farm naming and marking.

Officers elected were Willy W. Knighten, president and Wallace May, vice president for two years and Earl Richelderfer, member of the board for five years.

SAYRS ON BOAT TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs left Saturday for Spokane where he attended the annual meeting of the Production Credit association. They later went to Lewiston and made the trip up the Snake to Johnson's Bar by mail boat.

How Sherman County Was Named As Told At Historical Picnic

By 1885 there was almost as many people between the two rivers, Deschutes and John Day, as there is now. It was remarkable how they had come so fast. Back in 1880 the official census taker, T. J. Cartwright, had found but 150 persons in Eaton precinct and 30 of them were workers on the railroad that Henry Villard was pushing up the Columbia from the portage at The Dalles to meet the Oregon Short Line farther east. There 30 listed themselves as laborers, miners, engineers, while those engaged in agriculture were listed as "works on farm."

When the emigrants who had come to Oregon in the 1840s and 1850s, crossed the land that became Sherman county they were in a hurry, for it was often late fall. They sometimes made the trip from the ford on the John Day to the mouth of the Deschutes with but one nights stop, usually at Emigrant Springs or Mud Springs. Not one of them took up land on the grass covered hills between the rivers. There is no evidence in their diaries that they considered doing that for a moment.

But by 1880 some of them tired of the big timber of the Willamette valley that had to be cut down before a crop could be planted and remembered the open hills with the tall bunchgrass. The railroad was coming to Oregon and already a short trip by stage was all that was needed to make connections. The settlers who came up from the valley met those that came from the east, from the middle border, from Ohio, Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, Maine, Tennessee. They came up from California, weary of searching for buried gold and from across the sea, Germany, Denmark, England, Ireland and from the Iberian peninsula came the Basques and Portuguese who love the open spaces and cherish

bands of sheep. By 1885 the county was almost full. In early evening the candles and dim coal oil lamps of settlers shone from homestead cabins in every canyon and the tall grass was being plowed before there was stock enough to eat it. Homes were thicker in the northern end of the county but all over cabins and fences proclaimed the advent of the farmer, men who came to use the land itself, not merely the grass as had the stock men.

These men demanded roads and they encouraged the growth of towns. The records of Wasco county in that time are filled with road petitions from new residents of what was called east Wasco county. John Fulton, the county surveyor, was kept busy laying them out.

However well Wasco county built new roads and patronized homesteaders there was a demand for a county of their own. Some hankered for public office, some wanted political independence, business men thought there would be more sales if trips to The Dalles were not mandatory for official business.

To aid the movement C. J. Bright, an attorney, and R. B. McMillan started the "Wasco Observer", a weekly newspaper, that spoke for a new county while publishing the proof notices of new citizens. The sentiment was not universal for the Grass Valley country, which was the name for everything south of Gordon Ridge, did not get excited over a new county. The grange at Milbra, now Erskenville, debated the subject and decided against it. Wasco county had just built the Freebridge and road down Harris canyon to it and the Grass Valley country was not rebellious.

But it was a time for establishing new counties. Umatilla, Baker, Lake and Gilliam had re-

cently left the protection of Mother Wasco. "Oddly enough this was the year that Dom Pedro II of Brazil had freed the slaves there and had been dethroned and sent back to Portugal and it was the year that one Adolf Hitler was born, Hitler who enslaved more men than Dom Pedro had ever freed.

In the election for the legislative session of 1889 in Wasco county E. O. McCoy of Grant, who was called "Dutch", was elected to the house. With him went E. L. Smith of Hood River, who became the speaker. Senators were Charles Hilton of Gilliam and George Watkins of Wasco county.

The first plan was that the new county would run from the Columbia river to the Crook county line, but the stockmen from around Antelope and south objected and, in fact, sent a delegation to Salem to oppose their inclusion in a new county. McCoy's House Bill 18 was introduced on the first day of the session, January 14, and it stayed in committee until many compromises had been made. The new county was reduced in size with the south line just south of Grass Valley and Wasco county was to be paid a share of the indebtedness. There wasn't much McCoy could do for his bill was not popular either at home or in Salem. On February 15, in a night session, he had an opportunity to call his bill up for final passage.

"Mr. Speaker: May I ask that the house consider House Bill 18, a bill to establish a new county between the Deschutes and John Day rivers, an area that is growing rapidly in agriculture and with railroad transportation to take its grain and livestock to the markets of the world. The bill has been approved by the committee on counties. This new county will be named Fulton in

honor of an old and respected citizen of the county to be."

Representative J. M. Maxwell, of Netarts, Tillamook county, arose and addressed the speaker, and was recognized.

Mr. Maxwell: "Mr. Speaker and members of the house: I ask unanimous consent that this bill be amended so as to substitute the name 'Sherman' in the bill for the name 'Fulton' wherever the word 'Fulton' occurs. I recall that 19 years ago in the sixth session of this legislature a great American, General William Tecumseh Sherman, a general of our victorious armies, was making a trip through Oregon while this legislature was in session. A joint resolution inviting General Sherman to visit the state house and address the legislature was introduced, stated in these words, 'In remembrance of his great services in the cause of American labor, and for the preservation of the American Union, and in respect for a distinguished soldier.' This resolution was defeated, largely by a speech on this floor made by this Colonel James Fulton for whom Representative McCoy would name this county. It was a speech that was bitter and critical, a regular secession speech, a rebel speech. The Civil War had not been forgotten by James Fulton when he made that speech; we should not forget his speech tonight. I ask that the bill be amended."

The bill was amended. McCoy was in no position to stop it for the session was drawing to a close and the bill still had to go to senate.

In 1891 "Dutch" McCoy was able to have the southern boundary extended to five south of the base line instead of two south, making Sherman county the size that it is today. And that is the way it came to be called Sherman and not Fulton as was originally intended.