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RIGID PRICE

RIGID RESTRICTIONS

The decision of Secretary of
Agriculture Benson, reducing the
acreage of wheat for 1955 to 55-
000,000, has been expected by
everyone who has kept abreast of
the problems of wheat.

The crop report that showed
so little probable reduction in the
huge surpluses built up in recent
years made it mandatory that the
biggest reduction possible be
taken. Unless congress makes
some other decision possible Ben-
son will have to cut wheat acre-
age to 55,000,000 under the farm
program.

The rigid price law under
which Benson must operate was
passed in war time for the pur-
pose of insuring great quantities
of wheat for ourselves and our
allies. The proviso setting up a
means of reducing the amount of
acres to be sown to wheat was
not given much thought and is
not satisfactory. It placed the en-
tire burden of restriction of the
possible surpluses onto reduction
in acreage. It doesn't work; not
in these days of fertilizer, plenti-
ful rains and weed killers.

Without war the surplus of
wheat grew burdensome and then
impossible. Congress has refused
to pass Benson's flexible price
support bill that would permit
the use of price, in addition to
acreage, as a means of reducing
surpluses. It may be that price
would not prove an adequate wea-
pon either. But it seems certain
that both lowered price and re-
duced acreage would cut the
surplus more quickly than either
alone.

The western wheat farmer is
the loser. When there is a surplus,
he has it.

The decision about the controls
will be made by farmers in states
where farms are small and those
farmers will vote to keep the price
and take the controls. Why? The
controls do not affect them be-
cause their acreage is so small.

The big wheat farmer is about
through unless the rigid price
law can be amended. In Oregon
the reduction was some 26 per-
cent; in Sherman county it was
32.8 percent; in the United States
it was 20 percent.

The law will make a cut from
63 million acres to 55 million
acres which is approximately 12.7
percent under the present acre-
age. On the same basis as the
cuts were made last year it is
entirely possible that the wheat
counties of Oregon will be re-
stricted to half their fallow in
wheat. In any case they will be
about half out of the wheat busi-
ness and the little farmers of
Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri,
Arkansas, Georgia and similar
states will have taken the busi-
ness from them that was never
good and which has been kept
too long.

Maybe it's a good thing people
don't watch government. They
get by with fewer headaches
which may be worth the money
they lose.

FOREIGN POLICY

The foreign policy of this na-
tion has not changed very much
since the war, not as much as
events indicate it should.

We were going to establish a
western Europe federation, build
up western Germany, oppose
Russia by helping all possible
opponents and restricting trade
with Communists.

Our federation hasn't worked
any better than the United Na-
tions which we were trying to
circumvent with the federation.
The French won't let us build up
western Germany and we haven't
the nerve to do it ourselves. Eng-
land is talking appeasement and
old man Churchill is coming over
to appease us as a final diploma-
tic gesture. Trade with Russia
is growing because our tariff
policy doesn't permit much trade
with us and other nations like to
eat.

Now we are talking about a
Pacific alliance to oppose Russia
and China on that front. Australia
and the Philippines are for it.
What we refer to as the big na-
tions are not. They want to win
the pot without putting up an
ante. Since Korea we are smart
enough to insist on support be-
fore going into a war.

We are still insulting isolation-
ists although with less fervor
than before and some men in
government are finding it possi-
ble to intimate that our successes
in Europe and Asia have been
very, very minor and the cost of
them has been very, very great.
The nations that criticized us
most for being isolationist have
merely been anxious to be isola-
tionist themselves.

We have opposed the word
"communism" without doing
much against the political ideal
of communism.

It is about time for us to quit
worrying about the world and
direct our worrying toward our-
selves.

It is entirely possible that the
money involved isn't the most im-
portant thing to be considered in
making a farm program. Assuming
that the government should
support the farmers, and that
some of them will by chance be
supported in luxury, a govern-
ment program soon becomes so
inflexible, so resistant to any
change, that the job of feeding
and clothing the public is not
done; the evils of marketing are
not cured.

This is the second and last of
two articles about Sherman county
history. They are published by
request of some of those who
heard them as a part of the pro-
gram at the Sherman County His-
torical picnic for which they
were written.

"At 5:30 o'clock, Wednesday
evening, December 14, 1898, the
rails on the Columbia Southern
railroad were laid to the depot
grounds in Moro, and amid great
excitement, the ringing of bells,
blowing of whistles, firing of
anvils and cheering of people,
engine No. 1, with the construc-
tion train ran into the city and
Moro became the terminus of
the Columbia Southern railway".
Thus, the Peoples Republic, a
Populist newspaper, edited by
Grant E. Kellogg, described the
scene of the coming of the rail-
road to Moro.

It was more of a city celebra-
tion than a county celebration for
since the fall before there was
assurance in the minds of nearly
everyone that the railroad would
be extended beyond Wasco.

It had been a struggle to get
rails into Sherman county de-
spite the large tonnage of wheat
then being grown. The Oregon
Railroad and Navigation company
was hauling it anyway, from
Grant and Biggs and Rufus, and
were not interested—that is, not
directly.

But Elmer Elm Lytle, a rail-
roader, born in Pennsylvania, an
employee of the OR&N in eastern
Washington, developed the
idea of building a branch line

from Biggs, up Spanish Hollow,
into the wheat fields of Sherman
county. He had more persever-
ance than backing, although
farmers helped him, taking horses
and slip scrapers to the right-of-
way for a few days work at the
fabulous price of \$2.00 per day;
perhaps also he got some rails
from other roads.

As secretary he had the help
of May Enright, who had been a
telegrapher at Biggs, and of
Drake C. O'Reilly, a character
known for his promotions. W. H.
Moore was one of the stockholders
along with a number of smaller
investors whose names have not
been preserved in that connec-
tion.

Wasco had boomed after the
advent of the railroad as farmers
from as far south as Kent hauled
into warehouses there instead of
making an additional ten miles
down the grade into Grant. Moro
wanted a railroad, too. One read-
ing about it now can hardly
share the occasional doubt about
the extension of the road. Talk
was that it was going to Prine-
ville and later to Bend, Canyon
City, Ashwood, Ontario.

In April the workers started
grading and building trestles up
the canyon from Wasco toward
Klondike, named for the Alaskan
Klondike, much in the news at
that time. Settlers in the Hay
canyon country wanted the road
to come by Hay canyon so they
would have a down-hill haul.
They met and petitioned, and
carried their message to Lytle
and his board, and even raised
a little money as a further induc-
ement. So the railroad came by
Hay canyon, with a cut-back to
the warehouses, and on up Grass
Valley canyon to Barnum canyon
and up that to Moro.

Lytle had promised that the
train would arrive in October.
Farmers began hauling wheat
into the new warehouses of the
Union Warehouse company, a co-
operative venture, when the
wheat was threshed, and the
houses were full long before De-
cember when the whistle first
sounded in Moro.

The night the rails reached
Moro the railroad company gave
a dinner for the workers at the
City Hotel, an imposing hostelry
on the corner where Leon Moore
now lives. J. J. Wiley was host
and he served them well and
plentifully, for he was not al-
ready planning to get a new
board sidewalk built from his
hotel clear to the new depot.

Citizens of Moro, the business
men, the professional men—and
there were more of both then
than now—did not hold an official
celebration until the next
Tuesday night, December 20. They
met at the Opera house, then back
of the state highway garage and
facing Scott street, and before
the long delayed banquet, regaled
themselves in Hoggard's bill-
iard and bowling alley, which
was available for their amuse-
ment. Guests from Portland and
The Dalles were waiting in Wasco
and never did arrive because
there was not enough coal at
Wasco to insure the trip. Lytle
was on hand to metaphorically
present the city with the railroad,
a fine gesture more oratorical
than actual.

Walter Moore was toastmaster.
He told of the certain brightness
of the future, the increase in the
value of farms, the stimulation
to business, the growth of the
city, and thus started the oratory
which lasted until mid-night.

J. B. Hosford, the lawyer
spoke, and E. E. Lytle, president
of the Columbia Southern which
he had built almost without funds
and which was to justify his
judgement by becoming the most
profitable railroad in the land.
Dr. I. M. Smith, Rev. C. D. Nickel-
son, Methodist minister, Rev. W.
F. Hall, Presbyterian D. C. Ire-
land, portly publisher of the Ob-
server, one of three papers then
published in Moro, Wm. Holder,
sheriff, later a newspaper man in
quick-growing Shaniko and a
man who could fling fancy prose
in the best style of his day; Wil-
liam Stanley, a newcomer in those
days, who was later county treas-
urer; R. E. Hoskinson, attorney
and abstractor; F. E. Brown, jolly
and full of jokes, once proprietor
of the stage line, and W. H. Rags-
dale, a budding citizen who be-
came school superintendent and
lawyer.

Perhaps no occasion in the
history of Moro has been so im-
portant. Certainly it had to come
someday, but whenever it came
it brought a transportation that
was sure and modern and con-
nected the pioneer settlement
with the outside world of flour
mills, packing plants and manu-
facturing.

The evening was not without
humor, a rather rough sort, which
George N. Bolton, the druggist
dispensed by reading a poem he
had written lampooning some
prominent men of the town.

"The business men of Moro are
gathered here tonight,
To shout aloud their victories
for the railroad is in sight,

These men are bold, ambition, and
up-to-date, you bet;
And if there's anything in boom-
ing, they'll surprise their
neighbors yet.

There's Walter Moore, the bank-
er, he's tall and portly, too.
And in successful speculation,
his equals they are few.

He's stage struck, and that's his
hobby as his actions plainly
show
And he always was a brilliant
star as the people all well
know.

Such is the man of Moro, a typical
man is he
And so long as brain's a factor
his success we guarantee.

Robert Ginn, the merchant, is a
man of high repute,
He's opposed to all the sins of
men, King Alcohol to boot;
He's a man to watch the comers
and to read the passing signs
And if time will only favor,
he'll succeed along these lines
Of course, he has his failings, and
in somethings may be lame
But despite his minor weaknes-
es he will get there just the
same.

Such are the men of Moro, a
typical man is he,
and so long as brain's a factor,
his success we guarantee.

WANT ADS

WANTED. Man or woman to call
on farmers in Sherman county.
Many making \$20 to \$40 a day.
Reference required. Write Mr.
Inman, P. O. Box 14, Bayshore
Station, Oakland 23, Calif. 33-4P

WANTED: Man for maintenance
of four school buses and driver
for one. Can be full time job
for right man. Please apply
to Dist 17 Clerk, Clara Houston,
Moro. 33c

FOR SALE: Baled Wheat Hay,
cut green. J. R. Yocum, Phone
756 Wasco. 33-36c

FOR SALE: 6 room house, bath,
lot and three-quarters, two
car garage. Mr. or Mrs. L. O.
Kirby, Phone 404, Moro. 32tn

FOR SALE: Model 21, draper-
type, Massey-Harris, self-pro-
peller combine. Phone 141,
Grass Valley Equipment & Re-
pair, Grass Valley. 32-5c

FULL INVESTMENT SERVICE
Tax exempt state and school
bonds. High grade stocks
bonds and mutual funds for
better income, and tax advan-
tages on your savings. Data
sent on request.
J. W. DODD, TYGH VALLEY,
ORE., Eastern Oregon Mgr.,
Wm. J. Collins & Co.
Late information furnished on
any securities without cost.
32 tfn

FOR SALE: New and used parts
for two wood-frame 30-38 Har-
ris combines, including 11:25 x
36 rubber tires like new and a
reconditioned and guaranteed
Hercules JXC engine. These
items are priced to sell. Van
Reitmann, Condon, Ore. 32-4c

FOR SALE: Stucco (inside and
outside) 2 bedroom house in
Grass Valley, large living room,
fireplace, hardwood floors, full
basement with extra bedroom,
3 lots, \$10,000 cash; \$12,000,
terms. Chicken house and pen.
Dorothy Perry, Glenwood, Wn.
33-5c

STATE WIDE PAINT CO. com-
plete painting and decorating
service, spray or brush. Phone
3977 or 5293, 1205 E. 12th St.
Vern Campbell and Jack Null,
The Dalles, Oregon 38tn

MAY ELECTRIC, electrical con-
tracting, Moro, Oregon, Phone
722. 19 tfn

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING —
Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp
freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass
Valley, OrOegon. 47 tfn

WANTED: Summer work to help
meet college expenses. Call Joy
Baumgartner, Grass Valley, 341

FOR SALE: Used Lenox furnace
with Iron Fireman slag burner
unit and Montag oil burner

Lupine Hobekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays of each
month. Visiting
members welcome
Althea Burnet N.G.
Jelen Martin, Sec.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in I.O.O.F.
hall. Transient and
visiting brothers are
cordially invited
C. O. Burnet, N.G.
Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 18 O.E.S.
Meets every second and
fourth Thursday in each
month; visiting mem-
bers cordially in-
vited. Moro, Oregon
Betty Christianson, W.M.
Elsie Jones, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday evenings
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us
Howard Ross, W. M.
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

unit. Good shape. Tex Irzyk,
Moro. 34c

FOR SALE: Two story house on
Johnson ranch, to be moved im-
mediately. Inquire of Tex Irzyk,
Phone 796, Moro. 34c

LEFT at DeMoss park Sunday,
June 13, sq. pyrex dish, wh.
cloth, 3 cups, butcher knife,
tbl. spoon, fork. Owners call at
Journal office for same.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF BID
The Sherman County Fair asso-
ciation invites bids for the rewiring
and necessary fixtures and ser-
vice for the following buildings
and locations:

- No. 1 Beef Barn
- No. 2 Exhibit Building
- No. 3 Horse Barn
- No. 4 Sheep and Swine Barn
- No. 5 Four 20 amp. conces-
sion outlets located at equal
spaces along concrete wall.
- No. 6 Two hundred (200)
amp. service for total load
and one hundred (100) amp.
service for house load.
- One 50 amp. 3 pole solid neu-
tral outlet installed at ser-
vice location.

Each of these six (6) items to
be bid as an individual job, with
the Fair association having the
option of completing one or all
of the same.

The Fair association reserves
the right to accept or reject any
or all bids.
Plans and specifications can
be secured at the dwelling on the
Fair grounds.

Bids will be received until eight
o'clock p. m., July 7, 1954.
Signed: Kenneth Fridley
President

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims
against the Estate of Herman H.
Nichols, 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
Herman H. Nichols, deceased, at
the office of T. Lester Johnson, at-
torney at law, Moro, Oregon,
within six months from the date
of the first publication of this
notice, to wit: June 4, 1954.
Wesley E. Nichols
Executor

Brown & Van Vactor
and T. Lester Johnson,
Attorneys for Executor 31-4c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims
against the Estate of Chester B.
Halfpenny, deceased, are hereby
notified to present them, with
the proper vouchers and duly
verified, to the undersigned, the
duly appointed, qualified and
acting administrator of the Estate
of Chester B. Halfpenny, de-
ceased, at the office of T. Lester John-
son, attorney at law, Moro, Ore-
gon, within six months from the
date of the first publication of this
notice, to-wit: June 4, 1954.
B. C. Baumgartner
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator,
Moro, Oregon 31-4c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

CLARA VAN KLEEK, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALEXANDER M. HICKS, Defen-
dant.

No. 2837
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an execution,
judgment order, decree and order
of sale issued out of the above
entitled Court in the above en-
titled cause, to me directed and
dated the 20th day of May, 1954,
upon a judgment and decree ren-
dered and entered in said Court
on the 20th day of May, 1954, in
favor of Clara Van Kleek, plain-
tiff, against Alexander M. Hicks,

defendant, for the sum of \$500.00
with interest thereon from De-
cember 18, 1948, \$150.00 for at-
torney's fees and costs and dis-
bursements taxed at \$34.70 and
the costs upon this writ, com-
manding me to make sale of the
following described real property
situated in the County of Sher-
man and State of Oregon, to-wit:
All of Lot Ten (10) and east
20 feet of Lot Nine (9) in
Block Four (4) of ARMS-
WORTHY ADDITION to the
City of Wasco, Oregon, in the
County of Sherman and State
of Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue
of said execution, judgment or-
der, decree and order of sale and
compliance with the commands
of said writ, I will on the 28th

day of June, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock
A. M., at the front door of the
County Courthouse of Sherman
County, Oregon, sell at public
auction (subject to redemption)
to the highest bidder for cash in
hand all the right, title and in-
terest which the said Alexander
M. Hicks had on the 18th day of
December, 1948, the date of the
mortgage herein foreclosed, or
since that date had in and to the
above described property or any
part thereof, to satisfy said exe-
cution, judgment order and de-
cree, interest, costs and accruing
costs.

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Norman E. Fields
Sheriff of Sherman County, Ore.



WHAT'S
DOING

Cal Horn, your Telephone Manager

New cable sheath saves money

If you look closely at
the telephone cables
in the picture—both
similar to the ones
that carry your calls
—you'll see a differ-
ence in their cover-
ings. The outside of
the cable on the left
is made of lead. And,
formerly, only lead
did a good job of
protecting the vital
wires inside. But
now we have a new
cable covering called
"stalpeth" (the one
on the right). Per-
fected after long re-
search, it's made of
aluminum, steel, and plastic.



stalpeth weighs less than
lead and costs less—up to 43
cents a foot less. We're using
it wherever we can . . . to

furnish more service, good
service, at low cost to you.
Pacific Telephone works
to make your telephone a
bigger value every day.



Easy way
to speed
long distance calls

You'll get faster long dis-
tance service if you give the
operator the telephone num-
ber you're calling, rather
than just the name and ad-
dress. And to help you keep
out-of-town numbers handy,
we'll be glad to send you a
free booklet to list them in.
For your copy, just call,
write, or drop in at our busi-
ness office.

PINPOINTING!

A friend of mine recently told me about an interest-
ing experience he had with the yellow pages — the
Classified section of the Telephone Directory. He
said, "When I am in the market to buy a certain
item and want to know where to buy it, I just
PINPOINT it in the Classified section. Yes, a dealer
of a name brand refrigerator sold me without sales
effort because my wife and I knew what we wanted.
His advertisement in the yellow pages was his silent
salesman." This goes to show that the Classified
section can be used to advantage by seller and
buyer alike.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE

HISTORIC NEWS!

Now in response to public demand—the greatest name in
bourbon offers a lighter, milder 86 Proof bottling at a lower
price—as companion to its 100 Proof Bottled in Bond

NOW—TWO GREAT BOTTLINGS!

86 PROOF

Celebrated Old Crow—
lighter, milder and lower
priced than the 100
Proof Bottled in Bond \$4 4/5 Qt.

BOTTLED IN BOND

100 PROOF
The most famous of
bonded bourbons avail-
able as usual \$5 7/8 Qt.



"The Greatest Name in Bourbon"

THE OLD CROW DISTILLERY COMPANY, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

No Sale!

Right in front of Granny White's
beautiful old house on Maple
Avenue there's a brand-new sign:
"Antiques. Inquire Within."
Now—don't get excited. Granny
explained it all the other night
—after we settled down in her
parlor, me with my temperate
beer, Granny with her tea.
I asked her if she was really
going in the antique business.
"Oh, no," says Granny, "I wouldn't
sell anything. I put that sign up
—and look around. If they insist on
a price, I tell them some outra-

geous figure! I guess I just like
people," she said.
From where I sit Granny can be
excused for her little ruse. She
may be in her eighties, but her
mind is young—and open. She's
the kind of person who's made this
town so wonderful. Granny not
only likes people—but she re-
spects them and their preferences
and opinions. Come to think of it,
"liking" and "respecting" mean
much the same thing, don't they?

Joe Marsh