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DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE

On July 4, 1776 the representatives of the 13 colonies proclaimed their independence from England in words that have since been disputed and debated and decried about from thousands of rostrums. These men from the hills and small towns of the English colonies wrote strong words, words that startled the world.

It was not so much that they said they wanted to be free from England; that was generally understood. But they wanted to be free of England for reasons that were new, and except for Tom Paine and others of the revolutionary group in France, starting.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

These statements are still disputed and about some of them there is not much left other than the resounding phrases of the original document. Men are not created equal. They are created different, no two of them are exactly alike; they are not machine made, turned out like so many castings from the same mold. They have different backgrounds, different training, different education, even different chemistry. It is now assumed that men are equal before the law, that the government must treat them all alike and with that there is little quarrel.

The Declaration of Independence did establish the thought in the world that men have inalienable rights. This nation recognizes that—and is about the only one that does. But it was a new thought 178 years ago; it is a new thought to millions today. Much of the world does not recognize that men—every man—has the right to walk the streets unafraid as long as he obeys the law, that he has the right to fair trial if he be accused of crime, that he may speak his opinions and be responsible for them.

The theory that the people were sovereign, that the power of government came from the people and not from the Almighty, nor from the kings, nor from the nobility, was new. It was terrifying to the rulers of the world. That phrase put a responsibility on the people they have not always recognized. It gave to many of them a feeling of trust that has caused them to do great deeds in the public behalf. To others it became an opportunity

to serve their own interests, to obtain that which they did not earn because of their rights under a people's government. The eventual success of government by the people will depend on the number who serve unselfishly—and the number who act selfishly.

MORE GOVERNMENT  
DAMAGE

The pig crop report of the Department of Agriculture shows that the pig crop will be larger this year than last, or at least, that the spring crop was larger. It also shows how the production of pigs has declined in this nation.

The ten year average is larger than the number expected this year by some two percent in the nation and by 34 percent in Oregon. What became of the pigs, the mortgage lifters of an earlier and more stable day?

Not so many years ago, a man never thought of farming unless he raised a few pigs, enough to amply supply his family with bacon and ham during the entire year. He wasn't a thrifty farmer unless he did so provide. There were hog butcherings with their resultant sausage grinding and lard rendering that brought the community together so they became social affairs.

It was true that not every farmer was an accomplished butcher and pork smoker. His product was occasionally pretty hard and salty before another butchering day came around.

Oregon never has produced enough pork for the use of its people. We also import pork from the mid-west and often import hogs as well. We have the feed and this year's crop of barley will be excellent for that, but we do not have the inclination for raising hogs. So we are 34 percent below our own ten year average.

On way for an area to remain an economic colony is to refuse to produce enough to be an economic factor.

JOHN DAY DAM DELAY

The house-senate conference eliminated appropriation for start of the John Day dam and it was accepted by both house and senate thus leaving the dam about where it was at the beginning of the session.

Legally in the same place, but actually farther along because it has come closer to passing and has been recognized as a part of the power system of the Columbia.

Actually the government is putting tremendous sums of money into dam building in the northwest, millions and billions, and residents have no opportunity to hail Uncle Sam as a skimpy provider for our demands. Should the public and private power people keep on arguing about Hells Canyon until there is another session of congress, and the dams already started are nearer built, there will be a better chance for the John Day dam.

There is a possibility that the bill of Senator Cordon will be passed to give local persons and firms an opportunity to help build the dam, but that does not seem likely until the problem of cooperation between federal and local interests have been settled. The bill will help settle that problem by bringing it to the forefront and is particularly valuable for that reason.

Anyway we are going to wait another year. And during that year we might be trying to find some use for John Day power locally so that when it is built it will have some use to us other than scenery.

TAX CHANGES

The proposal to give some tax reduction to those who get income from securities is a wise one in tax theory; it is not politically very appealing. It fails to appeal because so few people have any investments in American business.

If it were passed it is probable that there would be greater investment in business and that should aid in the development of business to such size it would not need governmental intervention. It would make the nation stronger economically.

If it were passed it would be a start toward the eventual end of double taxation: the taxing of a corporation and those who get dividends from it.

Those who believe that government should be everything to all men will oppose it in theory; those who think that people should run the country with as little government aid or supervision as necessary will advocate it.

WHEAT PROBLEM

The woes of the wheat farmer in the west, particularly the northwest are many and are growing in number and size. The long continuance of the rigid price system has built up a surplus that has made him unnecessary, his product a burden. Although he is equipped to grow wheat cheaper than anyone he is far from market.

He has become a big operator, drawing huge sums from the government, and therefore unpopular in a nation governed by majorities. Politics has done him dirt and dependence on government has weakened his self reliance.

There never will be a majority of voters who will approve payments of \$100,000 to \$500,000 to wheat growers under the guise of aid to farmers anymore than they will approve payments of \$1,250,000 to big growers of cotton.

The system has grown out of hand, been retained too long to serve political ends. Neither should it be changed suddenly. It requires an easy hand and gradual change to keep from breaking farmers and increasing the tendency toward fewer ownerships of farms.

Right now Oregon wheat men are trying to get some change in the method of figuring acreage cuts so that summer-fallow farmers will not be put out of business while every-year farmers take their market. We are a specialized group and small and entitled to consideration.

Farmers who feed the world are entitled to suitable incomes which is more than they are likely to get under government management. That is because they are now a minority. It may well be that farmers will have to settle the problem themselves.

Dr. Frank D. Reid

Dentist

Moro Hotel

Office closed until further notice

Two Boys Make  
Honor Roll

Douglas Paul Alley, who is studying Diesel Engineering, and William Alan Nisbet, who is studying refrigeration, at Oregon Technical Institute have made the honor roll for the spring term. Alley with a GPA of 3.67 and Nisbet with a 4.0, according to news from Klamath Falls, home of the institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Wilson came up from Portland Monday and may remain here for the summer.

Mrs. Maggie Barnum returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Stevenson, Wn., and Portland and with Mrs. Neva Johnston in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carpenter and family of Stevenson, Wash., are visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Earl Gentry and family.

Rev. Alfred Solomon and Dewey Thompson have been attending the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Oregon being held at Lewis and Clark college from June 28 to July 1. Mrs. Dewey Thompson represented the Moro Missionary society at the annual meeting of Oregon Synodical (Presbyterian women) being held at the same location during the same days.

Lorena Dutton returned to her home in Portland Monday following a two week visit in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Solomon.

Last Sunday Mrs. Harriet Romine and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson went to Prineville to attend the wedding of Gary Romine, a grandson of Mrs. Romine.

The bombing heard the other night in Moro was made by a few firecrackers imported for the purpose because Oregon does not permit the sale of them anymore.

Beefo had a birthday party Wednesday night when a party of friends gathered to help him observe his birthday and gave him presents.

John Stewart was up from The Dalles to spend a few days on his land southeast of town.

Mrs. Frances Howe has been a guest at the Art Christianson home for the past week, coming up with them from her home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall and family drove to Portland Thursday to spend a few hours with her sister who is visiting in Portland.

George Gentry is here to visit his daughter, Mrs. Lee Belshee, coming from Garibaldi where he is regularly employed in a mill, now down because of the extensive lumber strike.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mather of Spokane stopped Wednesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mersinger. She was Clara Mersinger.

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Moro Tuesday, July 6, at the court house between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Next Wednesday the county will meet for its first meeting of the fiscal year and also as the levying body of the county to approve the budget. It may be increased no more than ten percent but can be cut as far as agreed upon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Balsiger drove to Dayton, Wash., Saturday, returning Sunday after a visit with friends.

Optimists who assumed that just because it was June the weather would be warm were wrong. It wasn't. If there should be any optimists remaining they may be as disappointed in July if the start was an indication. July 1st was cold.

Tex Irzyk was in Portland Monday and the doctors removed the cast from his ankle and found it unnecessary to put on another one. Tex says its worse without it.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woods of Portland are here for a short time while getting ready for harvest on the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belshee were up from The Dalles Thursday and report that Charles Belshee, although out of the hospital, is still not able to get around very well.

Rotary Lawn Mower \$39.95

Screen Doors 4.95

Methyl Bromide

Gopher Gas 1.35

RANCH & HOME STORE

Moro, Oregon

BEEFO'S BEEFO'S

We are not so crazy about the cap or the moustache but the figure is just right. This character looks like he'd been eating here—that well fed look, you know.

Well, you can't beat food. We eat three times a day and only sleep once so you can see which is the most important.

"Man on a Tightrope", Sat. & Sun.  
"The Vanquished", Tues. & Wed.

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FLAMEPROOF FIREMAN—Walking through flames unscathed is this German fireman seen above. He is demonstrating protective qualities of a flexible, aluminum fireproof suit at an exhibition held in Essen, Germany.

vest on the ranch.

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE: One bomb trailer, 2 1/2 Ton, \$225; one four wheel drive Dodge pick up \$200. Patty O'Meara, Wasco. 35c

THE COST OF LIVING has doubled in the past 10 years. Or, actually, the dollar has lost one half its former value. How about the next 10 year? ANYTHING can happen, and usually does. Investment planning for the future is essential to financial security and protection against future dollar erosion. J. W. DODD, TYGH VALLEY, ORE., Eastern Ore. Mgr. Wm. J. Collins & Co. Mutual type investment funds. Stocks & Bonds. Tax Exempt Bonds. 35c tfn

BEST ONE-MAN BUSINESS: Own and operate your own business without capital investment. Watkins Dealership now available in Sherman county. Profits up to \$5,000 a year and more possible first year. Car or truck required. Write J. R. Watkins Company, 137 Dexter Avenue, Seattle 9, Wash. 35-40c

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. 35c

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

WE WANT TO GET RID OF A HOUSE: Two story, on Johnson place. Want it moved away to make room around new house. Tex Irzyk, Phone 796, Moro. 35c

FOR SALE: Model 21, draper-type, Massey-Harris, self-propeller combine. Phone 141, Grass Valley Equipment & Repair, Grass Valley. 32-5c

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

MAY ELECTRIC, electrical contracting, Moro, Oregon, Phone 722. 19 tfn

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

Bethlehem chapter No. 100 O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month, visiting members invited. 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 invited to meet with us. Howard Ross, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Althea Burnet N.G. Helen 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

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

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

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

CHARLES C. WILSON and REBECCA WILSON, Plaintiffs vs. NORMAN S. McCRAY, and also all other persons or parties unknown having or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS TO - NORMAN S. McCRAY, and also all other persons or parties unknown having or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within four weeks from and after the date of the first publication of this summons as herein-after stated, and if you fail to so answer said complaint or otherwise appear or plead herein plaintiffs, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief demanded in their complaint on file with the Clerk of the above entitled Court, namely, for a decree of the above entitled court that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot Three (3) and East forty feet of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), and all of Lots Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5), Block Forty (40) in Grant, Sherman County, Oregon, and the whole thereof; and that you and each of you and all of the defendants to this suit, both known and unknown, have no right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to the aforesaid real property or in or to any portion thereof adverse to the plaintiffs, or at all, and that through and by this proceedings the plaintiffs' title to the aforesaid real estate be forever quieted in the plaintiffs; and, further, that you and each of you and all of the defendants in this suit, both known and unknown, and all persons or parties claiming by, through or under the defendants or any of them shall be forever barred from asserting any right, claim, lien, estate or interest in or to the aforesaid premises adverse to the plaintiffs, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem equitable and just.

Service of this summons is made upon you and each of you by publication thereof once a week for a period of four successive and consecutive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published weekly in Moro, in the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable E. H. Howell, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 30th day of June, 1954.

The date of the first publication of this summons is Friday, the 2nd day of July, 1954.

T. LESTER JOHNSON and BROWN & VAN VACTOR, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Post Office Address: Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon 35-38c

NOTICE OF BID The Sherman County Fair association invites bids for the rewiring and necessary fixtures and service 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. concession 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 neutral outlet installed at service 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 Friday  
33-35c President

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