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JOHN DAY DAM
The possibilities of the offer of
three power companies to put up
\$350,000 for immediate and con-
tinued examination of the site for
the John Day dam are many. It
shows that the companies realize
the precarious position of the
northwest states, particularly
Oregon, in keeping new construction
going. It also shows a will-
ingness to finance such huge
ventures on the part of private
capital.
Whether the companies are
wise to offer so large a sum of
money without assurance of get-
ting it back cannot be told at this
time. A congress opposed to pri-
vate power strong enough might
refuse to make repayment even if
the dam were built on the sur-
veys paid for with the money.
For years we have been fed the
story that private capital cannot
do many of the things that gov-
ernment can do. That may have
been partially true when the gov-
ernment had good credit and little
venture money was available. It is
not true now.
Citizens of the northwest will
take sides on the proposal large-
ly because of their prejudices. If
they believe in people they will
be for letting the companies go
ahead with the engineering and
perhaps actual dam building. If
they believe in government they
will oppose both.

TAX EXPLANATION
Voters in Wasco county and in
several other counties have been
misinformed about a taxation
problem that affects the entire
state. It may be more accurate
to say the voters are under-
informed.
It is like this. Utilities are taxed
by the state tax commission every
year using a formula that takes
into account the value of their
physical assets, the value of their
stock, their profits and some other
factors. The state tax commis-
sion values utility property at
what it considers its true cash
value.
County assessors put the value
on private property, real and per-
sonal. They do not do it every
year and there are examples of
assessments not changed for well
over 20 years. Assessors like to
stay in office and do not like to
raise assessments, which is not
considered a vote getting propo-
sition. There is no need to blame
assessors for this trait which has
long been with us and will be as
long as we employ local assessors
who are human.
The result is that utility prop-
erty is assessed at a much higher
figure than private property,
real and personal.
The tax commission is charged
by law with the job of equalizing
taxes. There is no law that per-
mits a higher valuation for one
taxpayer than another, no law
that permits a higher valuation
for utilities than for private prop-
erty. The tax commission
equalizes these taxes by means of
a ratio system. If a county assess-
or assesses property at 40 per
cent of its true cash value the tax
commission puts the same ratio
figure on utility property in that
county. The system is not perfect
but it is better than none and
compared to other states is pretty
fair.
Several years ago the legisla-
ture decided that assessments in
Oregon were pretty old and
very unfair. It appropriated mon-
ey so that revaluations could be
made in each county. These have
not raised the overall county
valuations so much but have
tended to equalize the value of
different classes of property with-
in counties.
Also, as a means of equalization,
the tax commission has been re-
ducing the ratios of the counties,
especially those with low assess-
ments. This has been done to
equalize valuations between util-
ities and private property. Its
effect is to reduce the tax on
utilities and increase it on pri-
vate property. The reason for it
is that private property for years
has been paying on smaller valua-
tions than utilities.
The excise tax law does not
collect an excise tax from utilities.

They pay nothing to the state, ex-
cept a few small fees. The reason
they were exempted originally
was that they were paying on
local taxes on a higher valuation
than other property.
In 1951 an effort was made
to include utilities in the excise
tax. It has been and will be con-
tinued and will eventually be
done. The theory on which the
bill is based is that utilities should
not be taxed on a higher property
assessment than private property
and they should not be exempted
from paying an excise tax that
other corporations pay. In other
words utilities should be taxed
like others.
The reason the tax commission
ratios being reduced is to
equalize the tax between utilities
and private property. It is no-
ticed more in counties with a
poor record for correct assessing.
It will end when assessments of
all property is on an equal basis.
There are very few people who
understand what is going on
who do not believe that there
should be equality between all
classes of property through equal
assessments and equal taxes.
That means the imposition of
the excise tax on utilities as well
as on other corporations.

THANKSGIVING
We were thinking about Thank-
sgiving when our friend came in
and we asked the usual question:
"Fine, he said.
"Has it been a good year?" we
inquired.
"Yes, sir, a good year."
And so it has. Sherman county
can be thankful for the same
reasons the Pilgrims were thank-
ful: for bountiful crops, for good
harvest weather, for filled grain-
aries, for peace. These are mater-
ial things. And if the material
things are satisfactory, if the body
is comfortable and filled at regu-
lar intervals, peace of mind is
largely assured.
This is not to say that the mind
may be unhappy although the
stomach is content. It is to say
that physical comfort is one of the
items that make for peace of
mind—and an important one.
If a man has done his work
well and it has been reasonably
rewarded, if he has produced to
the best of his ability and men
have recognized his worth he has
no complaint with the world. He
can sit him down around his
Thanksgiving board with family
or friends and feel that it has
been a good year. He has done his
part, upheld his end, produced
his part of the world's needs. And
he can be thankful.

RIGHT TO JOBS?
Some of the remarks being
made about the removal of John
Paton Davies from the state de-
partment service are worth con-
sideration by all Americans.
Whether or not Mr. Davies has
been entirely loyal to this nation
is not known to us nor to anyone
else who has spoken. Accusations
have been made and disproved to
the satisfaction of the committee.
Whether or not Mr. Davies has
used good judgment is also not
known but unless he is more re-
markable than any other man he
has made some mistakes. Neither
have much to do with this discus-

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PICKETING
The decision of Judge Malcolm
Wilkinson of The Dalles in the
picketing case is similar to that
of judges who have had such
cases before them since the 1953
legislature passed the bill.
The supreme court of the
United States has ruled that pick-
eting is a matter of expression
and made it legal under the first
amendment which gives freedom
of speech. The reasoning is that
if the people have the right of
freedom of speech or of the press;
or the right to peaceably to as-
semble they may do so in front
of an establishment and carry
banners (right of speech) saying
the establishment is unfair.
Whether that is a reasonable
extension of the right of free
speech or not is the ruling of
the highest court in the land
and will remain until changed.
It was not contended that the
pickets were unruly or that they
attempted to stop patrons of the
store. The employees of the store
did not belong to a union nor did
they want to. The union was try-
ing to pick up some more mem-
bers.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S.
Meets every second an-
nual Thursday in each
month; visiting mem-
bers invited. Moro, Oregon
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Elsie Jones, Secretary
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members cordially in-
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Elen Martin, Sec.
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Tuesdays in I.O.O.F.
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visiting brothers are
cordially invited!
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Leo Watkins, Secretary

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR SHERMAN COUNTY
DOROTHY D. PERRY and
GLEN W. PERRY,
Plaintiffs
vs.
F. S. PECK; JANE DOE PECK;
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
F. S. PECK, if deceased; and also
ALL OTHER PERSONS OR
PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIM-
ING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ES-
TATE, LIEN OR INTEREST
IN THE REAL ESTATE DES-
CRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT
HEREIN,
Defendants
NO. 2861
TO: F. S. PECK, JANE DOE
PECK, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF F. S. PECK, if deceased, and
ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS
OR PARTIES UNKNOWN
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT TIT-
LE, ESTATE, LIEN OR IN-
TEREST IN THE REAL ES-
TATE DESCRIBED IN THE
COMPLAINT HEREIN.
DEFENDANTS:
IN THE NAME OF THE
STATE OF OREGON: You, and
each of you, hereby are required
to appear and answer the Com-
plaint filed against you in the
above-entitled Court, and cause,
on or before the expiration of
four (4) weeks from the date of
the first publication of this Sum-
mons, which time prescribed in
the Order for the publication
hereof was fixed as the 12th day
of November, 1954; and if you
fail so to appear and answer,
plaintiffs, for want thereof, will
apply to the above-entitled Court
for the relief prayed for in plain-
tiffs' Complaint, to-wit: That you
and each of you be required to
set forth the nature of your
respective claims in and to the
following described property, to-
wit:
Lot Eight (8) in Block Six (6)
of Henarieville Addition to
the City of Grass Valley in
Sherman County, Oregon.
and that each of them be deter-
mined by Decree of the above-
entitled Court, and that by said
Decree it be declared and adjud-
ged that you, and each of you,
have no estate or interest whatsoever
in or to the aforesaid land and
premises, and that you, and each
of you, be barred forever from
asserting any claim whatsoever
in or to said land or premises,
or any part thereof, adverse to
plaintiffs; and for such other
relief as to equity may seem proper;
This Summons is published by
Order of the Honorable E. H.
Howell, Judge of Sherman Coun-
ty, Oregon, made and entered on
the 3rd day of November, 1954,
directing publication of this Sum-
mons once each week for four (4)
successive weeks in the Sherman
County Journal, a newspaper pub-
lished and in general circulation
in Sherman County, Oregon.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
NOTICE is hereby given that
the undersigned has filed in the
County Court of the State of Ore-
gon for Sherman County, his Final
Account as the administrator of
the Estate of Mary E. Schaefer,
deceased, and that Monday,
December 13, 1954, at 10:00 A. M.
of said day, in the court room of
the County Court in the court
house at Moro, Sherman County,
Oregon, have been fixed by the
Court as the time and place for
said Final Account and for the
settlement of said estate.
Max Barzee
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator 2-5c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the Estate of Richard
Abel, deceased, are hereby noti-
fied to present them, with the
proper vouchers and duly veri-
fied, to the undersigned, the duly
appointed, qualified administrator
of the Estate of Richard Abel,
deceased, at the office of T. Les-
ter Johnson, attorney at law,
Moro, Oregon, within six months
from the date of the first publica-
tion of this notice, to-wit: Octo-
ber 29, 1954.
Luther W. Davis
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator 52-3c
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the Estate of John B.
Coon, deceased, are hereby noti-
fied to present them in proper
form to the undersigned, the duly
appointed, qualified and acting
executrix of the Last Will and
Testament of John B. Coon, de-
ceased, at the office of T. Lester
Johnson, attorney at law, Moro,
Oregon, within six months from
the date of this notice, to-wit:
October 29, 1954.
Theresa Fern Schilling
Executrix
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executrix 52-1-2-3c
IN THE UNITED STATES DIST-
RICT COURT FOR THE DIS-
TRICT OF OREGON
UNITED STATES OF AMERI-
CA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES WALLIS, a single
person; Bertha Mae Brown and
George Brown, wife and hus-
band; Claude B. Wallis and Mar-
garet Wallis, husband and wife;
Thomas Wallis, a single person;
Edna Wallis Dinsmore and
James Dinsmore, wife and hus-
band; Helen Oldenstadt and
William Oldenstadt, wife and
husband; Mamie Wallis; Ernest
Wallis Farley; Lynn Wallis and
Barbara Wallis, husband and
wife; Carroll Wallis and Mar-
garet Wallis, husband and wife;
Howard Wallis; Ida May Carroll,
a widow; Charles W. Wallis and
Monty Wallis, husband and wife;
Josephine Wallis French, a
widow; Unknown Heirs at Law
of William Wallis, deceased;
Unknown Heirs at Law of Rufus
Wallis, deceased; Unknown Heirs
at Law of Harvey Wallis, de-
ceased; Unknown Heirs at Law
of George E. Wallis, deceased;
All persons unknown having or
claiming any right, title, or in-
terest in 0.02 of an acre of land

Date of first publication: Nov-
ember 12, 1954.
Date of last publication: Dec-
ember 3, 1954.
T. LESTER JOHNSON
Wasco, Oregon
Attorney for Plaintiff
2-5c
CIVIL NO. 7666
SUMMONS (NOTICE)
TO Mamie Wallis, now Mamie
Collins, Lynn Wallis, Barbara
Wallis, Howard Wallis, the un-
known heirs at law of William
Wallis, deceased, the unknown
heirs at law of Rufus Wallis, de-
ceased, the unknown heirs at law
of Harvey Wallis, deceased, the
unknown heirs at law of George
E. Wallis, deceased, and all per-
sons unknown having or claiming
any right, title or interest in 0.02
of an acre of land in Sherman
County, Oregon, designated as
Tract No. T-2016 of The Dalles
Dam Project:
You and each of you are hereby
notified that a Complaint in Con-
demnation has heretofore been
filed in the above named court
in an action to condemn the fee
simple title to the lands hereinaf-
ter described, subject, however,
to existing easements for public
roads and highways, public util-
ities, railroads and pipe lines,
which said lands are located in
Sherman county, Oregon and are
more particularly described as fol-
lows:
TRACT NO. T-2016: Beginning at
the southwest corner of Block 14
of the Town of Rufus in Sec-
tion 31, Township 3 North, Range
17 East of the Willamette Meri-
dian in Sherman County, Oregon;
thence north 27 feet to the north-
west corner of said Block 14;
thence N. 52° E. on the north
boundary of Block 14 a distance
of 25.2 feet; thence south 42.4 feet
to the south boundary of Block
14; thence west 20 feet to the
place of beginning.
The land above described con-
tains 0.02 of an acre.
for public use adequately to pro-
vide for the construction of a ri-
ver improvement for use in con-
nection with the establishment of
The Dalles Dam in the Columbia
River, Oregon and Washington.
The authority for the taking is
The Act of February 26, 1931
(46 Stat. 1421, 40 U.S.C. Sec. 258a)
and Acts supplementary thereto
and amendatory thereof; The Act
of April 24, 1888 (25 Stat. 94, 33
U.S.C. Sec. 591); The Act of March
1, 1917 (39 Stat. 950, 33 U.S.C. 701),
Public Law 367-64th Congress;
The Act of May 17, 1950 (Public
Law 516-81st Congress, Second
Session); The Act of July 27, 1953
(Public Law 153-83rd Congress,
First Session).
You are further notified that if
you have any objection or defense
to the taking of your property
above described you are required
to file herein and to serve upon
the plaintiff's attorney at the ad-
dress herein designated within
four weeks after the date of the
first publication of this Summons,
an answer identifying the prop-
erty in which you claim to have an
interest, stating the nature and
extent of the interest claimed,
and stating all your objections and
defenses to the taking of your
property. A failure so to file and
serve an answer shall constitute a
consent to the taking and to the
authority of the Court to proceed
to hear the action and to fix the
just compensation and shall con-
stitute a waiver of all defenses and
objections not so presented.
You are further notified that
if you have no objections nor de-
fense to the taking you may serve
upon the plaintiff's attorney a
notice of appearance designating
the property in which you claim
to be interested and thereafter
you shall receive notice of all pro-
ceedings affecting said property.
You are further notified that
on the 31st day of August, 1954,
the plaintiff filed herein its De-
claration of Taking of said lands
and simultaneously therewith de-
posited in this court and cause the
estimated just compensation for
such taking.
You are further notified that
at the trial of the issue of just
compensation, whether or not
you have answered or served a
notice of appearance, you may
present evidence as to the amount
of compensation to be paid for the
property in which you may have
an interest and you may share, on
proof of your interest, in the dis-
tribution of the award of compen-
sation.
This summons is served upon
you by order of the Honorable
Claude McCulloch, Judge of the
above entitled court, made and
entered on the 4th day of Novem-
ber, 1954 by the publication there-
of for four successive weeks in the
Sherman County Journal, a news-
paper printed and published in
Moro, Oregon, and of general cir-
culation in said county wherein
said lands are located, the first
publication of this summons be-
ing made in the issue of said
newspaper on the 19th day of Nov-
ember, 1954.
C. E. LUCKEY, United States
Attorney, and BERT C. BOY-
LAN, Assistant United States
Attorney, 506 United States
Courthouse, Portland 5, Oregon.
3-6c

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you can see all four fenders from the driver's
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Granny Drives
But Won't "Shift"
Saw Grandma Taylor parking
her 1924 Franklin out front the
other day. Neat as a pin, radiator
and hub caps gleaming—the whole
car is as shiny as the day she
bought it 30 years ago.
Then I stopped and looked
again—for there, hanging on the
spare tire was a sign: "This car
NOT for sale."
Asked Granny what was going
on. "Joe," she says, "it's this crazy
old car. Everybody wants to
buy my Franklin. But it has served
my years and it's not for sale at
all."

Joe Marsh
From where I sit, it's strictly
the new cars for me—but Grand-
ma Taylor, and others, are cer-
tainly welcome to their "old faith-
fuls." It's simply a question of
preference. Same with a choice
of beverages. For instance, I like
a temperate glass of beer with
supper. You may prefer coffee.
Fine! The important thing is
that we respect each other's
choice—and "ride along smoothly"
together.
Joe Marsh