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FREIGHT RATES

The rate case between Portland and Seattle is interesting to us in a small degree as an example of political control of an economic matter. There is another rate matter that concerns us more; that is the possibility of getting a lower freight rate on wheat to Portland.

It is our opinion that there has been far too much politics and far too little competition in the making of freight rates. During the last session of the legislature there was an excellent example of it in the attempt of the barge lines aided by the truck lines to prevent the railroads from reducing rates, or rather from being permitted to reduce rates.

The argument was that the railroads might put the others out of business when actually there is a greater chance that the others might put the railroads out of business. Neither possibility concerns us as much as the fact that the wheat grower might be put out of business if the state or federal government prevents competition in freight rates.

Barge lines are subsidized by river improvements and by the fact that they pay no taxes on their "roadbeds" and trucks are subsidized by the state and federal government that builds the highways and the growth of both at a rapid rate does not indicate to the casual observer that either are in danger of eradication.

We are in a better position when we have many kinds of carriers for our wheat but are handicapped when the government restricts competition between them.

Because of the activity of a group of farmers and elevator men from this area the rate for wheat was reduced to around six cents a bushel back in 1940. Mandatory and percentage raises have increased that to about 11 1/2 at the present time. The price of wheat is going down and farmers should make every effort to reduce their costs. Because the haul from this area to Portland is downhill, because the roadbed has been improved and because of the pressures of competition this seems a good time to make a pitch for lower rates on wheat.

Percentage raises were made in war time in order to bring the carrier earning up to meet war time inflation. Easy hauls, down hill hauls, should not be increased so much as other hauls and now that war is over they should be adjusted.

Wheat farmers are faced with the problem of producing enough wheat to stay in business on reduced acres and cutting costs because of lower prices. They can make some savings in production; they can produce more livestock on abandoned acres and they should be able to reduce the cost of marketing. A cut in freight rates would help in this regard.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

President Eisenhower has called for a national conference on education to be held late this fall and each state has been asked to hold conferences before that time. Oregon's was held in the spring.

There are six topics for discussion: "What should the schools accomplish?", "In what ways can we get enough good teachers—and keep them?", "What are our school building needs?", "How can we finance our schools—build and operate them?"

The brief report of the Oregon conference has been published and we must say that it shows the fine hand of the professional "educators" very plainly and leads to the belief that too few parents attended the meetings.

In discussing what schools should accomplish these objectives (it says here) were generally agreed upon: 1) self-realization; inquiring mind and initiative for self improvement, 2) basic skills; reading, calculating, communication, 3) Intellectual interests, 4) interest and participation in sports, 5) Intellectual interests, personal traits of honesty, courtesy truth.

Economic efficiency: 1) respect for dignity of labor, 2) appreciation of good workmanship, 3) ethical relationship between employees and employer, 4) understanding of business procedure for self protection, 5) desire for sound standard of living.

Civic responsibility: 1) knowledge of and belief in democratic privileges and responsibilities, 2) understanding of human inequalities, 3) desire to correct unsatisfactory conditions both political and economic, 4) respect for the law and tolerance toward those who err, 5) willingness to accept civic duties.

That might have been what the parents said but if it was the words used have shaded the meanings until the original intent has been lost.

Respect for the dignity of labor is all that is said about the necessity of working to make a living or to carry one's share of the load of living, although there is some thing about desire for a "sound" standard of living. Nothing about obtaining a "sound" standard of living by doing a little more or better work than others.

To us it is a lot of mental junk and no more indicative of the aims of Oregon parents than the palaver of most reformers.

SAVINGS BONDS

The August report of the chairman of the Oregon bond sale committee shows that every county except two has greater bond sales this year than last. Sherman county has the greatest percentage increase.

The same conditions prevail all over the nation although less marked than in this county or this state. There are good reasons for it but one must be a constant or at least a sometime watcher of the money markets to observe them.

The prices of the good stocks have gotten so high that the best ones do not pay more than do the government bonds. And if bought as present prices there would be a loss when and if the market drops and the stocks had to be sold. No one fears that government bonds will drop.

That may account for some of the increased sales of savings bonds. Another factor is the greater confidence people feel in the government, now that we have an administration that has halted the inflation that was debasing the value of the dollar so rapidly.

Whatever the reason people are buying more bonds of their own government and expressing confidence in its safety and judgment and that is good news for everyone whether primarily interested in money or in safe government.

WHY RETIRE

We were a little heartened a few days ago to read about J. C. Penny, who on his 80th birthday, said he didn't want to retire and wasn't going to.

Mr. Penny is in a more fortunate position than most for he does not work for a company that is likely to retire him whether he likes it or not.

It is good to find someone who is not looking forward to quitting what he is doing although we do believe that there is less talk about the rocking chair and the chicken farm now than there was a few years ago.

The talk of retirement was, very probably, the result of the political propaganda that told Americans how poor they were and how much in need of government aid to continue a precarious existence. You remember, "ill-fed, ill-housed, ill" something else that caused a lot of us years of self pity and the luxury of dependence.

Now that we are quitting the unfortunate habit of crying in our own soup, there is less talk of the pleasures of retirement and more of the joy of working.

If a man be happy in his job and satisfied with what he is doing there is no need of his quitting because of age unless his strength is unequal to the daily toll. But the fact is that there isn't much toll left. Work these days requires time—and even less of that—than before, but it does not require so great an exercise of muscles as it used to in grandfather's time. Grandfather would have thought a man already retired who sat at a desk or pulled levers for a mere 40 hours a week.

One of the inducements to retirement is the desire to get even with the government for the deductions made from wages or earnings under what is called social security. Actually, it isn't social and we doubt if it is security. One gambles a set sum each pay day that he can live long enough to collect the total. Those who die young not only lose their lives but their gamble with the government. Winning does make retirement something to look forward to financially.

What we were originally speaking about was the willful quitting of the mirths and employments that have occupied us during an active life to suddenly change to something else, to rebel at our active life and start anew. Such an act is a sort of admission that our life has been unsatisfactory to us. If so, something should be done about it now instead of waiting until too late to long pursue a new occupation.

CIVIC THEATRE

open week days
at 6:30 open
Sunday at 12:30

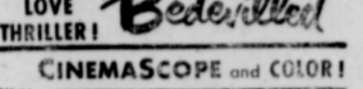
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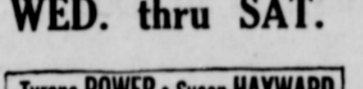
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Everett Hall is here to take the place of B. C. Pinckney, bank manager while Mr. Pinckney takes a vacation for a couple of weeks.

Friday is Red Hat day through out Oregon and pledges are available at hardware and sporting goods stores in Sherman county. Red hats will be on sale at several stores and Boy Scouts will help sell them.

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FOR SALE: 3000 cedar posts at 30c. Write or phone Rhododendron 354, Amos R. Robison, Wemme, Oregon. 46-52p

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mal McDermid, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of Mal McDermid, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: September 2, 1955.

Donald O. McDermid
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson 44-7c

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Written sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors, School District No. 7, Sherman County, Oregon, until 8 o'clock P. M. October 6, 1955, for gas consumed by the Wasco School Buses.

The bidder must supply storage and facilities for the dispensing of the product.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held at the Wasco Public School, of said District, at the above named time and date.

Address all bids to the Sherman County School Dist. No. 7, Wasco, Oregon.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

Dated this 7th day of September, 1955.
Attest: Malcolm McDermid
Madeleine Patrick 46-7c
Clerk

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that School District No. 7 of Sherman County, Oregon, will sell to the highest and best bidder or bidders for cash the following described property, to-wit:

Item One: All of the buildings of the former Locust Grove School District, designated School District No. 5 of Sherman County, Oregon, located in South Half of Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 16 E.W.M. in Sherman County, Oregon.

Item Two: All of the buildings and real property of the former School District No. 30 of Sherman County, Oregon, also known as "Klondike School District", said real property being described as follows:

A square tract of land in the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 18 E.W.M., Sherman County, Oregon, 206 feet x 206 feet.

All bids must be written and sealed and accompanied by the check of the bidder for the full amount of the price bid, said bids to be filed with the District Clerk of said School District No. 7.

All bids submitted will be opened publicly by the District Board of said School District at its regular meeting to be held at the school house on Thursday, October 6, 1955 at 8:00 p. m. and said District Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated September 7, 1955.
Malcolm McDermid
Chairman, District School Board of School District No. 7, Sherman County, Oregon.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—

PUBLIC SALE — ISOLATED TRACT — UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR — BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Land Office, 1001 N.E. Lloyd Blvd. Portland 14, Oregon August 5, 1955

Under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274; 43 U.S.C. 1171), and pursuant to the application of Wesley Edward Nicols, Moro, Oregon, Serial No. Oregon 02802, there will be offered to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1,030, for the entire tract at a public sale to be held at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of October next, at this office, the following tracts of land: Lot 9 sec. 7, T. 1 S., R. 19 E., W. M., Oregon, containing 50.74 acres, subject to a reservation to the United States of the right-of-way for transmission line and access roads across the land which was authorized September 15, 1952, upon application Oregon 02451 of Bonneville Power Administration, and all appurtenances thereto, constructed by the United States through, over, or upon the land, and the right of the United States, its officers, agents, or employees to maintain, operate, repair, or improve the same so long as needed or used for or by the United States, in accordance with Departmental instructions of January 13, 1916, contained in 44 L. D. 513.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail.

Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. Bids must be in sealed envelopes accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders made payable to the Treasurer of the United States for the amounts of the bids. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner "Public sale bid, Serials No. Oregon 02802, Sale, 10:00 a. m., October 7, 1955."

The highest bidder will be required to pay immediately the amount thereof.

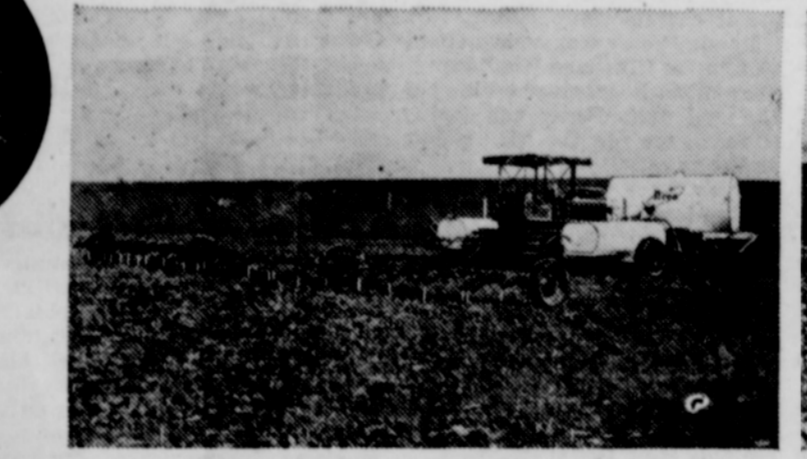
Any adverse claimants of the above-described land should file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

Any contiguous owner claiming a preference right must assert such right within 30 days from the above sale date.

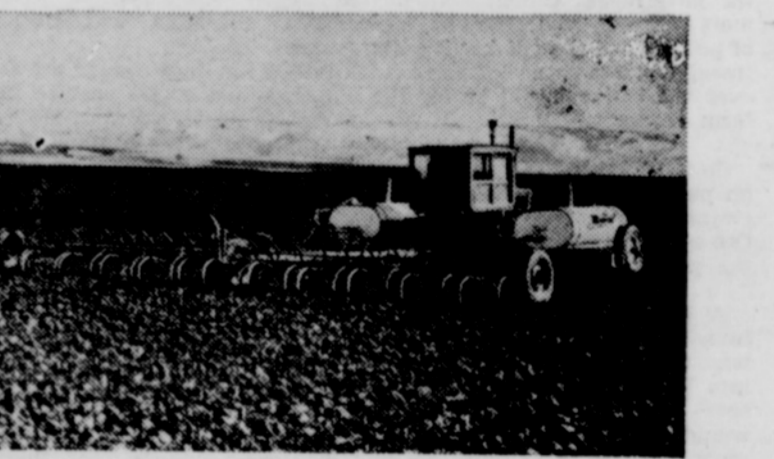
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