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FOREIGN POLICY

There is talk of making the nation's foreign policy an issue in the coming political campaign. If so it will be entirely political. Both parties have followed in general the same foreign policy since the war. While it has been at times a bi-partisan policy and sometimes not, there has been little variation.

There can be grave doubts about it and many persons have them. Opponents have been defeated and relegated to the background with the label of "isolationists" pinned on them. And at present "isolationists" is a bad word.

Since the war this nation has had a policy of giving military and other aid to any foreign nation whose leaders would make a speech against communism, that had land available for an air field, that sent an emissary to Washington with a picture of a starving child. We have been most generous.

Right now there is reason to doubt that policy for Russia is making some gains by saying that this capitalist nation is doing all this in order to eventually make a profit (something Russians don't have and say they don't like). They also say we are doing it to keep our economy working so we won't go broke.

Whatever they say about it, it is the same policy. Whatever the voters think about it they will get the same policy no matter which party is put in office. There is an element in the Republican party that opposes the policy but it isn't in power and isn't going to be soon.

Someday we may discover that nations do not respond to gifts in the way we at present hope they will. Then the policy will change. This election will not change it.

TOO FAT BEEF

A story in the current Farm Journal gives figures about a test made to determine housewife preference for cuts of beef. Most of the women chose Good or Commercial instead of Prime of Choice cuts of meat when offered for the same price.

That means that the revolution has already started that will change the type of beef animals grown and sold. Beef men may not like it and may protest for years that it can't happen. But it will: the customer is right in the long run.

The same thing has happened to hogs. A few years ago everyone grew a short, fat hog and sold them at weight up to 250 pounds. They produced pounds and pounds of good lard that had a good market as long as people ate the rich pastries of that day. It was even good for soap and it could be exported.

For some reason, maybe style in food, maybe the nutritionists who liked lettuce and would have been overstaffed by a full meal, maybe the medical men talking about fat causing all kinds of disease, it became unpopular to eat. The fat hog had to go. He did. Now we have a new type entirely and one can look through a livestock magazine without finding a single advertisement for the blocky type hog. Swine these days are so long and lean they could appear on a movie screen.

Cattle will have to do the same and instead of the short, blocky, heavy bodied steers, we'll soon be seeing a rangier type. There are a few people who say that meat can't be so tasty unless fat enough to grade Prime. But most meat buyers have a more delicate nerve in their pocketbook than on their tongues.

It will be a great battle and some will be hurt in the fray. Maybe the style will change back but as long as folks fear fat they won't pay for fat beef anymore than they'll pay fat hogs.

PUSSY WILLOWS

The other day to this office came a small branch of willow from the Van Gilder yard in Moro. The catkins are beginning to come out so the tops of them show. Here it is January when no

proper pussy-willow should be getting ready for spring. A pussy-willow is not one of the conservative plants, it gets out and about its business of announcing spring long before other trees have been stimulated by the growing season.

But January. Yet, a winter that began early in November might come to a slow halt in January even as one that began in late December could come to an end in February. Winters are variable as any Sherman countian well knows.

We would as soon depend on the wisdom of a pussy-willow as on the superficial learning of a prophet. The pussy-willow gets its early urge from something deep down in the earth something as basic as nature itself. It may know that while there will be frosts and snows and rains there will be none of the deep freezes that would kill the young catkins before they can swell into the full pussy-willows that herald early spring. Then, on second thought, they may get frozen stiff.

SOIL BANK

We do not think anyone can tell what sort of a soil bank plan will get through congress. At the present we doubt that it will be of much help to wheat growers who already are taking nearly 40 per cent of their land out of production.

If the plan is voluntary it will have to pay farmers as much as they could net by growing crops and the government can't afford that. If it is compulsory it should include every farmer which is politically impossible. Neither is it likely that wheat and cotton farmers will want to take old wheat and cotton in exchange.

Main difficulty is that it has to go through congress and the wheat men are inadequately represented to get a law passed that will help them.

If the notion that there should be a limit on the size of dollar payments to producers is accepted the big wheat and cotton growers will be penalized. It is possible that it will be popular so crazed have we become over fear of size.

It is too bad that the soil bank idea should have to be mixed into politics. It is a good idea—to save the soil until it is needed and not use it pile up unwanted surpluses. But making it practical is another thing.

POWER

We wish some entirely disinterested group—if such there be—would survey the power resources of the northwest and make a report.

Bonneville Power administration says that we will need 65 billion kilowatt hours by 1965 and predicts a deficiency of 1,335,000 kilowatts by that time if no new starts are made. The relation between kilowatt hours and kilowatts is not known to us.

The private power companies say much the same thing. In fact, the fight over power doesn't affect the engineers very much.

So everyone agrees that we need or will need more power. The political and financial position of both sides will be enhanced by the development of more power.

Populations in the coast states are not increasing as fast as they did and we do not know what rate of growth was used in the computations. And of course, no one knows what the rate of growth will be either with power plenty or without so much. So there is an element of chance about it all at best. It is getting to be a heresy in the northwest to even think the power shortage is being overstated.

Then by the end of this year the gas lines will be built to bring natural gas from New Mexico and Canada and that might make a difference in the electric power needs.

In addition to that, development of atomic power is reaching the stage when electricity is being generated by atomic fission. It is still too high to compete but within a few years it may not be. Certainly not all these things are going to happen at once and certainly we would like to see the John Day built. It should be the next start made and would be if it weren't for the politicians.

The picture would be much clearer if we knew all the power resources of the northwest from all sources together with the potential cost of all of them.

FEDERAL PLAN PETITIONS

Those citizens of Sherman county who have not yet had an opportunity to sign one of the petitions for the Federal Plan of Legislative Apportionment may do so at the Journal office, or at the court house where Willy Knighten has some. Others having petitions are Mrs. Hildred Zell, Frank von Borstel, George Fox, Charles Wallace and Allen Tom.

Purpose of the plan is to get for Oregon a form of legislative apportionment similar to that of the Federal government.



Mother is the hero of the morning when she serves Peanut Butter Puffs for breakfast. They're mighty good and make a real treat of that sometimes-neglected morning meal, easy to fix, too.

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. Frank Sayrs, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

Lapine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Vada DeMoss, N. G. Jo Gentry, 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. John Shipley, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.

fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Dorene Hall, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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Journal

January Clearance
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- Girls' and Ladies' Blouses
- Boys' and Girls' T Shirts
- Mens' Sox, Girls' Anklets
- Assorted Womens' Lingerie
- Womens' Wool Jackets

DALE'S CLOTHING
WE GIVE S & H GREEN STAMPS

Wasco News

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

The January pack meeting of the Wasco Cub Scouts was held Friday evening at the little Legion hall.

Richard E. Bruner is cubmaster and Mrs. Warren Wilkinson and Mrs. Delmer Smith are den mothers of Den 1. Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mrs. Eldon Lane of Den 2 and Mrs. Verne Dutton of Den 3. A short skit was given by Den 1 and a report on their trip to The Dalles dam by Den 2.

A totem pole award is given the den with the most parents and friends attending. Since 100% attendance of at least one parent was attained by all three dens, the award was given the new boys in Den 3 this time.

Bobcat badges were given Lee Clark, Donald Dutton, Mike Foss and Mike Buckley. Ronnie Johnson was awarded one gold and two silver arrows and Donnie Watkins one gold arrow under the wolf award.

Billy Smith, Floyd Rathbun and Gary Wilkinson each received one silver arrow under the bear badge and Gary was given the lion badge.

One year pins were awarded to Mike Lane, Erling Jacobsen, Donald Johnson, Gary Jose, Joe Roe, Donald Watkins, Douglas Bish, Bob Drinkard, Floyd Rathbun, Dean Rich, Billy Smith, Ronnie Weik and Gary Wilkinson.

A display of the boys' handwork and collections was enjoyed and a candy bar passed out to each child present.

Next month there is to be the annual Blue and Gold banquet before the pack meeting.

St. Johns day services for Masons was held Sunday, January 8, at the Wasco Methodist church. Members of Taylor lodge No. 99 were present. Rev. Bruner's sermon was entitled "What is a Mason".

Mrs. Lloyd Royle returned home Thursday, January 5, from a three week visit with relatives in the middle west.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock served cake and coffee to the family of Mrs. Marian Medler after the services on Tuesday at the Smith home.

The little Indian baby, Jimmie Wolfe Crow, whom Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines have been caring for is now being adopted by an aunt and uncle living at Quentin.

Several members of the Telephone company have moved into

the Sherman hotel and are engaged in changing lines and other necessary work, getting ready to change the numbering system being used here now.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wilkinson and family were Sunday dinner guests of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilkinson of The Dalles.

P. G. and P. D. O'Meara drove to Portland Tuesday afternoon to see Mrs. O'Meara, who is still confined in St. Vincents hospital in Portland.

Mrs. Hazel Boyd is home from a several weeks stay in Emanuel hospital and at the home of her sister in Portland.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines drove to Rufus to attend one the annual series of card parties.

In the past week we have lost two good friends and neighbors in the deaths of Mrs. Elizabeth Potter and Mrs. Marian Medler. They had both resided in Sherman county for over 70 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark were business visitors in Grass Valley Tuesday.

Mrs. Lila Halley is away this week on vacation to Portland and the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaseberg and three children and Darlene Gochbauer returned Sunday from a month's trip to Michigan to get a new car and down through the south and home by way of rainy and wet California. They visited in Washington, D. C. to see the national buildings and places of interest. A card has been received announcing that they had stopped at Warm Springs, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell returned Tuesday from their winter trip to California where they visited at Ventura with their son.

The Tuesday Study club met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Haines, January 3. Mrs. Leona Van Gilder was a club guest and members present were Mrs. Lee Pearson, Mrs. Oral Gosson, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. Tom Jacobsen, Mrs. Merlin Shields and Mrs. Leo Watkins. After a very short business meeting, a study of the Bible led by Mrs. Shields served as the program. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Shull and Mrs. Jacobsen.

The January PTA meeting was held January 5 at the school auditorium. Plans for the Friday, January 13 pot luck to be held before the Wasco-Fossil basketball game were made. Everyone is invited to bring their families and attend.

There was some discussion on

the possibilities and urgent need of an additional primary room and teacher which would necessitate moving the cafeteria from its present location downstairs. The arrangement would be a big improvement. The meeting was adjourned and an educational movie shown.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 2 four bottom John Deere model 66 hi-boy plows and McKlinkart hitch. Ready to roll. Tex Irzyk, Phone 796, Moro.

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING — Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon Ph. 242 47fn

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LOST: Two cows, branded bar over lazy S right rib and T bar over 2 right rib; ear mark half under crop in right, split left; also two calves branded bar over lazy S on right rib, swallow fork left ear. Call Carl L. Watkins, Grass Valley 667. 11-2p

FOR SALE: Three bedroom house in Moro, in good condition. See Mrs. Llyod Johnson. 11c

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of Union High School District No. 1, Sherman County, Oregon, at the present high school in Moro, Oregon, on or before 8:00 o'clock P. M. (Pacific Standard Time) Thursday, January 26, 1956, for the construction of a new High School for Union High School District No. 1, Sherman County, Oregon, and will then and there be opened and read aloud. Each bid shall be in accordance with Plans and Specifications prepared by Annand, Boone & LeI, Architects and Engineers, 1520 S. W. Taylor Street, Portland 5, Oregon, and shall be accompanied by a certified check cashier's check or satisfactory bid bond made out to the order of Union High School District No. 1, Sherman County, Oregon, in an amount equal to 5% of the bid. Each bid shall have attached thereto the list of Subcontractors the bidder proposes to use, and any bid not having this attached list will be disqualified from bidding.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any informalities. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for opening thereof unless awarding of the contract is delayed exceeding thirty (30) days. Plans and Specifications will be available from the office of the Architect. No deposit will be required on the Plans and Specifications; however, they must be returned to the Architect on or before the hour of bidding.

Mrs. Clara Houston, Clerk 10-12c

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Augusta Royle, Executrix of the Estate of John F. Royle, deceased, has filed her First and Final Account and Petition for Distribution in said estate, and that Friday, the 10th day of February, 1956, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the County Court Room in the Court House at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections, if any, to said First and Final Account and Petition for Distribution, and the settlement thereof.

Augusta Royle Executrix
Donald E. Heisler Attorney for Estate 9-12c

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DECEMBER 31, 1955

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RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 149,802,394.07
United States Government Bonds	300,342,048.86
Municipal and Other Bonds	74,128,957.36
Loans and Discounts—Net	309,103,253.93
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,080,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	8,891,928.35
Customers Liability on Acceptances	93,654.00
Interest Earned	2,870,013.78
Other Resources	1,399,241.00
	\$ 847,711,491.33

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 18,000,000.00
Surplus	18,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	20,790,555.57
	56,790,555.57
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	4,238,685.49
Acceptances	126,439.50
Dividends Declared	585,000.00
Deposits	781,492,594.39
Interest Collected Not Earned	4,396,591.80
Other Liabilities	81,624.60
	\$ 847,711,491.33

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