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FOURTH OF JULY

We failed our readers by not asking them to read some passages from the Declaration of Independence this year before the Fourth, something we seldom intend to do. But there is still time.

Back in 1776 the 13 colonies were strung along the Atlantic seaboard from Georgia to New Hampshire with little communication between them and comparatively little to communicate. Newspapers were scarce, not every one could read, letters went by stage and horseback.

But they resented the action of England which appeared to be asking them to support the mother country without giving them the rights of Englishmen. Only a few wanted to be free from England at first although many wanted better treatment as to taxes and rights.

In these days of fast communication and of giving and taking and compromise the quarrel would probably have been settled in some fashion. But in those days compromise wasn't so popular and the colonists were really mad about judges sent out from London, about a tax on postage (even if they didn't write) and about a tax on tea which was much less than now on coffee.

Besides revolt was in the air. And freedom was as popular as a public concept as security is today. Men wanted to be free to do as they wanted with this brand new country stretched out to the west of them.

It was assumed in those days that kings ruled by divine right and peoples were opposing God by opposing the king. Our theory that people ought to govern themselves was rank heresy and we would never have gotten away with it if England hadn't been busy fighting in other places.

When the American colonists wrote these words they voiced the most unheard of philosophy of government of mankind's history. Karl Marx was a piker compared to them and our government is still a new experiment in the world having lasted less than 180 years.

Even after all these years the rest of the world has not caught up with us. Many countries still are ruled by dictators. Unless we occasionally read the stirring words of our Declaration of Independence and take heed we can still slip back to that fate.

TAX APPRAISAL

Over in Wasco county they are having a bit of trouble over the reappraisal program which has set a price of around \$160 per acre of some of the better farm land. It will probably go to court.

program is to achieve equality between all classes of property. Under the program land will be classified into several grades, town residences will be revalued and industry will be appraised all to the end that each class of property and each piece of property in that class will pay its just share of the general tax.

It has nothing to do with the size of the tax bill—only with the division of it among classes of taxpayers and individual taxpayers. The tax bill depends on the wisdom of budgeteers and the tolerance of voters.

In Sherman county farms including the land, the improvements and the farm machinery used to till it account for 88 per cent of the total value outside of utilities. In recent time farms have made the figures are generally correct. In Wasco county farm land, farm improvements and farm machinery are a much smaller percentage of the total. And it makes a smaller amount of the total income.

It is the duty of the state tax commission to see that local property values are equalized and to establish a ratio between the accuracy of that valuation and the 100 per cent valuation put upon utilities. It is more necessary now that utilities are paying a part of the excise tax. Until recently utilities paid no excise tax because it was accepted that they were paying too much property tax. Now it is important that we have equalization. When—and if—we have a state property tax it will be necessary as a means of equalizing that tax between counties.

It is not our opinion that any wheat land in Wasco county is worth \$160 per acre, neither do we think any Sherman county land is worth that much. It is our opinion, however, that it is worth a lot more than the miserable \$21 or \$22 it has been assessed at. That figure is so unrealistic as to be worthless. Neither do we like the idea that the assessor should place an appraised value of \$60 (or any other figure) and take a percentage of that for assessment purposes. It seems foolish.

What is bothering many about assessed valuations is that it might affect the inheritance tax. Those whose estates have grown in value in these recent years are not going to escape paying inheritance taxes. It is one of the evils of inflation. We do think federal adjusters of inheritance tax should take the long time income from the land, the long time value of the land and the losses from erosion and other factors into consideration. Certainly the assessed valuation is not now, nor likely to be, an important factor in establishing true values of land, despite the ambitions of the tax commission to make it realistic.

CELLO ROCKS COME OUT OF THE RIVER

Have you noted the Cello rocks apparently rising out of the waters of the Columbia as they rush over what will be a falls in a few weeks? If not, do so, for it will probably be the last time you will be able to see those water washed cliffs.

This fall, after the water has gone down, millions of tons of rock from the hills and islands near the dam will be dumped into the channel to complete the closing of the river. The water will rise to permanently cover Cello. Permanently may signify too long a time in that it means forever and the process of silting and of changes by nature may make our big Columbia river dams obsolete in time.

When Lewis & Clark came this way 150 years ago they heard the falls of Cello far upriver and were told about the big falls by Indians who pronounced the name as "Timm" making it sound like the noise the river made there. It may have required some imagination. Cello has been Indian fishing ground as long as Indian tradition can trace and they were to have it "permanently" according to white man's treaty.

Indians were content to use whatever nature provided without change. They speared the salmon at Cello, pastured the fange with their ponies, killed the deer and picked the berries. When nature was unresponsive the Indians fared badly; when nature provided bountifully Indians waxed fat and held meetings of praise for their Gods.

White men must tear up the soil, blast the rocks, dam the rivers, fly the sky, divide the atom in order that they, too, may wax fat and praise their own ingenuity. They must provide for all that are born or may be born, must pile up credits in banks so they can live easily. To them nature is a challenge, not a friend as it was to the Indians.

So, we cover the rocks at Cello to make electricity to burn when men should be sleeping, to turn wheels to make gadgets, to develop machinery for war, to push and crowd and build and make easy.

And when nature says to the white man "It is time to die" he will die just as the Indian did and all his works will not keep the dust of earth from his mouth.

YOU GOTTA

There's something about the human spirit that rebels at force. Some spirits rebel much more quickly than others and some surlily fail to resist under ordinary provocation. Psychologists have names for it, we are sure, and can—and will—discuss it in terms that sound more learned. It may come from childhood dislike for discipline which might cause a child to be a rebel of sorts all his life. And it might make a bunch of easy marks out of a generation of youngsters who never had any discipline to rebel against.

Anyway it has been proven that in this country, and perhaps all others, that when authority reaches the end of its rope and says "you gotta" do this and so the people are going to find some way to not do it. It is at least possible that Russians will eventually find a way to get around the many "you gottas" now enforceable there.

The art of government is to obtain support for a desired course of action without saying "you gotta". With additional powers that have been taken by governments without the art of governing there is more of force than there used to be. And people once had a lower boiling point; they rebelled quicker.

Tendency of government now—since new deal—is to have a lot of "you gottas" all enforced with pleas regard for the very personal welfare of the individual citizen who is divided into social, economic and geographic groups. (We'd like to have them try that on the more rugged early Americans who were individuals.) There is a certain amount of sense in this theory and it comes from the livestock business: fat sheep are less likely to jump the fence.

But in the long run we think the theory will fail for the simple reason that people are resistant to an oversupply of authority and inclined to be individuals. And eventually we will have governments that qualify at the art of governing and not merely the temporary holders of the biggest club in the nation.

NEW BUSINESS

Filing of a mortgage for \$44,000,000 by the Harvey company to three banks of which the Bank of America takes half is pretty good proof that construction of the big Harvey aluminum plant will start soon near The Dalles. The coming of the Harvey plant is not expected to bring a large number of workers to The Dalles for aluminum reduction does not require many men. But the construction and steady labor will soften the loss of men leaving the dam on its completion.

If it were now possible to start work on the John Day dam it would be of aid to The Dalles and the entire area and assure economic stability for several years. It is our feeling that The Dalles will get most of the business from John Day dam rather than Sherman county because it is better equipped to handle it. We will get what we want badly enough to attract.

New Superintendent Takes Stock Station

Appointment of a new superintendent of the Eastern Oregon branch experiment station effective this fall has been announced by the OSC agricultural experiment station.

Dr. James A. B. McArthur, now in charge of the animal husbandry research program at the Manyberries, Alberta, Canada range experiment station, will be the new superintendent of the Union station. He will succeed H. G. Avery, superintendent since 1945. Avery, who will reach retirement age next June, will spend his remaining months of service on the station staff preparing summary reports covering the research which he has directed. The reports will be used as a guide in developing future studies at the station.

Dr. Frank D. Reid
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and Wednesdays
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The appointment, announced by F. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture at OSC, subject to approval by the state board of higher education.

The Eastern Oregon branch unit is a livestock station with research underway in fattening, wintering, grazing, breeding and management of livestock along with work on production of home-grown livestock feeds, soil conservation and fertility maintenance in the Blue Mountain region.

The new superintendent, McArthur, is expected to assume his new duties in October. He has been head of the animal husbandry work at the Canadian station since August 1953.

For two years before that time, he was range management and animal husbandry advisor to the government of Iran under the United Nations food and agricultural organization. He received his bachelor's degree from University of Alberta and his master's and doctor's degrees from Texas A & M, where he specialized in range management and animal production and served as a part-time instructor in genetics.

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Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Harry Hooper and son, Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap and family and Bonnie Schaumburger of Moro went to Warm Springs Sunday and spent the day.

WANT ADS

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASCO COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY T. SHEARER, Deceased. No. 3023

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the executors of the will and estate of Harry T. Shearer, deceased, will sell, at private sale, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, to the highest bidder, subject to the confirmation of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, on or after the 28th day of July, 1956, all of the right, title and interest of the said decedent, Harry T. Shearer, at the time of his death, and all of the right, title and interest which his estate has in and to all that certain real property situated in Sherman County, Oregon, described as follows:

All that part of Government Lot 3, Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 16 E.W.M., in the County of Sherman and State of Oregon, lying southerly of a line that is 280 feet southeasterly, when measured at right angles, from the Center line survey for the relocation of the Railroad of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, said center line being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at center line station LR 3380+21.46 P.O.T., from which station the section corner common to Sections, 8, 9, 16 and 17 in said township and range bears South 85° 43' 10" East a distance of 4,310.86 feet; thence North 61° 31' 37" East a distance of 2000.00 feet. There is excepted therefrom the part thereof within the right of way of the Columbia River Highway.

The land described contains a net area of 14.03 acres, more or less. All offers or bids must be in writing, and will be received by the undersigned at the office of the County Clerk for Sherman County, Oregon at any time after the first publication of notice hereof and before July 28, 1956. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1956. Carl Shearer Walter Ohlgeschlager Executors of the Will and Estate of Harry T. Shearer, Deceased C. L. Gavin Attorney for Executors U. S. National Bank Building The Dalles, Oregon 34-37c

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