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WASCO FIRE

Destruction of the Sherman Hotel in Wasco Saturday night was a serious blow to that city that will require years to repair. Country hotels have not been the most lucrative businesses for some years but good ones have continued and will continue. The Sherman Hotel was a well built structure and it definitely served a place.

The fire came on a hot night with a wind blowing. As soon as the fire ate up through the building to the roof sparks and burning brands began falling blocks away keeping men and women busy putting out fires on their roofs and in the dry grass. The stack of hay that caught fire was almost half a mile away. That Wasco didn't lose half the town is something of a miracle and, of course, a bit of good luck and hard work.

Three fire departments used up the town's water supply, even when that supply was augmented from water from two excellent wells, as they wet down the floors as they fell into the furnace inside the still standing walls. Had anyone of the walls felt something else would have burned, probably.

The people of Wasco are sincerely appreciative of the assistance given them by their neighbors from Moro, Rufus and The Dalles. That is proper. They are that kind of people. And when those who helped them are in trouble they will respond in the same spirit. They are that kind of people.

HOT, AIN'T IT?

Remember the year it got so hot it blistered the horses' backs, the bearings melted out of the combines on the sunny side and men pitching hay held the forks over their heads instead of putting them in the wagons?

Remember the year the fork handles got so hot a man couldn't touch 'em, the year a man had to start out with five gallons of water for an afternoon?

It has been hot before. It is fine training for the hereafter.

We have a sort of reputation for having hot weather and it hasn't been earned but given us by residents of other places trying to hide their own hot spells. For instance, it was 102 in Portland the other day by the official thermometer which, according to citizens not members of the chamber of commerce, must have been packed in ice. They said it was 104 before noon. A wheat field doesn't reflect heat near so effectively as a ten story building.

Last year we complained, because it never got hot and the only way a man could bet up a sweat was to work for it—good honest sweat. This last week honesty was not necessary. One can get up a sweat sitting in the shade.

So far as we can see or hear the hot weather hasn't been hurting the wheat although it certainly must have been reducing the weight of it by process of evaporation. And in this country if it doesn't hurt the wheat it isn't so bad.

A little hot weather is a proper part of a year unless one likes his seasons all alike. The cool weather is more refreshing after some of the hot and the evening breeze is never more welcome when it comes at the end of a hot day. We are lucky that here it always comes. Variation in temperature runs from 30 to 40 de-

grees between noon and midnight and one can stand six hours of hot weather so much better than he can 24.

SOME SENSE AT LAST

Magazines are telling us that the United States is going to quit forcing our money onto foreign countries. If they want to try getting it from Russia, let them. That makes sense.

If we are going to win the ideological battle with communism it will have to be by fighting with some other weapon than dollars. That didn't work. Men and nations refuse to stay bought.

Another thing may be that with the new atomic weapons the necessity of large numbers of men to fight wars is not necessary and wars will be fought by a comparatively few exceedingly well trained specialists. Most of the countries on which we have been lavishing our funds can't be defended anyway and are useful to us as bases for airplanes. The difference in time between this country and the Mediterranean isn't so much since the development of jets.

It may be that we are swinging away from the internationalism of the 1930 and 40s to the former position of isolationism this nation always favored. Of course, it will not be known by that name in these modern days.

In any event it looks as if we are going to slow down on the international give-away.

PRIVATE BUSINESS

It appears that in this country we are beginning to get from under a cloud of fear that has handicapped us for over two decades. We were afraid of ourselves, afraid of business, critical of enterprise. We let—and even—asked government to do things for us.

The reason many of our ancestors came to this country in the first place was so they could do things for themselves and because government was too oppressive. We forgot that for a time.

When private industry makes a new product, provides another service we can take it or leave it. And if we don't take it we don't have to pay for it. We can do without or buy another product.

When the government does something we may not have to use it but we have to pay for it, anyway. Chances are we'll have to use it, too. The government doesn't have to be good; it doesn't have to provide good service nor make a good product. It just makes the only one there is. Nothing is more monopolistic than government.

Private business makes a profit and pays half or more of that profit to the government in the form of taxes. It operates efficiently. It has to because there is always some sort of competition. Sometime groups get together into a sort of monopoly but there is always something else to use. If electricity is high the people use gas. If railroad rates are too high trucks come in to do the hauling. Private industry by its nature has to compete.

Government is a monopoly. It resists opposition. It has the power to stifle opposition and often does. It doesn't have to be efficient and seldom is. It hires men on a political basis; it does many things because of minority pressure.

When Bonneville dam and Grand Coulee were built it was said that private power companies were grasping and avaricious and were robbing the public and the government had to come in to give them competition and show what could be done with lower rates. Rates, incidentally, were already cheaper in the north west than anywhere else.


In the Hells canyon argument advocates of the federal dam were talking for a federal monopoly on power, not for a dam as a measure of efficiency between private

and government power. The role of government in our lives should be to repress the monopolistic tendencies of private business and individuals by just laws. It should not engage in monopoly itself. Those who try to make the government a monopoly are following one of the oldest and most discredited theories of government there is.

The citizen should be able to enlist the aid of the government against monopoly. He is helpless when the government itself is the monopoly.

Oh, Yes. There are always those who say the government is beneficent, that it is merely the people. Any child knows better. Government is the supreme power and it is operated by human beings who by their nature will use all the power they can get.

HOOVER COMMISSION EYE-OPENER



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Miss Sylvia Harvey left this week after spending several days here with her aunt, Mrs. Bill Rodda.

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Lawrence Kenny
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