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DO IT YOURSELF

A letter to the editors of Portland papers and an editorial in the Bend Bulletin together with some other comment have given publicity to an idea. It is that Oregon appropriate public money out of the anticipated surplus to try to bring new business to Oregon.

To this idea we want to take issue.

If Oregon communities want new business let them put up their own money and make an investment to assure it. Already some steps have been made in this way by McMinnville.

Probably one of the major things wrong with Oregon has been the unwillingness of its citizens to invest anything in the state. If the local citizens will not put up money to obtain new business we see no sense in the state doing it. By putting the state into business it would make every taxpayer contribute to a venture whether he wanted to, or could afford to. Such things are not a proper governmental function.

It is still possible to sell bonds in Oregon or shares in a project that promises dividends or interest. In that way only those with money to risk and with willingness to invest will contribute.

HERMAN OLIVER

Herman Oliver of Grant county is growing old at 73 and feels that it is time to retire into his new home in John Day and gradually turn his responsibilities over to others while he can direct the transfer. There can be little argument over the wisdom of the decision even among those who would wish him to continue relentlessly on until he departed from this life. Mr. Oliver prefers the planning approach.

And that is typical of him. When he was a young man the family had little to start a stockman's fortune but early training in hard work and honest dealing. The Oliver boys got ahold of some land in the John Day valley, improved it, increased it, built up herds of good cattle, expanded into commercial enterprises to round out a lifetime of successful personal achievement. Naturally there was public recognition and Herman Oliver has been a member of the state board of education for over 20 years and for a term a member of the highway commission, president of Oregon cattlemen and long time president of the successful John day bank.

A dormitory on the Grant county fair grounds was built by Herman Oliver's efforts—and much of it his contribution—John Day has a modern library as his gift and the popular Grant county museum that houses the Charley Brown collection is another of his projects. His new home has an outside entrance to the basement and groups use his nicely decorated "corral" for a meeting place.

Mr. Oliver has had a full life. He has done many things and done many of them well. He did it himself without formal education or the connections higher education always gives. His history is in the tradition of American success.

Now if he has planned to end his public and private activities by resigning his honors and selling his ranch it is his privilege. One regrets the ending of a good book even while realizing that it must end.

WRONG EMPHASIS

Senator Neuberger is complaining about Oregon as much as Oregon is complaining about Senator Neuberger. His recent analysis of the reasons Oregon is in the economic dumps shows more ability at the fine art of politics than the sterner reasoning of economics.

The senator enumerates Oregon's troubles as 1) tight money, 2) shortage of cheap power, 3) high freight rates.

Informed lumbermen of Oregon realize that the bonanza of high prices for lumber could not stand indefinitely against the competition of other building materials. Power is not a major factor in industrial development and Oregon's cheap power has been used by firms that bring little employment. High freight rates are a deterrent to the state's growth and are caused by the inflation that the senator's first complaint would continue.

Oregon's failure to attract industry comes from its lack of population (it is not a big market); it lacks adequate transportation; it depends too much on one industry (timber) without making any effort to utilize it fully; it tries to do too many things by government and too few by individual effort of its citizens which results in high taxes.

And it seems to this writer that Oregon does not really want to become industrialized. Many citizens say they liked it better when fewer strangers interferred with the fishing.

REMEMBER BLOTTERS?

You remember blotters, of course, and the quip about them: "They are what you look for while the ink dries." Well, how long has it been since you saw one?

Like the horse shoe that used to come in kegs to all well conducted hardware stores in sizes from the weighty six to the popular four and the pony two, blotters are a curiosity. You can't find a horseshoer anymore except on a cow ranch or around a racing barn and none but the most particular lawyer offices retain blotters.

Like the corset which has given way to a rubber fabric that does the job of containing milady's carcass, the blotter is a thing of the past. In our dancing youth we made a very interesting biological discovery, namely: that female ribs run up and down. No young man in this generation will do that; corsets with their stout whalebone ribs are a memory.

But about blotters. They were of absorbent paper, a sort of half-digested paper, that soaked up the ink on a signature recently placed laboriously or with a flourish on a sheet of legal paper. They followed an older method of drying the ink which consisted of dusting it with sand and blowing the residue off onto the floor.

Every office had blotters. Firms advertised on them, printing one side with a message in pretty colors and distributing them as widely as possible in various sizes. It was quite an industry while it lasted.

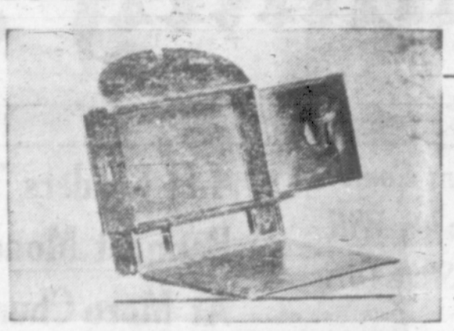
Then along came the ball point pen that doesn't need blotting and blotters and no more. Children used to learn to write with a pencil and only after some years of practice were taught to write with a pen and it was often a process that brought ruin to clothing and dismay to mothers intent on clean hands. Now children can make their squiggles with a pen as easy as with a pencil.

So we progress, or change, and old problems are forgotten sometimes so easily we almost fail to note that they are gone. And we develop new problems to take their places, for of problems, we must have aplenty else we become too satisfied.

The World's series interested millions, many more we are sure than anything else in the news, domestic or foreign. And it was a good series with the locally favored Milwaukie Braves battling the wonderfully competitive Yankees successfully when the chips were down. And when the Braves finally won with Burdette shutting out the Yankees 5-0 in the final game nearly everyone was happy about it.

We forget other things during the series which was the idea the Greeks had for the Olympic games.

This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



Who Owned This Writing Case?

CLUE: In the 1850's this case belonged to an army assistant quartermaster stationed at Fort Vancouver. Some years later, during the Civil War, this case was said to have held a checkbook with a balance of one million dollars.

ANSWER: Rufus Ingalls was the owner of this writing case. At the onset of the Civil War he was promoted to Colonel and assigned as Chief Quartermaster to the Army of the Potomac. Col. Ingalls was ready to leave Washington for Annapolis in order to accept and pay for 110 naval vessels to be used to transport McClellan's Army to Virginia. However, the battle between the Merrimac and the Monitor took place at this time, thus necessitating a revision of McClellan's plans.

If you have something that would make a good "mystery" object, send its complete description to the

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PORTLAND, OREGON

County Agent Finds Many Items To Interest Farmers About Wheat and Stock

Early fall months are a good time to control sheep ticks. Ewes cleaned up at this time will not have ticks to go over onto your lambs in the spring. Several spray insecticides have been effective and are recommended including DDT, rotenone, toxaphene and others. Recently a 1½% dieldrin dust has been particularly effective. For smaller farm flocks, dust can be applied with a rotary type hand duster. For details on spraying livestock and extension circular 561 "Livestock Pest Control" is available.

Burt and Columbia wheat samples from Sherman county farmers were shipped to the Western Wheat Lab., Pullman, last week. Protein, milling, and baking tests will be run on these samples. Samples were sent from the following farms: Joe Peters, Hall & Belshee, Wilbur Haggerty, W. E. Bruckert, Fred Dormaier, Bernard Martin, Charlie Davis, W. A. Brinkert, Elton Medler, Rolland Johnson, Earl Gentry, Kenneth Martin and L. P. Haven.

Sherman county according to the 1954 census had 489 acres of irrigated crop land broken down as follows: 150 acres hay, 95 acre orchards, and 244 acres pasture.

Paul Alley is rigging up a double hydraluic system for his deep furrow drills. Ken Fridley's hydraulic system worked like a charm on a 25% slope. Perfect tracking of the press wheels occurred back of the furrow opener. The system can be well recommended to anyone having drill sliding problems.

Biggest outlay in the setup is a hydraulic system which runs over $300.00. Once this is available cost for a drill hook up including one cylinder, materials for hitch hose and fitting run $250.00. The shovel drills are superior to disk except for sliding or covering up. The hydraulic system should make the shovel opener superior in most respects for our conditions.

Kickoff meeting for the Sherman County Rural Planning conference for 1958 is set for 8:00 p. m., Tuesday, October 22, county courthouse.

The sixth statewide weed conference is scheduled November 14 and 15 at Whitcombe hall, Corvallis. Industry representatives as well as farmers participate.

Fat Cattle Not Expected To Drop

Fed cattle prices in Oregon are not expected to drop as sharply during the heavy October-November marketing season as they did a year ago, report Oregon State college agricultural economists.

Cattle slaughter is now rising seasonally but prices may decline only $2 to $3 a hundredweight compared to a drop of $4 to $5 last fall when the 1956 drought forced fall slaughter to a record high, the economists say.

A general downtrend in cattle slaughter is expected to continue in 1958, pointing to favorable prices for fed cattle in the year ahead. Cattle feeders are also favored with prospects of large hay supplies and cheap feed grains, but feeder's margins may be squeezed by the higher prices being paid for feeder animals.

Meanwhile, hog production is responnding to generally good prices with national increases expected for this fall and next spring's pig crops. This dims hog price prospects for next fall, the economists report in the current issue of the OSC "Oregon Farm and Market Outlook" circular. Copies of the circular are available from county extension offices.

Smut which has attacked Omar wheat in Washington has not been found in Oregon. No reports of smut occurred in the Columbia Basin by farmers, elevator operators or state and federal workers. Some smut plants of Elmar were found in Omar fields.

The larva, or worms, that were working on wheat heads in Grass Valley-Kent area, Sherman county, this spring have been positively identified as a close cousin of the corn ear worm. The insect, up to this time, had no common name so we have attached the "Wheat Head Worm" as one for common use. Scientifically it is known as Heliothis Phloxiphhea. The insect has not been identified previously in Oregon and specimens were sent to the bureau of Insect Identification in Washington, D. C. for positive determination in coordination with the Entomologist department at Oregon State college.

Dalmatian Toadflax, a serious perennial weed, exists in several locations in Sherman county. The plant is very similar to a yellow snapdragon and many folks presently have it in their yards. The plant is presently in the Grass Valley cemetery, on vacant lots, state highway and city property going north out of Wasco and two small patches along the county roads were located this summer. One three miles east of Moro and one near the Fulton Canyon road west of Wasco.

WANT ADS

SPINET PIANO BARGAIN: Will sacrifice for quick sale in this locality. Also Electric Spinet Organ. Cash or terms. Write Tallman Piano Stores, Inc., Salem, Oregon. 47-9c

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800 KELLY AVE.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of W. D. Fuller, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 6th day of November, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

T. Lester Johnson
Administrator
48-51c

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SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON
Abstract of Taxes Payable in 1957–58
and Summary of Assessment Rolls

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL — SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, 1957-58

REAL PROPERTY	ACRES	VALUE	PER UNIT
Taxable Land	464,004.60	$ 5,945,940.00	$ 12.81
Land within corporate limits	820.11	69,470.00	
Structural improvements within corporate limits		560,160.00	
Structural improvements outside corporate limits		941,300.00	
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY		$ 7,516,870.00	

PERSONAL PROPERTY	NUMBER	VALUE	PER UNIT
Merchandise		$ 138,500.00	
Furniture in commercial use		24,690.00	
Farming implements		689,200.00	
Other machinery and equipment		17,560.00	
Trailer houses		6,740.00	
Horses	439	9,070.00	$ 20.66
Cattle	9,091	194,820.00	21.43
Sheep and Goats	1,692	5,340.00	3.16
Swine	380	1,810.00	4.76
Poultry	4,043	1,390.00	.34
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE		$ 1,089,120.00	
Less Veterans and Widows' Exemptions		7,410.00	
NET TAXABLE VALUE		$ 8,598,580.00	
Public Utilities Value		1,317,113.00	
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE		$ 9,915,693.00	

SCHOOL TAX

DISTRICT	VALUE	LEVY	TAX
Rural School District	$ 9,915,693.00	25.0	$ 247,892.33
Sherman High School Dist. No. 1	9,915,693.00	17.2	170,549.92
School District No. 7	2,735,873.00	4.1	11,217.08
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX			$ 429,659.33
Tax from Wasco County (Joint School District - Rural)			486.31
Offset from State (Sherman High School District No. 1)			6,098.00
GRAND TOTAL SCHOOL TAX			$ 436,243.64

ROAD TAX

DISTRICT	VALUE	LEVY	TAX
Road No. 1	$ 8,993,564.00	12.0	$ 107,922.76
Road No. 2 Wasco	328,354.00	12.0	3,940.25
Road No. 3 Moro	330,725.00	12.0	3,968.70
Road No. 4 Grass Valley	263,050.00	12.0	3,156.60
TOTAL ROAD TAX			$ 118,988.31

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DISTRICT	VALUE	LEVY	TAX
County General Fund	$ 9,915,693.00	8.8	$ 87,258.10
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND TAX			$ 87,258.10

CITY TAX

CITY	VALUE	LEVY	TAX	COMB. LEVY	CITY TAX	Percentages RSD	GR	SH	C	SPEC.
Moro	$ 330,725.00	27.3	$ 9,028.79	90.3	30.2	27.7	13.3	19.1	9.7	
Wasco	328,354.00	19.6	6,435.74	86.7	22.6	28.8	13.9	19.8	10.2	4.7
Grass Valley	263,050.00	15.3	4,024.67	78.3	19.5	31.9	15.3	22.0	11.3	
TOTAL CITY TAX			$ 19,489.20							

TAX AND LEVY BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ALL PURPOSES EXCEPT CITY TAX

DISTRICT	VALUE	TOTAL LEVY	TAX	RSD	GR	SH	C	SPEC.
3 Rufus	$ 1,461,207.00	63.0	$ 92,056.04	39.7	19.0	27.3	14.0	
7 Wasco	2,735,873.00	67.1	183,577.08	37.3	17.9	25.6	13.0	6.1
9 Kent	1,044,925.00	63.0	65,830.28	39.7	19.0	27.3	14.0	
17 Moro	2,950,435.00	63.0	185,877.40	39.7	19.0	27.3	14.0	
23 Grass Valley	1,723,253.00	63.0	108,564.94	39.7	19.0	27.3	14.0	
TOTAL DISTRICT TAX			$ 635,905.74					

LEGEND

RSD — Rural School District
GR — General Road Fund
SH — Sherman High School
City Tax — City Tax
C — County General Fund
Spec. — School District No. 7

Total Value	$ 9,915,693.00	100.0	Total Tax	$ 655,394.94	100.0
Total Local Value	8,598,580.00	86.7	Local Tax	569,013.66	86.8
Total Real Value	7,509,860.00	75.7	Real Property Tax	495,654.10	75.6
Total Personal Value	1,088,720.00	11.0	Personal Property Tax	73,359.56	11.2
Public Utilities Value	1,317,113.00	13.3	Public Utilities Tax	86,381.28	13.2

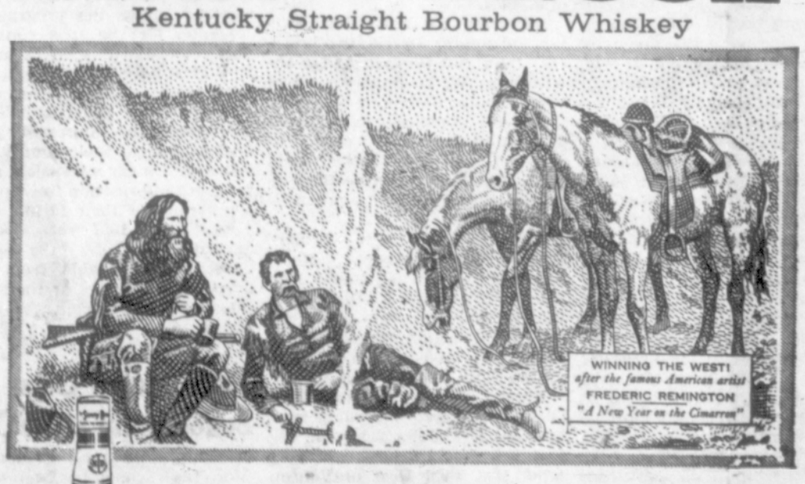
RECAPITULATION

Special School Tax (District No. 7)	$ 11,217.08
Special City Tax	19,489.20
General Fund Tax	87,258.10
General Road Fund Tax	118,988.31
Sherman High School District No. 1	170,549.92
Rural School District	247,892.33
TOTAL TAX	$ 655,394.94
Omitted Property	562.41
Penalty	55.60
Pick-up on Extension of Taxes	.38
Less Advance Collection	103.72
TOTAL COUNTY TAX TO BE COLLECTED BY SHERIFF	$ 655,909.61

I hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody. Dated this 9th day of September, 1957

Clair L. Balzer
Sherman County Assessor

SUNNY BROOK
Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey



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