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MISTAKEN LOYALTY

Maybe there is no use getting
excited about it for surely the
senate will not pass the bill. The
question here is why the house
passed it.

We mean the new income tax
bill passed Saturday with every
one of the 33 Democrats voting
for it and four Republicans for
a rather solid 37 to 23 majority.

The story behind it seems to
be that the house taxation com-
mittee brought out a bill that
contained one of Mr Hatfield's
proposals (and Dr. Sly's) for a
one percent overall levy on in-
comes. The Democrat caucus ob-
jected. From this distance that
objection appears to be a mani-
festation of the work of George
Brown, AFL-CIO boss in Oregon
whose job is to keep a tax sys-
tem that levies as little as possi-
ble on lower income people
while retaining all benefits at a
high level.

It is understandable why Mr
Brown should favor such legis-
lation although it is doubtful if
it helps labor in the long run.
What it does is to make Oregon
a haven for the indigent who
want more from government than
they put in. It scares business
men who might build some in-
dustry here that would create jobs.

If you have not been reading
the fine print that bill includes
the following: it does not allow
federal income tax as a deduc-
tion; it does not allow property
taxes as a deduction; it does not
allow interest payments as a deduc-
tion; it removes the extra deduc-
tion for age and blindness; it
does not allow income splitting
for married folks.

For legislators who represent
city districts that is bad enough.
What we want to know is how
Democrats like Annala of Hood
River, Musa of Wasco, Weather-
ford of the 22nd district, Evick
of Madras, McInnes of Union,
Haight of Baker and Cady of
Burns are going to get along with
the farmers and ranchers they
were elected to represent when
those citizens find out that they
can't deduct the taxes paid on
their farms from their next in-
come tax.

We do not believe in party
loyalty in such matters and we
cannot understand a legislator
voting for his party and against
his constituents. He will be mis-
taken sometimes in his judgment
of what is best for his people,
but this, we feel, is not a mis-
take in judgment; it is mistaken
loyalty. There is no excuse for
mistaken loyalty.

YOU GOTTA HAVE YOUR
MOUTH OPEN

We've been looking at pictures,
bride's pictures, publicity pic-
tures, business men's pictures,
politicians pictures, any kind of
pictures. Unless some one was
caught robbing a bank he posed
with his mouth open. A man
from Mars or Russia (which is
nearly as far away) would think
a toothy grin was an American
trade mark.

It may be that opening the
mouth is a way of putting the
best tooth forward and showing
the viewer that the subject is
really a cheerful sort at heart
with no intention of committing
mayhem or absconding with av-
ailable funds. If so it fails. Many
camera smiles are as phony and
unlike as a clean small boy.

We do not find Americans so
universally happy. We see more
of them serious and we are not
enough of a dentist to think teeth
are an exterior decoration. They
were designed for chewing, not
showing. Neither do we think a
person has to have his mouth
open to look pretty although that
is what photographers have told
us.

ASTORIA BRIDGE

What may turn out to be the
very poorest piece of legislation
to come from this legislature is
the bond issue for \$28,000,000
with \$24,000,000 of it marked for
a bridge across the Columbia river
at Astoria. The other part is to
go to build a road from Roseburg
west.

To begin with Astoria doesn't
need a bridge. The state has two
ferries there and there is seldom
enough business to make the lar-

ger one necessary. Building the
bridge would help Astoria, which
probably needs help, because of
the labor involved in such a giantic
structure. It would not help
the state. Washington has to agree
to put up half the money and that
may be the saving clause in the
bill.

The reason it is poor legislation
is that it is a start toward making
highway construction a matter of
legislative log-rolling. That unfor-
tunate condition prevails in many
states and it always costs more
and results in poorer planning of
highways. A strong legislator can
get highways whether needed or
not.

Oregon has been blessed with
very good highway commissions
and our road planning has been
good. Such planning is done much
better by a commission than by
a legislature.

OUTDOOR SEASON

The official outdoor season was
opened Saturday when it was
legal to go fishing and it was a
very happy occasion, not because
many fish were caught, nor that
anyone was comfortable in the
chilly wind. It was a happy occa-
sion because one can now spend
a day in the open or camp out
a night or two and retain his so-
cial standing.

The writer was tied down with
editorial duties and devoid of
sufficient clothes for the kind of
weather that prevailed. His elation
is strictly vicarious, never-
theless real.

We humans like to be consider-
ed civilized and are loud critics
of the olden days when men lived
outdoors, cut their own wood and
packed their own water. We cher-
ish the physical comforts of elec-
tricity and oil heat and the ease
of packaged foods and we are
scornful of the "backward" na-
tions whose development has
run along different lines.

Yet, at the same time we like
to get outside and cook a meal
over a campfire or a crude stove
and think we are as tough and
vigorous as our bearded grand
fathers who did it every day. We
are not and wouldn't like it if
we were.

The fishing, we understand,
was poor except in a few small
creeks to which some walked.
That is a matter of small con-
cern. Fish are nice to bring
home as a sort of reason for way-
wardness, something to show the
neighbors and delight the children
But every fisherman knows that
the real reward is the fresh air,

the song of the mothering birds,
the beaming sun, the swing of
mud-daubing swallows, the rich-
ness of fresh grass. Fishing is but
an excuse for enjoying them. Fu-
ture Americans may wonder some
time that we were so material
that we felt impelled to have an
excuse for such enjoyments. But
that will be when we have really
become civilized.

COVERED WAGON TREK

We are quite certain that the
trip from Independence, Missouri
to Independence, Oregon by wagon
is a good publicity stunt for the
coming Oregon centennial. Let
no one be confused about any
similarity between the trip being
made by some otherwise un-
employed persons and the emi-
grants who made the trip from
1842 on until the railroads were
built.

These modern argonauts are in
danger of getting very tired of
people with celebrations sched-
uled every few miles whereas 110
years ago almost no persons were
seen on the trip. The teams will
be wearied from paved roads
while the originals were tired of
rough roads and hard pulling.
There will be medical attention
available and the Indians will be
fictitious as those who threw the
English tea overboard in Boston
harbor. The wagons, while much
cruder than automobiles are far
better than the wood skinned
ones used by the first travelers of
the road.

We imagine that the partici-
pants will boast of the journey to
their grand children at greater
length than did the originals for
certainly it is a more unique ex-
perience to drive across the coun-
try by mule team now that it is
not common than it was in the
1840s.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

The Rufus Grange held the tri-
county Visitation (Hood River,
Wasco and Sherman) at their hall
April 16. There were eight pres-
ent from Harlandview, nine from
Cherry Park, ten from Pine
Grove, five from Mill Creek, nine
from Odell, and two from Park-
dale. The honored members com-
ing were Earl Moore, state agricul-
tural chairman; Arthur Means,
Wasco county deputy; Walter
Wells, Hood River Pomona mas-
ter; George Oliver, Odell Subor-
nate master; Ray Huges, Wasco
Pomona master; Mrs. Whit Bruck-
ert, Harlandview master; and Har-
ry Weckman, master of Cherry
Park.

It was reported Otto Petersen
has been having some trouble
with his back and Roy Shafer is
sick with the flu.

OREGON'S CENTENNIAL ALBUM PAGE 13

JOHN WILLIAM 'PETE' FRENCH (1849-97)

DROVE HERD INTO S.E. OREGON IN 1872. IN
20 YEARS HE TOOK UP MUCH OF DONNER AND
BLITZEN VALLEY.

FROM HOGGED ROOF HE
COVERED ESCAPE OF HIS CREW
DURING AN
1878 INDIAN
RAID.

PROGRESSIVE, HE
DRAINED SWAMPS, FENCED
LAND, IMPROVED BREED.



INVOLVED IN RIPARIAN RIGHTS DISPUTES,
HE WAS SHOT BY SMALL SETTLER ED
OLIVER. OLIVER WAS ACQUITTED.

Jackman Writes of Oregon's Range Land
And How To Improve It With Science

Income from Oregon's ranges—
roughly a dollar an acre for range
grass—may double in the next
25 years.

America's vast range lands popu-
larized by television westerns,
are about due for a face lifting,
predicts E. R. Jackman, OSC ex-
tension range crops management
specialist.

Chemicals to kill unwanted
brush, and machines to seed the
land are now available. Pioneer
ranchers are leading the way and
experiment stations, such as the
Squaw Butte station near Burns
are providing the answers.

For many years the country's
ranges were pretty much as the
westerns portray them: Where,
after a lickety-split gallop down
the mountain and through the
creek "they cut 'em off at the gap"
Where herds bawled, flocks ba-
aed, and horses neighed. Where
livestock roamed with buffalo
and played with deer and an-
telope.

Much of Oregon's range land
has fallen into this pattern. "West-
ern" is a misnomer for Oregon's
range land tales, however, be-
cause most of the state's range
is east of the Cascades, Jackman
notes.

And a lot of Oregon is range
land if you consider all unplowed
land as such, he says. About 92
percent, in fact. However much of
the west side forest is too thick
for livestock to roam so really
isn't thought of as range.

Oregon's range livestock busi-
ness got a good start about the
time Oregon became a state. The
big problem was Indians. It was-
n't until the last of the Indian
wars in 1878 that the big open
country was free from Indian at-
tacks. From then on, there were
big cattle drives east. The rail-
road reached Ontario in 1883. This
became one of the west's big live-
stock shipping points.

After the Union Pacific reached
Portland livestock numbers kept
booming. Then the Columbia Sou-
thern built to Shaniko and for
many years that little town (sel-
dom in the news now) was the
country point in America that or-
iginated the most wool.

The range was severely over-
used and nearly ruined. It was
open to all comers, so no one could
save it. It went down hill gradu-
ally and now carries less stock than
it did fifty years ago.

Now, on both public and pri-
vate range in Oregon, there are
about 800,000 cattle and 400,000
sheep. Horses, once there by tens
of thousands, are strictly a min-
ority group.

The crude fiber. Since price is also
a relative thing, the California
researchers have used barley
prices and cotton seed meal prices,
in order to calculate the value of
the various lots of hay. The Cal-
ifornia men have evolved several
charts and from these one can
take any value of cotton seed meal
and barley, and any possible
combination of crude fiber and
moisture, and from the two, work
out the value of that time for any
lot of alfalfa hay.

Rambler Alfalfa
Rambler alfalfa is a relatively
new grazing type alfalfa develop-
ed in Canada. The alfalfa is a
true rhizomous type plant which
has a definite running root like
many of our lawn grasses or
Quackgrass. It is uncertain how
well it will perform under our dry
conditions. Therefore, we would
like to encourage trial seedings
by farmers planting permanent
pastures.

Last year a small acreage was
seeded on the Hildred Zell ranch
in comparison to Nomad and
LaCak. Ernie Woods seeded a
small acreage of Rambler last
week in comparison with the same
two varieties. Charles Burnet
found that the net energy in hay
does not vary directly with

Advertisement for Wade Rain Irrigation. Text: "Don't Let YOUR CROPS Dry Up!" Includes image of a sprinkler and contact info for Muller Farm Equip. in Moro, Oregon.

spring. Seed has been secured
from Canada and is available at
the Hughes Feed & Seed, The Dal-
les, or Pendleton, Grain Growers,
Pendleton.

Light Horse Judging School
Last December a Light Horse
Judging school was held in The
Dalles for the Mid-Columbia.
The event was requested by the
Mid-Columbia Saddle clubs. An-
other school is presently being re-
quested. Those attending the
December event from Sherman
County were: Stan and Doris
Coelsch, John and Wanda Hilder-
brand, Curle and Vada DeMoss,
Luke and Helen Davis, Bill Alsop,
Bill Hall, John Kellogg, Lola
Smith, Leo Wakins, Vern Smith,
Leon Smith, Floyd and Betty
Rathbun.

Experimental Equipment
Research, equipment, and other
people are always looking for
new equipment that will cope
with water run-off on our Colum-
bia Basin wheat land. A new
piece of equipment for research
purposes is available for use in
the Columbia Basin in an attempt
to solve this continuing problem.
The equipment known as a
"Vertical Mulcher" was develop-
ed at Purdue University and has
been under study for 2 to 3 years
in the Mid-West.

Last week plots were established
on the Sherman branch experi-
ment station and the Bill Todd
field adjacent to the station. The
vertical mulcher operates like a
field chopper. A 12 foot strip of
straw is chopped and instead of
going in a tag-along it is blown
into a 15-18 inch trench in the
ground. It is hoped that this straw
will maintain this open hole and
during the summer fallow winter
would take in excess water or
water running off the frozen
ground.

The trial was under the direc-
tion of W. E. Hall and Charles
Smith. The project should be
interesting to watch and if con-
tinued for a period of years they
should be able to determine its
success and adaptiveness to our
crop land.

Rodent Control
Gophers are beginning their
spring activity. They can really
cause damage in irrigated fields
or around the homes. A small in-
festation can be controlled quite
satisfactorily with traps. Any of
several makes of traps are satis-
factory. The Sherman County
agent's office has two types of
gopher traps available and do the
job quite nicely.

The meadow mouse infestation
has declined this year. Some peo-
ple may still be bothered. Poison-
ed grain bait is available at the
county agent's office in 10 pound
bags, if anyone has difficulty and
would like to secure control.

Gray diggers and squirrels can
be a distinct problem in some
areas of the county. Hughes Feed
Store, The Dalles, handles poison
bait for squirrel control. Large
orders can be secured by the
county agent's office for direct
shipment if this is desired by
anyone.

Oregon In History
April 23, 1882—In accordance
with the request of the State
Board, the Umatilla County Board
of Immigration unanimously
agreed to compile and publish 10,
000 pamphlets descriptive of Uma-
tilla, its resources and advantages.
These pamphlets will be given
wide distribution in the hope that
they will bring immigrants from
the east and Europe to settle in
the county.

Enreka 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.
Clarence Higley, W. M.
Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.
Meets every second Thurs-
day each month. Visiting
members invited. Moro, Ore.
Annabelle Kelso, W. M.
Dorothy Heater, Secretary

Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Wasco, Oregon
Meets each First and Third
Tuesdays.
Doug Shull, W. M.
Carl Tuggie, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th Tues-
days of each month. Vis-
iting members welcome.
Mary Brackett, N. G.
Helen Martin, Secretary

HARLANDVIEW GRANGE
Meets First and Third Mondays
each month at 8:00 p. m.
Helen Bruckert, Master
Florence Bruckert, Secretary

Moro LODGE NO. 113 I.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd Tues-
days in I.O.O.F. hall. Tran-
sient and visiting brothers
are cordially invited.
Floyd Haines, N. G.
Leo Watkins, Secretary

Raymond VanGilder
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the Estate of Afton Mc-
Intyre, deceased, are required to
present them with vouchers to
the undersigned at Wasco, Oregon
within six months from the date
of the first publication of this
notice. The date of the first pub-
lication of this notice is April 30,
1959.
Virginia McIntyre
Executrix

DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for the Estate 26-9c

NOTICE OF MEETING OF
COUNTY BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION
Notice is hereby given that on
Monday, May 11, 1959, the Board
of Equalization of Sherman Coun-
ty, Oregon, will meet at the
County Courthouse in Moro, Ore-
gon, to publicly examine the
assessment rolls for said County
of Sherman, for the year 1959,
and to correct all errors in valua-
tion, description, or qualities of
land, lots or other property assess-
ed by the assessor.
The ratio between assessed and
true cash value adopted by the
Board of Equalization pursuant to
ORS 309.034 is 20 percent.
It shall be the duty of the per-
sons interested to appear at the
time and place appointed. Peti-
tions for adjustment of assess-
ments must be filed with the
Board of Equalization not later
than the end of the first week
that the Board is in session.
Clair L. Balzer
Sherman County Assessor
25-67c

CALL FOR BIDS
Grass Valley School District No.
23 will receive sealed bids until
8 p. m., May 11, 1959, for a 30
passenger school bus with 7-825-20
10 ply nylon tires with tubes,
adequate oil filter, oil bath air
cleaner, hydro-vac brakes, two
heavy-duty heaters, at least 110-
000 B.T.U., electric windshield
wiper, synchromesh 4-speed trans-
mission, price on 6- and 8-cylin-
der motor, progressive rear
springs, seats 30-inch center, 50-oz.
or comparable seat covering ma-
terial, heavy-duty, non-skid cov-
ering on steps and down aisle,
marine plywood insulated floor or
equivalent material, body manu-
facturer furnish set of specifica-
tions on body, meet all Oregon
State specifications, trade-in 1954
Chevrolet 30-passenger school
bus, heavy duty shocks, front and
rear.
District reserves the right to re-
ject any or all bids.
Eva Cantrall, Clerk
Grass Valley School Dist. No. 23
25-6c

NOTICE OF BUS PURCHASE
Sealed bids will be received at
the office of the clerk of School
District No. 17, Sherman County,
Moro, Oregon, for furnishing and
delivering one (1) thirty-six (36)
passenger school bus.
Bids will be received until 8
P. M., Tuesday, May 12, 1959.
Under no circumstances will bids
be considered if filed after the
hour specified in this announce-
ment.
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:
Bus must comply with all existing
Oregon State specifications and
requirements. Specifications for
special equipment may be obtain-
ed at the clerk's office.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:
Bidders shall furnish catalog cuts
and complete descriptions of chas-
sis and bus body they propose to
deliver.
Clara E. Houston, Clerk
25-26c

WANT ADS
WANTED: Custom cutting this
harvest, have straw chopper.
Alfred Kock, Moro 26-7c
WHEAT RANCH FOR SALE:
1120 A. 750-800 A tillable; 4 miles
from Condon. Good buildings &
good fences; good well spring. One
of the levellest ranches near Con-
don. Sale by owner. C. P. Edwards
Box 85, Condon, DUnkirk 4-5594
26-7c
Reliable man or woman to dis-
tribute line of cigarettes, candy, nuts
and gum through new automatic
merchandisers. No selling. We es-
tablish accounts for you. To qual-
ify party must have car and cash
capital of \$400 to \$1700 which is
secured. Excellent earnings part
time. More full time. Write Geo-
rge Conrad, 1201 Turners Cross-
road, Minneapolis 16, Minn.

FOR SALE: Registered Yearling
Horned Hereford Bulls. Frank
M. Monahan, 2 miles east of
Condon. Condon, Ore. 22fn

FOR SALE: Electric range, auto-
matic washer & dryer, dispos-
al, dining room table & 6 chairs
oil heater, 3 bdr home in Wasco,
\$5,000. Vleda Van Gaasbeck,
FOR Agricultural loans see The
Dalles NFLA and the Mid-Colum-
bia PCA, 4th & Court Streets,
The Dalles. P. O. Box 243 -
CYpress 6-2468. 21-25c

Custom Slaughtering by appoint-
ment only. Meat cutting, wrap-
ping, sharp freeze. Kenny's
Market, Grass Valley, Oregon.
Call ED 3-2345 for appointment.

STATE WIDE PAINT CO. com-
plete painting and decorating
service, spray or brush. Phone
CY 6-3977 or CY 6-5293, 1205 E.
12th St. Vern Campbell and
Jack Null, The Dalles, Or. 38fn

FOR SALE: Washed sand and
gravel at mouth of John Day
River. Also road gravel. Colum-
bia Rock Products, Box 688
Rufus, Oregon. 15 fn

LEGAL NOTICE'S
NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the Co-
unity Court of the State of Ore-
gon for Sherman County, his final
Account as Administrator of the
Estate of Jennie Zutter Dick,
deceased, and that Wednesday,
the 3rd day of June, 1959, at the
hour of ten o'clock A.M. of said
day in the court room of the Co-
unity Court in Moro, Sherman Co-
unity, Oregon, have been fixed by
the Court as the time and place
for hearing objections to said
Final Account and for the set-
tlement of said estate.

Advertisement for Sunny Brook Whiskey. Text: "SUNNY BROOK The Great Whiskey of the Old West". Includes image of a cowboy on a horse and bottles of whiskey. Price: \$2.90 pt, \$4.45 fifth, \$2.80 pt.