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THE DECLINE OF TOWNS

At the turn of the century, about 60 years ago, nearly every small town was a complete business establishment. There were grocery stores, a millinery store, two or three dressmakers, a bakery, a doctor, a dentist, a barber, a lawyer or two, a hotel, a clothing store and places of amusement of a kind fitting the demands of the community about. The stores had a supply of goods, bought on long time credit, it is admitted, but any farmer could back his wagon up to the backdoor and pile on a year's supply. He could get it on credit, too.

In those far off days each small town had a character of its own. Some had saloons, some permitted gambling, some perferred church, in some they sang and gave home talent shows, in some they danced. Some did all these things. Local option laws permitted different customs.

A small town in these decadent days has almost none of these. A rural resident in need of a doctor must needs drive 40 or 50 miles; if he wants a suit of clothes he goes to the city; he doesn't buy his groceries in wagon bed lots and probably could not be supplied in any but the biggest stores if he did; the professions are barely represented in small towns. Food stores, far from getting their goods by the carload on a wagon for cash in hand and the driver-salesman waits right there until he is paid. A man is lucky to find a pair of overalls to fit him in a small town.

But let not the citizen of a middle sized town gloat over the business he is getting from once prosperous small towns around him. He has lost far more than he has gained. We have seen as many men's suits hanging in the Citizen's Commercial company store at Grass Valley as will be found in any store in a town under 10,000. The ailing, once content with the kind words and the sage prescriptions of a country doctor's curiosity about the state of the insides.

It is all, we presume, the result of our national phobia for organization, of making things bigger and bigger, of running everything through one machine so they will all be alike. A part of it, too, must be laid at the door of our arrogance and belief that the grass is greener over the hill, that carrots bought in a big store are fresher than from a small one, that a suit of clothes from Centerville has more class than one from Podunk.

It looks like the nation is on the road to becoming more uniform but not nearly so much fun.

STILL TAXES GROW

State Representative George Annala of Hood River clarifies the Ways & Means problem in a letter to the editor in which he explains why the levy is not higher.

We are certain that Mr. Annala is correct in his figures and appreciate his explanation. We are glad that the ways and means committee was able, through the work of some conservatives, to slow the growth of state expenses. We hope it will be permanent but realize that it will not be without a good deal of work on the part of citizens.

It must be constantly taught until everyone realizes that government produces nothing, that it only spends. Voters must learn that whatever money government spends reduces the amount individuals can spend. They must already know that government gets less for a dollar than individuals do.

There are generally accepted fields for government expenditures such as education and roads and even in these there is constant pressure to broaden their scope beyond what is justifiable.

Relief is an expenditure generally accepted for when fellow humans are in distress aid to them is desirable. Welfare is permanent relief and it often does the recipient more harm than it does the taxpayer.

There should be a general rule that government could not grow faster than the economy or the population.

WHO IS RICH?

The Oregonian in an editorial Wednesday quotes statistics to show that Multnomah county is not rich in comparison to other parts of the state and calls attention to Sherman county's \$7,536 "buying income per family" as compared to Multnomah county's \$5,220 and remarks that this writer inveighs against the money bags of the city.

We do not recall opposing the city because it is rich. In much legislation Multnomah and Sherman have stood side by side, both being beset by the forces of counties with smaller resources.

We do, however, think the city is poor, but not in money. We think it is poor in understanding, poor in information, and poor in spirit. We are not in a mood to gloat over it; we feel sorry it is so. And any modest contribution we could make to remedy the situation would be gladly done.

Portland became the state's metropolis without competition, because of very favorable geography and not because of superior enterprise or wisdom. That is, we think, a serious handicap like being born rich. It has not been necessary for Portland to understand the surrounding area that supports it, nor even to obtain much information about it. The will or spirit to make the city do that which is not necessary is lacking.

The Oregonian itself recently made a step toward correction when it sent an editor to Umatilla county to survey the conditions and thinking about wheat, we applaud that. It was a serious effort and in some contrast with others that have made rural hamlets appear freakish because they do not conform to city ideas.

We object to political domination by legislators elected solely because their names are familiar; we think Oregon producers are handicapped by inadequate representation; we feel sure that there is too much "consumer" legislation and too little "producer" legislation.

But we do not care if the city is rich. We wish it were richer and think it could be if it would but do a good job of cultivating that fertile garden that is Oregon.

WHEAT LEGISLATION

It is fairly apparent that nothing will happen to change the present regulations about wheat. Congress let the deadline go by and the department of agriculture had to proclaim the acreage for 1960 which will be 55 million acres. It is the lowest possible figure and has been in effect for some time. The only controversy is whether it should be kept there or lowered.

Congress has two schemes neither of which is considered acceptable to the administration so it looks like we will have another year of a plan that no one likes. The congressional plans are for greater acreage reductions on a voluntary basis for a higher parity ratio. They would give more control of farms to government and in effect would handicap big wheat farmers in their competition with the little farmers who are only in the wheat business because the price is held high and guaranteed.

It is almost thirty years since government became involved in the wheat business and during that time farmers have been both poor and rich. The war had much to do with the rich part along with good moisture in this county and the use of fertilizer. In the meantime costs of production have risen so much that farmers could not stand a few consecutive dry years.

The percentage of the bread price the farmer gets for his wheat is lower than ever and it is partly because farm organizations, lured by the big loan income, have failed to pay a proper attention to marketing.

Things are, in fact, in a mess and probably will be until the government goes back to minding its own business and quits trying to be an economic dictator. But we hope it does it gradually.

JACK RETIRES

They held a party for E. R. Jackman this week, gave him a parting gift, said some kind words and kissed him goodbye. It was a great mistake. Not for Jackman, perhaps, for he is a man of many parts who will find something useful and interesting with which to occupy himself. But for the extension service to permit Jackman to depart can be compared to a man cutting off his good right arm.

Jackman is an individual, a personality. He is known and liked all over the state. It is not likely that another such will be produced in the more repressed atmosphere of the modern extension service of this day. Probably no one in Oregon can tell a humorous story to fit so many occasions as Jackman. Many of his stories are anecdotes about Oregonians.

We are sorry he will come no more to our county.

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JOSEPH 'BUNKO' KELLEY (1839-?)

LIVERPOOL-BORN, KELLEY FOLLOWED THE SEA, JUMPED SHIP IN PORTLAND (1878)

MASTER OF THE 'SHANGHAI,' HE BECAME AN ARTIST AMONG CRIMPS

SMALL BUT FEARLESS, ENDLESSLY RESOURCEFUL, HE ONCE FILLED OUT A CREW WITH A CIGAR STORE INDIAN

RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCE FOR ONE MURDER HE PROBABLY DID NOT COMMIT... LATER, PARDONED BY GOV. CHAMBERLAIN. HIS BOOK, 'THIRTEEN YEARS IN THE OREGON PENITENTIARY,' HELPED BRING PRISON REFORMS

Wheat Column

TO THE PEOPLE OF SHERMAN COUNTY

I would like to thank you all very much for the very fine hospitality and friendship that I have been shown this past year. I have made many fine friends and acquaintances both at school and in the community and county that I shall regret leaving, for your sincerity and gentleness I'll never forget. Once again, thanks for making my first year of teaching and coaching an extremely interesting, profitable and enjoyable experience for me.

Sincerely,
Bob Haynes
Sherman High School

more. That is the price tag on a growing population and a high service state.

Very truly yours,
George J. Annala
State Representative
Hood River County

Oregon In History

June 4, 1934—Wednesday. This morning forled the north fork of the Platte with safety scarcely knowing a ball which is seldom known to be fordable at this season. Thus kind Providence smooths our way before us. Thus we came two days and a half march on this fork before crossing. Searched diligently in a grove of Cottonwood for a tent pole but could find none to please me but a cedar which had drifted down the river.

Diary of Reverend Jason Lee.

Competence and Equipment come first

as the qualifying factors in funeral service.

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1100 KELLY AVE

Oregon In History

June 1, 1851—We have learned that nine men who were landed at Port Orford yesterday by the Sea Gull and who are to build roads to the gold mines in that area, were today attacked by Indians. The men had set up camp on a small island near the shore and it is here they are being besieged. The first attack, made by a band of perhaps a hundred redskins, was swept back with heavy loss due to the expert firing of a small cannon. Among the thirteen hostiles killed was one who seemed to be a leader and who wore a red shirt. It was later discovered that he was a Russian sailor who had been shipwrecked and adopted by the tribe. Despite his death the red men are still making menacing motions and at nightfall the siege continues.

June 15, 1846—About 3 1/2 p. m. today the Secretary of State and the British Minister concluded and signed a convention for the settlement of the Oregon question, being the same submitted by the latter of the 6th Instant, by me submitted to the Senate for their advice on the 10th, and by that body advised on the 12th. Mr. Buchanan brought the convention to me, and my private secretary started with it, accompanied by a message from me, to the Senate, but before he reached the Capitol the Senat had adjourned for the day.

Diary of President James K. Polk

WANT ADS

14 yr. old girl wants summer job or will baby sit. Rosalie Esslinger. JO 5-3256. 31-2p

LUNCHES AND DINNERS

We are serving lunch every day
We will serve complete Sunday dinners from noon on until closing.

Marie Barnum is now in charge of our kitchen.

BEEFO'S

Notice of Sale of County-owned Real Property

Public notice is hereby given that I, George J. Geiser Jr., Sheriff and Tax Collector for Sherman County, State of Oregon, on the 10th day of June, 1959, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, but for not less than the minimum prices hereinafter set forth, each parcel or groups of parcels of real properties hereinafter described.

That all sales shall be made at the front door of the Court House of Sherman County, State of Oregon, situated in Moro, Oregon, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the day aforesaid.

That this notice is published pursuant to an order of the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, duly made on the 4th day of March, 1959, and shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said Sherman County, State of Oregon. The date of the first publication of this notice is the 15th day May, 1959, and the date of last publication of this notice is the 5th day of June, 1959.

That all of the real properties hereinafter described are situated in Sherman County, Oregon.

That the description of each of the several real properties to be sold and the minimum price for which each parcel or group of parcels of said real property may be sold as fixed by said order of the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, is as follows to-wit:

Description	Minimum Price
Lot 3, Block 2, Mowry Addition to the Town of Moro;	\$ 50.00
Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Mowry Addition to the Town of Moro;	100.00
Lot 5, Block 5, Mowry Addition to the Town of Moro;	145.00
Lots 5 & 6, Block 7, Mowry Addition to the Town of Moro;	90.00

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 13th day of May, 1959.
George J. Geiser Jr.
Sheriff and Tax Collector
Sherman County, Oregon

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FOR SALE: 1 wood Harris combine, 20 ft. header. Vinton Watkins Phone GI 2-5239. 30-1p

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, their Final Account as Executors of the Estate of Samuel Stark, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1959, 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.

Olan Stark
Executor
Hadley Stark
Executor

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executors 30-33c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Frank Medler, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned at his residence which address of such residence is Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is May 21, 1959.

LELAND CARL MEDLER
Executor

DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for Estate 29-32c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of John F. Foss, deceased, and that Monday, June 15, 1959, at the hour of 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.

Margurite Kaseberg
Executrix

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executrix 28-31c

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