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CONGRATULATIONS

The Sherman High School football team, composed of some 30 boys of varied size and background, have just completed a successful season. It was successful not because they were defeated rather often, but it was successful because they came back from defeats to win the big game and get into the state "B" playoffs which start Saturday at Medford against St. Mary's.

Early in the season the boys decided that inasmuch as the school was growing this would be the last year in "B" competition and they set out to make it a good one. Competitors did not cooperate very well and every time the boys became careless they lost. When they played as well as they could they won, and that is a lesson every one must learn if he is to succeed.

They say they are serious about going right on to win the preliminary games and play in Multnomah stadium Thanksgiving day. They say they will win that one too and become the "B" champions in their final year in that classification. That sounds like youthful cockiness, and would be nothing but that, except the boys settle down to play a very good brand of football when the chips are down. They are big enough, strong enough and if they are determined enough we all may be in Multnomah stadium watching them before eating turkey.

ARMISTICE DAY

It was something of a problem after World War II to determine when the nation should celebrate the victories its armies had won. The date was left at November 11 which had been observed for 25 years as the end of the armistice that ended World War I but the name was changed to Veterans' day. There were two dates that marked the end of the second World War, one in the spring and the other in August.

For us, November 11 will remain armistice day. This nation has never known the emotional release it experienced then. There were celebrations in every town, bonfires and speeches and singing and dancing.

A much smaller proportion of the citizenry took part in that war but the sentiment of the nation was with them to a greater extent than in the second war. Perhaps that was because the first World War came after a long peace and perhaps because it was a crusade, a "war to end war". It wasn't, of course, but the nation didn't find that out for years afterward.

FARM PROGRAMS

Farm organizations are meeting these fall days and the Oregon Wheat league will meet soon and all of them are or will be talking about how the farmers are going to get along. Herchel Newsom, grange master, said that the government couldn't get out of the farm business because it was in so many things it could not leave the farmer out of it. Some sense to that.

But if farmers have given up and decided that they will have to endure government supervision for an indefinite time it is bad. Government hasn't helped. No one is satisfied with the actions of government in the farm business, not even Mr. Newsom and yet we have to keep it. Sounds odd.

As a matter of fact, no one is ever satisfied for long with government as an ally or as an interloper in private affairs. That may come from the fact that government gets into such things only because such things are in a bad way and need help. Government never knows when to get out and becomes so involved it cannot get out. Of necessity it makes the rules and often with too little information about conditions. In this country no set of rules can work fairly because the country is so large.

It is our feeling that farming will never be healthy until it gets rid of much of present gov-

ernment interference. Private corporations can export, supply and demand can determine markets, farmers can be suitably flexible in production without government better than with it. But, so help us, we are afraid that Mr. Newsom is right in the short run and that we may have government as a partner—and an expensive one—for some time to come.

SOLILOQUY

Got to rummaging around in what passes for an attic, found a lot of junk, stuff that was once cherished, bought at some sacrifice to fill some imagined need. Didn't prove out. Something better came along, or it wouldn't fill the bill, or the idea wasn't good in the first place.

Idea. Humph. Maybe had a lot of ideas that went to the attic or out with the junk. Maybe got some of 'em yet. Maybe cleaning out the attic wouldn't be enough, need to clean the old dome, eh. World might have an attic full of worthless ideas, too. Well, science has perpetrated a lot of ideas that didn't work although sold for first class merchandise at the time. If they hadn't had the brand name of "science" printed on 'em couldn't have been sold in first place. Used to take out all tonsils, most of 'em good for a lot of yelling, now quit that, used to not be sophisticated if packing an appendix, now perfectly stylish.

Germans have been a lot of things; Japanese have gone from cruel to quaint; Russians from brave defenders to villains.

Think of the roads engineers have built with boastful pride and have thrown away; money went out the window in that deal. Now talking about going to the moon; sounds like moonshine, what for? More stuff for grandson's attic.

One man, one family can be forgiven for being so foolish as to fill an attic, whole nation ought to be smarter.

CHALLENGE

We have long been convinced that government is the enemy of the people, too; and the high mountains and broad deserts between the Missouri and Oregon were a handicap to people. Rulers before now have been enemies of the people. All were overcome. It is also possible to limit the bad effects of government and by the display of the same sort of bravery needed to defeat the Indians. We can resolve to do things ourselves. We can vote against giving government the funds to expand or even continue its many projects of socialization.

Take heart, brave souls, you are not licked until you give up.

STATUS

Americans are always concerned about their status, about someone being better than they are or pretending to be. Recently several books have been written on the subject in an effort to explain it in terms of the symbols used. It is probably nothing but ambition misdirected, but the symbols are amusing.

Used to be that one could achieve a social superiority with the biggest car which eventually deteriorated to the tallest fins and then collapsed into a foreign car so small the driver can warm his feet on the radiator. The plain proletarian things like wool, bourbon, beans and boiled beef are derided by those who speak of the synthetic fabrics the dryness of martinis or the smokiness of Scotch, the flavor of imported goods.

Actually there are only a few things one must do to be something in this world: he should be a good animal, alert, vigorous, healthy; he should do as much with his mind as his natural limitations permit; he should learn to live in the surroundings in which he happens to be.

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Oregon In History

November 11, 1873—The first annual reunion of the newly-formed Oregon Pioneer Association was held today in Butteville, this day being adopted to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the adoption of the Oregon state constitution. Former territorial governor George Law Curry delivered the Occasional Address, and there were speeches as well by Gen. Joel Palmer, Hon. S. F. Chadwick, and Dr. William Weil. A bountiful repast was prepared by the pioneer ladies, and through out the entertainment those who chose to accept their hospitality, were made welcome at the festivities.

November 15, 1906—A meeting held at Canyon City today, at the call of Forest Service officials, will, it is hoped, end the bloody warfare between sheepmen and cattlemen which has been carried on with increasing bitterness during the last decade. The purpose of the meeting is to allot ranges for grazing and thus end the competition which brought on the war. Tens of thousands of sheep have been slaughtered these past years, and the number of sheep-

herders and cattlemen slain is reportedly large, though no exact figure can be stated because of the not unnatural secretiveness of the parties involved. Cynics, especially among the beef growers, are disinclined to believe that any single meeting will solve the problems involved, but the many who are wearied by the bloodletting and senseless waste hope at least for an improvement in the situation.

The Grass Valley Livestock club met November 5 in the Grass

Valley grade school lunchroom at 8 o'clock p. m. with leader Orville Ruggles. Paulette Patnoche of Moro was a visitor.

Dean Ruggles opened the meeting with the pledges. It was decided to have a Christmas party in December on regular meeting week. A committee was appointed by Danny Rolfe.

Those going to June show are Danny Rolfe, Sheri Rolfe, Nancy Crews, Clifford Brown and Paulette Patnoche.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Willard Rolfe and Mrs. Or-

ville Ruggles. Next meeting will be December 9 at Grass Valley school at 7:30 p. m.

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

Lapine Rebekah Lodge No. 114 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month. Visiting members welcome. Mary Brackert, 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

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A. 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

Moro LODGE No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. Floyd Haines, N. C. Leo Watkins, Secretary

People's Column

The Editor: I wish to correct the statement attributed to me at the Rufus P.T.A. meeting. I said quote "The Postal Department is carrying on an extensive drive to rid the mails of obscene matter and particularly the obscene matter being sent to children. They are asking that any parents whose children might happen to receive such matter, turn the matter- envelope or wrapper included-over to their Postmaster to be forwarded to the proper authority of the department."

Very truly your, Mrs. Arden S. Jordan Postmaster, Rufus, Ore.

Dr. Otis G. Perkins

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

"Sizing-up" the Situation

When a lady in our town's looking for a new dress... her first target is Sandy Phillip's Shop. The other day I finally asked Sandy how come he's been so successful. "Well," Sandy said, "I've always treated my customers with courtesy. And my secret ingredient—which isn't really a secret—is flattery. "Whenever a new shipment of dresses comes in, I cut off the size markers in every dress—and make them a size smaller. Size 16 becomes size 14 and so on. Course, all the ladies

know I change the number—but they like it. Helps them pretend their figures are a little better than they really are." From where I sit, we all like to think the best of ourselves—often "shrink" the truth to do it. Reminds me of people who claim they're not prejudiced then turn around and argue against a neighbor's choice of a glass of beer. Even a little intolerance is too much in a person or in a town—and that's exactly the size of it.

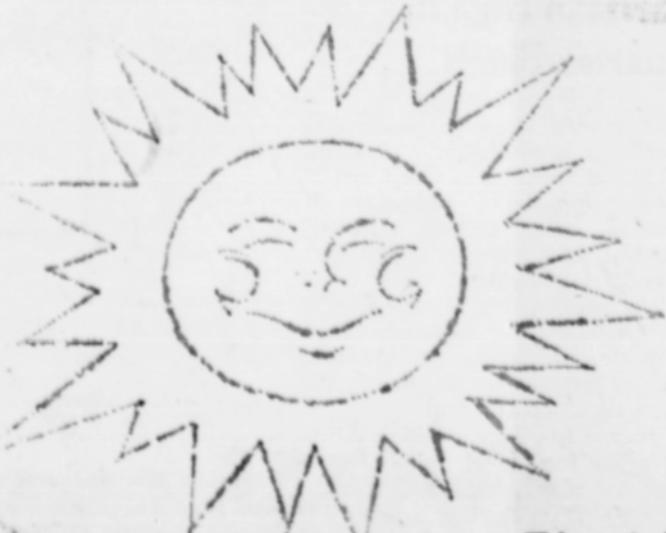
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