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WASCO'S TAX MUDDLE
Down at The Dalles taxation is
really getting to be a problem. It
comes from the valuation set and
to be set on the new Harvey
plant.

The Dalles is very anxious to
establish a favorable climate for
industry and fully utilize the elec-
tric power available at the new
Columbia river dam nearby. De-
velopment of industry is natural-
ly a function of the Chamber of
Commerce.

The Harvey Aluminum com-
pany is the only large plant in
the area and it was located there
partly because it was assumed
that it could bring its lauxite to
its front door in ocean vessels and
ship its finished product out by
the same method.

The question of valuation is
roughly between the figures of
\$20 million and \$40 million. An
appraisal company put a figure
slightly above \$30 million which
was not accepted by anyone. The
state tax commission refuses to
accept the local assessor's valua-
tion of \$20 million and there are
injunctions and threats of court
action which will certainly be the
end result unless one side or both
backs down from present posi-
tions.

Last year on a \$20 million val-
uation Harvey paid a little more
than 11 percent of Wasco county
taxes and that seems a little light
to us considering the size of the
plant and the extent of the opera-
tion as promised before its ad-
vent.

We do know that the state tax
commission has almost unlimited
power to obtain a true figure as
to costs and establish a valuation
it thinks adequate although it
may have to go to court to get
its way. A tax system for a state
can hardly be successfully oper-
ated without giving the state's
highest tax authority such power,
which can always be tempered by
court action if proven in error.

Local citizens would like to see
Harvey treated well—and Harvey
is of a mind to insist on favor-
able treatment—and the state tax
commission is insisting that its
valuation be on a par with that
of other companies. So far no
Wasco county citizens have open-
ly taken the side of the tax com-
mission and asked for a higher
valuation for Harvey, though that
will be expected before long.

Low valuation for Harvey means
higher taxes for citizens who are
remote from the plant, who derive
no gain from it and who, frankly,
don't care whether it is in Wasco
county or Timbuctoo.

When it is all over we'll bet
that the valuation will be nearer
\$30 million than it is to the \$20
million Harvey wants although
considerably less than \$40 mil-
lion the tax commission is now
asking although it once seemed
satisfied with a lower figure.

OF, BY FOR

When Abraham Lincoln enun-
ciated that phrase about govern-
ment of, by and for the people he
was already out of date although
the phrase has come on down to
us as an ideal of our sort of gov-
ernment.

Yet government of and by the
people must of sheer necessity be
small government, family govern-
ment or small town government.
The participation of people in
government is definitely limited.
They do not have the time, the
information or the interest in
what has grown to be a very
technical business.

The best the people can hope
for is government for the people.
By their votes they can control
it to some extent although the
problem of deciding which side
will be most responsive to their
wishes is often impossible. And,
certainly, the people are never
of like mind on any question.

When one observes the many
different methods of doing any
job, the varying ways of con-
ducting any business, and when
one goes out to question a num-
ber of citizens about any public
question he finds that it is utter-
ly impossible to have government
by the people. There are just too
many people.

to do so it has to take from an-
other. That may be hailed as just
by the recipients and unfair by
the victims who may certainly be
expected to work their way onto
the receiving side as soon as
possible.

This government becomes a
process of dividing up the spoils
which isn't government at all but
looting.

The ambitions of parties has led
us quite a ways in this direction
in this country and we would be
far better off if we were to fore-
go desire to be enriched by polit-
ical manipulation and put govern-
ment on a higher plane where it
would only govern and not be
indebted to favorites.

NEED HELP
The North Sherman TV Co-op
has invested over \$18,000 in the
translator system located on the
hill across the Columbia. Its mem-
bers pay \$54.00 per month for
power and about \$150 for main-
tenance. The system aids televi-
sion reception over much of the
mid-Columbia area in the opinion
of the engineers and the North
Sherman TV Co-op members.

So far nearly all the costs of
upkeep has fallen on the should-
ers and pocket books of the mem-
bers of that organization and they
think that some of the mainte-
nance should be paid by others who
derive benefit from the installa-
tion.

We have to agree with them.
It may be some time before the
burden gets so heavy that the
service is discontinued and if it
is discontinued, a larger organiza-
tion will be a necessity to rein-
state, one spread over a larger
area. That can be obviated by
some assistance from TV viewers
who benefit from the translator
system.

WHEAT PROGRAM
The national league of wheat
growers decided in favor of the
wheat stabilization program as a
general program when they met
at Wichita, Kansas this month.
That is a program of reduced
acreage with payments in part
dependent on the percentage of
acreage reduced. It also contains
a certificate plan whereunder
farmers would be paid a sum
greater than the going price for
wheat consumed as food. It has
the advantage of giving a lower
price for feed wheat and thus will
find opposition from corn grow-
ers.

The wheat men, however, left
their assent to any program suf-
ficiently flexible that they can
get along with other farm groups
and thus obtain support for some
farm legislation this year. Such
action is not expected by many
with political experience for the
next congress will be concerned
almost exclusively with the com-
ing election.

MORO ITEMS
Miss Eva Kirkelle, who is at-
tending Oregon State on a schol-
arship from the Sherman County
Historical society, won a place on
the honor roll her first term with
a grade point average of 3.53.

George Hailey with the USN,
is home from San Diego where he
is now stationed, to spend the
holidays with members of his
family here.

Rufus Personal

By Mrs. Geo. L. Fox

The Rufus Grange members
met Thursday Dec. 17 at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields for
a dinner which the Home Ec club
provided. The dinner was served
in the basement rooms which the
Fields have made ready for enter-
taining. Christmas decorations
were lavishly used about the
rooms and the table had a pretty
centerpiece. Thirty nine people
partook of the bountiful dinner.

After the dinner George Fox,
master, called the business meet-
ing to order. Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Sorrick were elected to become
grange members by initiation.
On agriculture Roland Johnson
reported on the recent farm cen-
sus. He also talked on farm con-
trols and present farm programs.
Mrs. Harland McDonald says the
sales tax question may be coming
up soon. Mrs. McDonald read the
"Bill of Rights". It was reported
they are selling bonds to build
the bridge at Biggs, Oregon. Mrs.
Roland Johnson thanked all the
grange women who helped with
the football banquet at Sherman
High. The grange sent a thank
you signed by all present at the
dinner to the Goldendale Bakery
for furnishing the rolls for the
banquet. Mrs. Johnson told of at-
tending a youth meeting in Port-
land at State Grange. The Rufus
Grange is saving sales slips, so it
is hoped more members will turn
the slips in to Mrs. Bert Swigart.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pearson who
have moved away have asked to
be dropped from the grange.

For the literary program Mrs.
Bert Swigart had all sing "Silent
Night". The lecturer read the his-
tory of several Christmas carols.
A reading "Twinkle Toes" was
read by Mrs. Harland McDonald,
a reading, "The Origin of Christ-

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HARVEY WHITEFIELD SCOTT

EDITOR (1865-72, 1877-1910) AND
PART-OWNER (FROM 1877) OF THE
OREGONIAN, SCOTT EXERCISED
ENORMOUS INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT
THE NORTHWEST... OF DECIDED
OPINIONS, HE FIGHTED HARD FOR
FREE TRADE AND AGAINST Bimetallism
AND EQUAL SUFFRAGE... HIS
OPPOSITION TO ANTI-CHINESE
LEGISLATION BROUGHT A WAVE OF
RIOTERS DOWN ON THE PAPER



DURING A LONG CAREER HE
WAS PORTLAND'S FIRST LIBRARIAN,
A COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, PRES-
IDENT OF LEWIS AND CLARK
EXPOSITION, 1903-1904

mas Day" was read by Mrs. Rol-
land Johnson. The group sang,
"It Came Upon the Midnight
Clear"; a reading "You Go Ber-
serk" by Mrs. George Fox. The
evening ended with all exchange-
ing gifts. A box of candy which
the Home Extension unit made
that afternoon was passed around
for all to eat.

The Rufus Grange held a card
party Dec. 19 at the Joe Morrow
home, which is east of Wasco.
Five tables were in play. The ones
winning high prize were Joe
Smith and Mrs. Harland McDona-
ld. Low prizes were given to Joe
Sorrick and Mrs. Sam Brock. A
pot luck lunch was served after
the card game. Present for the
evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ed
Sardinal, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland
Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith,
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock Mr. and
Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. At-
lee Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sor-
rick, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Leigh,
Mrs. Harland McDonald, Mrs.
Otto Petersen and Mrs. George
Fox.

The Home Extension club met
Dec. 17 at the Millard Leigh home
for its Christmas party. The mem-
bers brought ingredients to make
their favorite Christmas candy.
A sack lunch was had at noon
with the hostess furnishing cook-
ies and coffee. After dinner the
chairman Mrs. Millard Leigh called
a short business meeting. The
January meeting is on Home Nur-
sing and Care of the Sick, and the
club will meet at the home of
Mrs. Trace Fields the 4th Thurs-
day in January. To take and give
the lesson will be Mrs. Bill Huck,
Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Merle
Redding. The members had fun
exchanging gifts. In the afternoon
all the candy the club made was
put into colored baskets made by
Mrs. Joe Sorrick. Each member
took home a basket and several
were given away. The remainder
of the candy was boxed to be
passed out at the Christmas grange
meeting that evening.

A pretty decorated Christmas
tree with twinkling colored lights
stood in one corner of the Rufus
church of the Nazarene and red
candles furnished the rest of the
light for the church to have its
annual Christmas party Sunday
evening. Bows which had red
bells hanging from them were at
each pew. A lighted barn was
used for the background of the
stage where the program was
held. Mrs. Jerry Brackett and
Miss Joan Brackett did the deco-
rating. Mrs. Fay Brackett had

charge of the program with Mr.
and Mrs. John Mathieson helping.
The program began with all sing-
ing "Deck the Halls". Recitations
"Called Upon" by Karl Petersen;
"I'll Try to be Like Jesus" by
Linda Blackburn; "Happy Birth-
day" by Cindy Ludeman. The
group sang "It Came Upon a Mid-
night Clear". Then recitations,
"There is Love" by Leslie Black-
burne; "Bethlehem" by Kathy
Steward; "Baby Jesus, Fast A-
sleep" by Susan Morris and Pam-
ela Miller. A scripture reading by
Miss Mary Brackett. Then recita-
tions, "Christmas Recipe" by
Sonja Petersen. "I Had a Dream"
a skit by Mrs. Joe Morris and
son Keith. "Give Him Your Best"
by Otto Petersen, "Our Christmas
Gift" by Shirley Morris. A piano
duet, "Star of the East" by Mrs.
Jerry Brackett and Miss Joan
Brackett.

Then there was "The Christmas
Carol's Story" by John Mathieson
as the reader. The group sang,
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem".
Mrs. Otto Petersen read "No
Room for the Savior". "Silent
Night" was sung by Patty Thomp-
son, Jane Baker and Joan Brock.

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.
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day each month. Visiting
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Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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Meets each First and Third
Tuesdays
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Carl Tuggle, Secretary

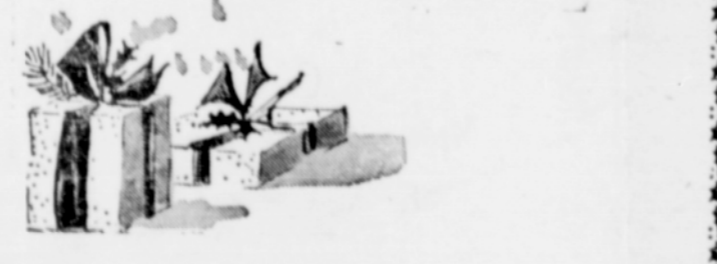
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days of each month. Visiting
members welcome.
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Helen Martin, Secretary

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each month at 8:00 p. m.
Helen Bruckert, Master
Florence Bruckert, Secretary

Eureka 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
Ronald Powell, W. M.
Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

Merry CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas time again and we
take great pleasure in wishing you
a very joyous holiday season.



The office force, the mechanical force, the
editorial and news staff, the whole organization
of this newspaper sincerely wish its readers a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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MISSISSIPPI-BORN GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN

TEACHER
LEGISLATOR
EXECUTIVE
MAN OF LAW
MISSISSIPPI-BORN GEORGE
CHAMBERLAIN HAD A LONG
CAREER AS A PUBLIC SERVANT



GOV. PENNOYER APPOINTED
HIM OREGON'S FIRST ATTORNEY
GENERAL... HE SERVED FIVE
YEARS (1891-95)... IN 1902
HE WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR,
SERVING UNTIL HE WENT
TO THE U.S. SENATE (1909-21)

CLOSE TO WILSON, HE WAS
ACTIVE IN FORMULATING DRAFT
FOOD CONTROL AND FINANCIAL
POLICIES DURING
WORLD WAR I

ett with Mrs. Jerry Brackett at
the piano. The angels were Shir-
ley Morris and Martina Petersen.
John Mathieson read "While the
Shepherds watched their Flocks".
Shepherds were Pamela Miller,
Susan Morris and Sonja Petersen,
the three Kings were Keith Mor-
ris, Tom Morris and Otto Peter-
sen. The nursery class sang
"Away in a Manger"; the group
sang "O Come All Ye Faithful"
and "Joy to the World".

The Home Ec club of Rufus
Grange met Dec. 10 at the home
of Mrs. George Fox for its Christ-
mas party. Mrs. Alta Smith was
co-hostess. A nativity scene and
other Christmas decorations were
used about the rooms. A 1:30 des-
sert luncheon was served by the
hostesses preceding the meeting.
Mrs. Elva Dehler and Mrs. Joe
Drinkard were guests. Mrs. Grace
Medler was installed as the new
chairman by Mrs. Rolland John-
son, a past chairman. Then Mrs.
Medler conducted the meeting be-
cause Mrs. Fred Dormaier the
regular chairman came in later
in the afternoon. Roll call was
telling each ones pet peev-
which brought out some good
laughs. A thank you from Camp
Columbia was read for sending
the boys money for Christmas

Cheer. The football banquet at
Moro was discussed and planned.
Mrs. Medler appointed Mrs. Trace
Fields, Mrs. Millard Leigh and
Mrs. Bill Huck to work out the
1960 year books. The next meet-
ing will be January 4 at the hall
if it is available at that time. The
group will have a dinner honoring
their husbands at that time. Also
the ladies will meet that day to
work on finishing a quilt they be-
gan several years ago. Mrs. Otto
Petersen won the drawing. Mrs.
Elva Dehler gave a demonstration
on how to make beautifully wrap-
ped packages and ribbon bows.
The club in appreciation present-
ed Mrs. Dehler with a china cup
and saucer. For the gift exchange
the members formed a ring and
passed all the gifts to music and
kept what they had when the mu-
sic ended. Everyone had fun un-
wrapping their gift and seeing
what they had. The ones present
besides those mentioned were
Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. George
Drinkard, Mrs. Trace Fields and
her grandson, Mrs. Bill Huck,
Mrs. Joe Morris and two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Walter Morris, Mrs.
Bert Swigart, Mrs. Atlee Wilson,
Mrs. Otto Petersen and her two
small children, Mrs. Millard Leigh
and Mrs. Joe Morrow.

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Jack Null, The Dalles, Or. 35c
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bia PCA, 4th & Court Street.
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details write Leslie Woodriff,
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has been appointed
as administratrix of the estate of
Amandus D. von Borstel, deceas-
ed, and has qualified as such ad-
ministratrix. All persons having
claims against said estate are
hereby notified and required to
present the same, duly verified,
to the undersigned, Emily von
Borstel, R. F. D. Kent, 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 Decem-
ber 11, 1959.

EMILY VON BORSTEL
Administratrix of the estate
of Amandus D. von Borstel,
deceased.
BROWN & VAN VACTOR
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for Estate 6-9c



The stockings are hung
by the chimney with care...

... and all over Oregon, little folks (and big folks, too) eagerly
await the arrival of jolly old Saint Nick. On this happiest
of holidays, the more than 2000 U. S. National employees
throughout the state wish you and your family the merriest
Christmas ever—and hope every day of the
New Year will be just as happy.

The United States National Bank
of Portland