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A NEW PAGE

Constant reader dropped in the other way to say that there should be an editorial on the value of a fresh start. We always try to be receptive to suggestions about topics of editorials thinking that readers and writers should have their interests in common to a degree. But we realize that two minus may start from a given point and by pursuing their own paths wind up in different countries. We would not decry the value of fresh starts, nor the convenience of using the first of each year for that purpose. The benefit derived would be psychological certainly, which is not to say that it would be minor for the things of the mind and the spirit have great influence on us. If each of us were to consider each new year as a new, blank page on which we could write what we wished—or try to—we might do a good deal better than we do. Every one of us must have learned many things by living, things that would make it possible to form a better life in the new year. In other words, we know how to live better than we do.

But we all have habits. Not all of them are bad, in fact, most of them are good. But we have grown accustomed to doing things one way and that way may be obsolete, childish or possessed of some other fault that we recognize but do not change. The value of the new page, the fresh start theory is that we use it as a time to start reformation.

An advocate of that theory is of necessity an optimist, one who thinks that man can improve himself if he tried, and might try if he but recognized the fresh opportunity of a new page. There is no better time in which to be an optimist.

STILL GOING STRONG

"Have you heard of Lydia Pinkham And her love for the human race? How she cures all ills and diseases And the papers publish her face?" That jingle and some of the ribald facetious lines that accompanied it returned to us upon reading of the death of the grandson of the famous Lydia Pinkham who was president of the company she founded on a patent medicine. The boys around the barber shop used to have a new parody every Saturday night.

Patent medicines were a necessity back in the stricter days of the last century and deacons and drunkards alike partook of the "vegetable compound" whose mild cathartics were preserved in a stimulating shot of alcohol. In those days society was more definitely divided between the pious and the pie-eyed. Few could play in both fields in the nineties as they do now and patent medicines were the gimmick that permitted the pious to be a little pie-eyed and the pie-eyed to be pious enough to get by.

We were somewhat surprised to find the company still big enough and well enough known that the death of its president would be newsworthy clear across the continent.

Lydia had a medicine for "female complaint" also, but it could not have been so very successful for it is our observation that females still have complaints and we suspicion that their voicing of them may be a better cure than nips at a dark brown mixture from a bottle high on the pantry shelf.

COMMUNISTS

Sidney Hook, head of the philosophy department at Columbia university has written about communists in the Saturday Review, a service this country should have steadily until it learns what the communists really believe.

Distribution of the Communist Manifesto is almost at a standstill and it takes weeks to find one. It is the Communist declaration as set forth by Marx and Engels

from their attics in London when neither could make a living—mostly because they knew no saleable skills and were too lazy to learn.

Hook says that the key to communism is the belief that government should be in control of the machinery of production. That is but one of the tenets of communism. Another was belief in a graduated income tax as a means of doing away with the middle class.

In fact, a good bit of the communist manifesto has been incorporated into our country in one way or another and for one excuse or another. It has been brought about by preachers of "democracy" who may all be innocent of communism.

The case of Belgium is pertinent right now. When that country could get income from the Congo it could afford to give its citizens and especially its public servants big pensions and retirement pay for a few years actually worked. When the Congo went its own way Belgium's income dropped. Now citizens and civil servants are striking because there isn't money enough to pay them as much.

Getting everything into one basket is poor policy for when there is failure it affects everyone. When things are in private hands it is not likely all will fail at once.

Americans should learn more about communism. Its citizens and especially its school children should know that government ownership and high taxes are communistic doctrines although many who espouse them would be surprised to find that out.

THE LEGISLATURE

The Oregon legislature will convene next Monday with all the formality of an English parliament that is very impressive the first time observed. After that an observer may wonder if the needle isn't stuck.

This legislature hasn't much to do and it is to be hoped that it will do just that, but there is no assurance.

The governor's proposal for steps toward a cabinet form of government will take up a lot of time and be generally discarded although the discussion will serve a purpose toward eventual fulfillment of the idea. Not much will be done this time.

Oregon's taxes will remain about the same and if the legislature makes big changes the people will correct the fault. Trouble with the tax system is that legislatures have overburdened it. The voters are not going to permit a sales tax and nearly every other kind of tax is already imposed. The big exception is a tobacco tax. But there will be bills and bills, talk and endless talk.

Reapportionment is a constitutional matter and a stricter system will be imposed on rural areas. The only relief from this inequity will have to come through an initiative.

Schools will ask more, nay, demand more, using the plea for more state money to relieve local taxes as if it made much difference which pocket the government picks. The question is not more money for schools as much as more school for the money but as long as money is easy we will not face that problem.

Some legislators will try to cure the unemployment situation but the end result will probably be that more opportunity will be given to more people to be more inactive on more pay.

The problems of a state under our form of government must be worked out by the people; the legislature may propose—and it will—the people will dispose. But there will be lots of wordy heat before the light dawns.

THE TAXPAYER

We are moved to say a word about taxpayers. We are thinking about taxpayers who are in business mostly for we just read that more bankruptcies occurred in Oregon last year than normal. We don't doubt it.

A taxpayer is a sitting duck for public spenders who like as not take his money and patronize a competitive business that sells cheaper because it pays no taxes. That kind of treatment will cause bankruptcies sure enough. It also causes towns to become smaller to match the size of their citizens.

Governments have grown in size and consequence and are spending a bigger proportion of the total than ever before. When governments fail to patronize their own taxpayers they are cutting off their own source of supply. We just wanted to say a word about the business taxpayer while we could; there are 3200 fewer of them in Oregon.

Now let's not get to thinking that all the problems are Kennedy's to decide, nor the state legislature's. That's the road to disintegration.

WANT ADS

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Emily von Borstel, administratrix of the Estate of Amandus D. von Borstel, deceased, has filed her Final Accounting and petition for determination of heirs, and distribution of property of estate and closing estate, and that Friday, the 3rd day of February, 1961 at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. on said date in the County Court Room in the County Court-house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any there be.

Emily von Borstel, Administratrix of the Estate of Amandus von Borstel, deceased.

Brown & Van Vactor The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Estate Dec. 30, 1960 & Jan. 6, 13, 20, 1961

NEW YEAR BOOK TELLS OF MACHINERY

How the mechanical revolution on the farm has brought a better life to Americans in a few short years is described in "Power to Produce," 1960 Yearbook of Agriculture.

"Power To Produce" tells of the dramatic change from horse-drawn operations to the marvels of push-button automation. The yearbook, published by USDA, is designed for everyone interested in the benefits and problems that farm technology has brought to this country.

Topics of its 60 chapters, 96 pages of photos, and 480 pages include the development of tractors, electricity, communications, power on the land, harvesting methods, developments in handling livestock, mechanization of marketing, farm buildings, efficiency of labor, the effects of power, and power in the future. "Power To Produce" was written by 90 engineers and technicians in USDA and industry.

Yearbooks are sold through the Superintendent of Documents Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for \$2.25 each. Copies can frequently be secured free of charge from congressional delegates.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Florence Thompson, N. G. Helen Martin, Secretary

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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. Max Belshe, W. M. Irving Hart, Secretary

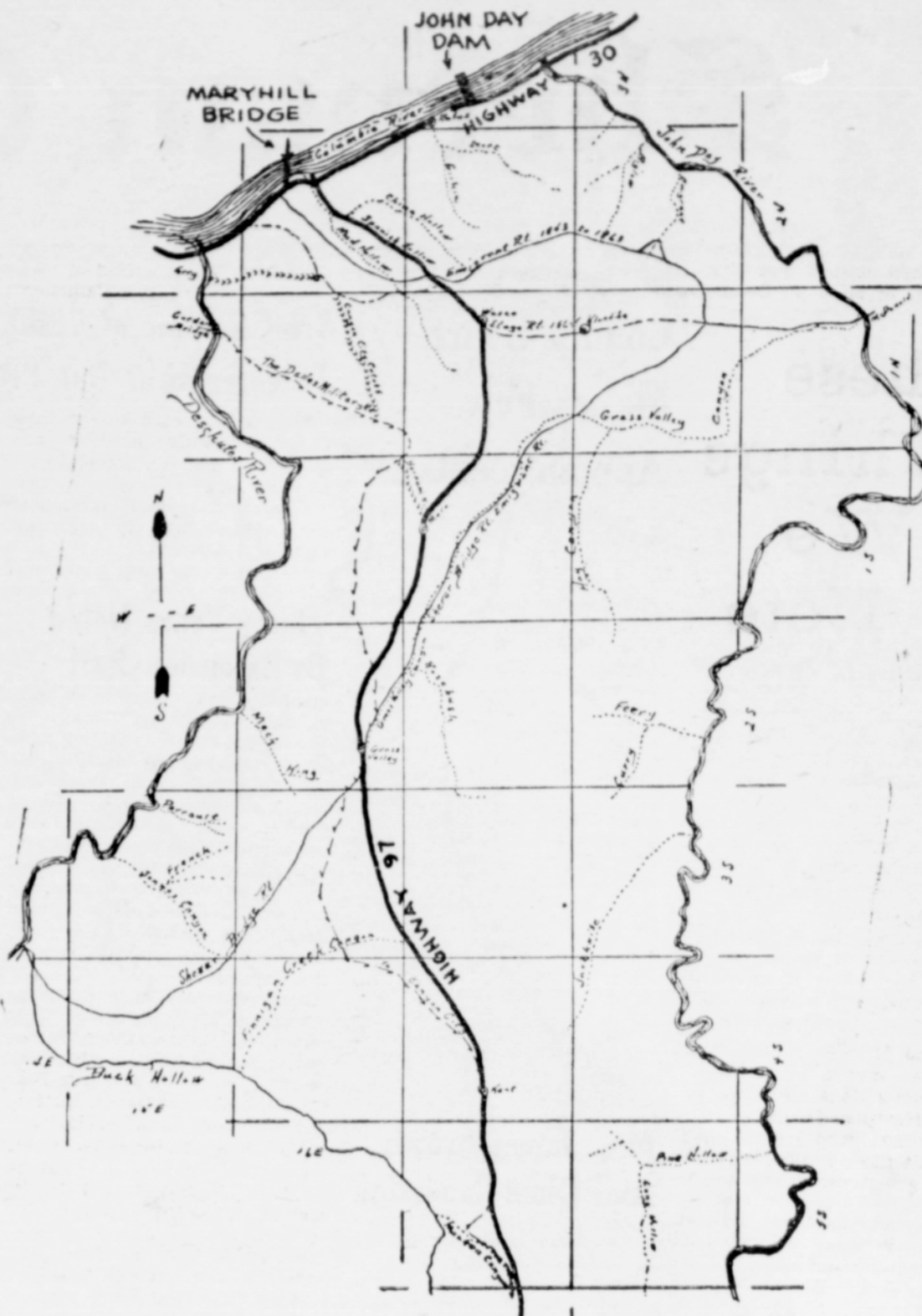
HARLANDVIEW GRANGE Meets First and Third Saturdays each month at 8:00 p. m. Laura Sather, Master Florence Bruckert, Sec'y.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore Erma Johnson, W.M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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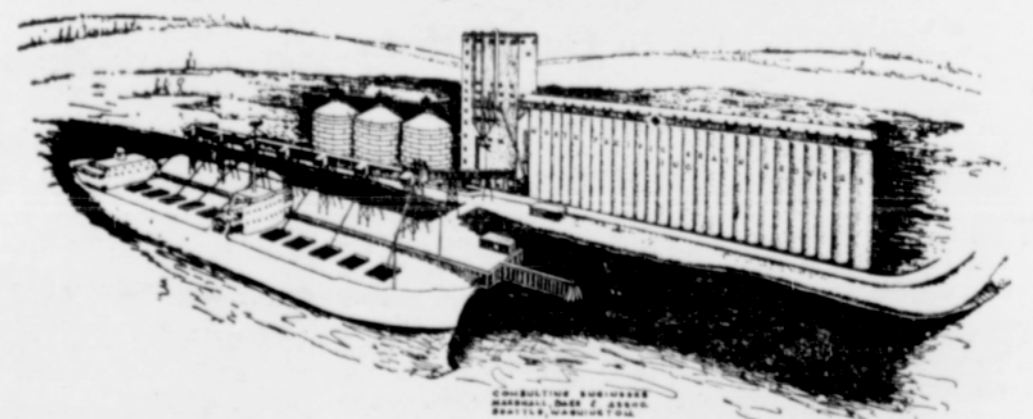


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HUGE NEW GRAIN ELEVATOR FOR NORTH PACIFIC GRAIN GROWERS



A 3,326,000 bushel grain elevator and loading dock, one of the largest on the Columbia River, will be built at Port of Kalama, Washington and leased to North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc. Construction contract has been awarded to Max J. Kuney Company and E. R. Haynes Company of Spokane. W. A. Richards, North Pacific manager, described the approximately \$6 million installation as the most modern on the Pacific Coast. It will be ready for operation by fall, 1961.

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

The post-election action in Washington to seek to stop the flow of gold out of the United States was not to remedy a situation that just came up.

As a matter of fact, this column several months ago stated that some governmental action was needed to avert the serious trouble that is now being quite widely discussed.

The nation's independent business people, voting C. W. Harder through the National Federation of Independent Business, on several occasions, requested drastic reductions in the foreign give away programs to conserve U.S. financial strength.

There is nothing particularly mysterious as to how this situation came about. If a person who has only sufficient money in a checking account to pay off the mortgage on the home issues a lot of checks to charity, and these checks for charity are charged to his account before he makes the mortgage payment, he has a problem.

He would have a problem, in any event, with the holder of his mortgage. But if in addition, he had an enemy who wanted to see him thrown out of his home, and this enemy was so bitter that he was willing to offer the mortgage holder a premium which could be paid out of funds the enemy had gathered by robbery, trouble would be magnified.

And that gives somewhat an idea of the gold situation.

About ten years ago U. S. gold reserves were valued at \$24 billion. Now, due to foreign nations exchanging U. S. dollars for gold, the reserve is down to somewhere around \$18 billion. Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio points out that it requires \$11 1/2 billion in gold to support currency in circulation, while foreign nations, practically all recipients of U. S. foreign giveaways, hold enough U. S. dollars to be able to demand their exchange for \$18 billion of U. S. gold.

There seems little doubt that Russia, adhering to the apostles of communism, Marx and Lenin, that the best way to defeat the U. S. is to ruin it economically, are conscious of this situation; have been watching it develop with satisfaction while the international schemers in Washington have been giving away nation's wealth.

For example, Rep. Brown reports U. S. has given Laos almost a third of a billion dollars, even paying the salaries of the officers and men of the army of Laos. It was a battalion of this army, whose equipment and pay has been picked up by the U. S. taxpayers, that drove the pro-American government out of Laos as well as most Americans who were in the tiny nation.

Thus, there should be no surprise over the U. S. gold crisis. The nation's independent businessmen, who of necessity must deal in facts rather than high-blown theories, have for long pointed out this would be the eventual result of foreign giveaways programs which have taken over \$70 billion out of the American life stream.