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THE COST OF  
POLITICIAN'S PROMISES

For several weeks beginning  
about now every one who has any  
income will be paying for poli-  
tician's promises—and they come  
high.

When a man wants to become  
a politician he looks around for  
some group to promise some-  
thing to. There is always some  
group interested. To be elected  
requires the support of several  
groups so by the time a politician  
gets into office his promises are  
pretty expensive. If he is any  
good at all he learns to join with  
other politicians to get some of  
their promises on the statute  
books as laws.

That's where we come in—us  
taxpayers. We pay for politician's  
promises. It isn't the no good  
promises they make that are so  
bad. They are merely dishonest.  
It is the ones that are kept that  
are so costly.

For thirty years politician's  
promises have run to giving di-  
rect payments to groups of citi-  
zens who would most often be  
better citizens if they didn't get  
them. Social security is a racket,  
unemployment compensation is a  
graft, old age pensions are a  
disgrace, much building by gov-  
ernment is needless and unecon-  
omic and could be done cheaper  
by private concerns.

What we need is a majority  
group and organized as such. Peo-  
ple don't want the government  
dabbling in everything. They say  
so in every conversation. But  
minority groups keep getting poli-  
ticians to promise and the taxes  
go up and up with no end in  
sight short of government bank-  
ruptcy. That sounds bad but it  
will actually be a relief when it  
happens.

IMAGE

Image is a word to know about;  
moderns talk about "projecting  
an image" when they mean how  
do you get along with others.  
What do they think of you, etc.

It is a new gimmick, probably  
of the public relation people. Ac-  
tually if you want to impress  
others as being a hard working,  
dutiful sincere sort of a guy,  
a good way to do it is to be a hard  
working dutiful, sincere sort of  
a guy. There is an old saying to  
the effect that as a man thinketh  
so is he.

However, there it is. It is  
something to reckon with and  
we'll have individuals, businesses  
trades and professions worrying  
about their images and paying to  
have some one tune them in bet-  
ter. The Oregon Wheat Growers  
league is having its image in-  
spected for possible improvement  
as an example. The notion got  
around that some citizens thought  
it a little incongruous for wheat  
men to be riding in Cadillacs  
while being helped by the govern-  
ment, so wheat men are having it  
said of them that they do work  
conscientiously to provide bread  
for the market and that they  
really do it pretty cheap.

Now comes the lawyers who  
suddenly discover that people  
may sometimes think they are  
not so good as they should be  
and it is cutting down their in-  
come until doctors get a lot more  
for a year's work. That seems to  
be true although certainly law-  
yers do a great deal of work for  
the public weal because of their  
knowledge.

Any of the professions have a  
rather hard time projecting an  
image for they have divorced  
themselves from the best way to  
project one: advertising. It's un-  
ethical. We will be interested in  
seeing how the various bar asso-  
ciations project a new image  
without casting one.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Governor Hatfield's address to  
the legislature Monday was a  
very good resume of what had  
been done in two years and a  
good program for a governor to  
propose. The reason we say it that  
way is that a governor always  
proposes more than a legislature  
will accept. Hatfield knows that.  
The governor is still in favor

of the receipts tax, recommended  
by Dr. Sly, but nothing will come  
of it for it lacks popular support  
and it must be remembered that  
the legislature would rather dis-  
appoint the governor than not.  
He spoke a word for the aboli-  
tion of the personal property tax  
which is a bad tax but it would  
take three to four percent of in-  
come tax to equal it and no good  
way of redistributing it has been  
devised.

The budget is about fifty mil-  
lion more than that of two years  
ago but there is a surplus of \$35  
million, a good part of which has  
been saved by careful manage-  
ment by Mr. Hatfield's crew of  
officials. We commend him on this  
but still think a boost of \$50  
million is too much for Oregon.

Mr. Hatfield recommends a  
higher payment under the basic  
school fund but not enough to  
reach the fifty percent requested  
by the teacher's union. The more  
money comes from the state, the  
more the districts will spend,  
happy with a proposal of this  
kind.

The governor covered the state's  
problems very well, was a bit  
more factual and somewhat less  
flowery than two years ago. The  
legislature would do well to ac-  
cept most of the recommenda-  
tions but will not. It wouldn't be  
enough fun.

ONION PIE

The state department of agri-  
culture in an attempt to give aid  
to the onion growers of the state  
who grew more onions than onion  
eaters have taste for, published a  
recipe for onion pie.

Ever anxious to observe the  
reaction of cooks to new books  
we suggested onion pie to some of  
them. As might have been expect-  
ed the radicals thought some-  
thing might be done with it but  
there was a lack of enthusiasm;  
the conservatives refused to con-  
sider the idea at all.

Well, some people like only  
fruit pies, some only goop pies.  
So why not onion pie?

It goes like this. Bake a 9-inch  
shell. Prepare filling by frying  
3 cups of thinly sliced onions in  
butter until soft and translucent.  
Stir about 1/4 cup evaporated milk  
or heavy cream into one pound  
small curd cottage cheese, adding  
a bit of salt and pepper to taste.  
Spread the cottage cheese mixture  
into the pie shell and cover with  
the sauted onions. Bake 15 min-  
utes in 400 degrees oven. Serve  
hot.

We are not prepared to offer  
advice nor to take responsibility  
not having gotten around to try  
it so far, but for cooks tired of  
making the same old thing it will  
offer relief.

FACTS, NOT PREJUDICE

Mr. Don Shawe, teacher of  
English at Sherman High School,  
questions a phase of ethics in this  
newspaper. That is his privilege  
and perhaps as a literate citizen,  
his duty.

Americans have been especially  
sensitive to "guilt by association"  
charges since the late Senator  
McCarthy accused so many—and  
scared so many with poor con-  
sciences—with so little result.  
The Sherman County Journal,  
however, does not retract its  
quoted statement that "Americans  
should learn more about commu-  
nism . . ." They should read the  
Communist Manifesto. Govern-  
ment ownership and high taxes  
are principles espoused in that  
document. If we like them we like  
something about communism.  
Let us be factual about it and  
like or dislike communism for  
what it is instead of letting it be-  
come a bug-a-boo.

In addition we do not consider  
the poor farm the alternative to  
social security; we do think that  
family responsibility has been so  
reduced by some forms of social  
security as to seriously reduce  
the quality of public morals. In  
other words we think parents  
should be responsible for their  
children and children should be  
responsible for their parents.  
And everyone must be responsible  
for himself, otherwise all govern-  
ment will fail for lack of good  
enough human material to make  
it work.

RUFUS PERSONALS

The 4-H club knitting groups  
with their leader, Mrs. J. J. Green  
met December 14 at her house.  
Barbara Medler called them to  
order Carol Murray, secretary,  
called the roll and read the min-  
utes of last meeting. The girls  
knit on their projects and sang  
songs. Louanna Burnett brought  
refreshments. They plan to meet  
Jan. 13. They are to knit four but-  
ton holes so they will know how  
to do them when they finish their  
sweaters. The report was submit-  
ted by Louanna Burnett.

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People's  
Column

TO THE EDITOR:  
SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL  
Dear Mr. French:

I have been reading your paper  
for a few months only, and don't  
know how regularly you provoke  
your readers to break into your  
editorial soliloquy. I enjoy the  
Sherman County Journal and  
have praised it as an exemplary  
weekly of a kind seldom found  
these days. Originality and a cer-  
tain barbed crustiness are quali-  
ties many consider native to  
journalism in Western U.S.A.

I am sure, Mr. French, that if  
your more conspicuous barbs  
and occasional lapses went regu-  
larly unnoticed and unchallenged  
you would soon lose heart for  
weekly journalism and turn to  
the study and writing of history.  
Therefore, because I wish you  
well, I am writing this letter. And  
yet, you put one to some strain  
to be polite. I am still smarting  
from the "lapse" and provocation  
of the January 6 editorial  
in which you enlist the support  
of Mr. Sidney Hook, professor of  
philosophy at Columbia Univer-  
sity. Mr. Hook, as you may  
know, is principally noteworthy  
in our time for having taken the  
lead among intellectuals in elab-  
orately pleading for a more mili-  
tant anti-communism among  
editors, preachers, teachers, writ-  
ers, and other "opinion molders".

In an effort to alert intellectu-  
als and win them over to his  
cause Mr. Hook said in Partisan  
Review of September-October  
1952:

"They (the intellectuals) are  
unaware of the extent to which  
the social climate and objective  
possibilities for a democratic  
welfare state have improved in  
the last twenty years."

Although I have no wish to put  
a political tag on Mr. Hook, if I  
understand him correctly he is  
probably friendly to the "demo-  
cratic welfare state. Now it may  
be that the editorial judgment of  
the Sherman County Journal has  
overlooked a vital aspect of Mr.  
Hook's thought in order to ap-  
plaud another; on the other hand  
a deeper look at Mr. Hook might  
have uncovered some dangerous-  
ly "communist" doctrine in his  
advocacy of the democratic wel-  
fare state.

Although, I think it is perfect-  
ly commendable to quote com-  
munism; it is perfectly beyond  
understanding how Sidney Hook's  
critical attitudes should be put  
to the service of the kind of anti-  
communism "uncritically" equates  
high taxes and government own-  
ership with communistic doc-  
trine. Here is the Sherman Coun-  
ty Journal on the subject:  
"Americans should learn more  
about communism. Its school  
children should know that gov-  
ernment ownership and high taxes  
are communistic doctrines  
although many who espouse them  
would be surprised to find that  
out."

Is this not saying that anyone  
who advocates higher taxes for  
any reason or who cheerfully  
uses Bonneville power is a dupe

of the communists? IF this is  
what the editorial says, it is pre-  
cisely the kind of name-calling  
guilt-by-association, abuse that  
has made the old dole and the  
old county poor farm "better"  
for America than the new social  
security and very possibly the  
kind of lapse from reason that  
makes our emergence to humane  
world leadership so tragically  
slow.

Yours truly,  
Don Shawe

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLE-  
MENT

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 Fri-  
day, 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

NOTICE OF FINAL  
SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,  
That the undersigned adminis-  
tratrix with the Will annexed of  
the Estate of Augusta M. Huckin,  
deceased, having filed in the  
County Court of the County of  
Sherman, State of Oregon, her  
final account in the administra-  
tion of such estate and that the  
7th day of February, 1961 has  
been fixed by said Court as the  
time for hearing of objections, if  
any, to said account and the  
settlement of such estate.

CELIA L. GAVIN  
Administratrix with the  
Will annexed

C. L. Gavin  
502 U. S. Bank Bldg.  
The Dalles, Oregon  
Jan. 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 1961

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual meeting of the  
Sherman County Soil Conserva-  
tion District will be held Tues-  
day, January 24, 1961 at 1:15 p. m.  
County Courthouse, Moro. Annu-  
al report of the district will be  
presented and election to fill the  
expired terms of supervisor Lu-  
ther Davis and W. L. May will be  
held. An educational program has  
been scheduled.

John Shipley, Chairman  
Thomas W. Thompson, Sec.

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WASHINGTON AND  
"SMALL BUSINESS"  
By C. WILSON HARDER  
There is little doubt that one  
of the important matters the  
new Congress will act upon is  
that of making revisions in the  
taxing structure.  
At the time when the plat-  
form committees of each major  
political party met last sum-  
mer, officials  
of the Na-  
tional Fed-  
eration of  
Independent  
Business ap-  
peared by in-  
vitation to ad-  
vise the na-  
tion's small  
businessmen,  
members of  
the organiza-  
tion, have long requested re-  
vised depreciation schedules.  
Subsequently, both party plat-  
forms pledged themselves to  
work for such revisions. Later  
in the summer the U. S. Treas-  
ury Dept. granted authority to  
the Small Business Administra-  
tion to conduct a sampling of  
the nation's independent busi-  
nessmen to determine what re-  
visions would be most helpful  
in expanding the economy.  
The Federation offered its  
services to the SBA to make  
such a survey among nation-  
wide membership. With ap-  
proval of Treasury Dept. this  
poll was taken on the govern-  
ment's form. Results are in the  
hands of the government offi-  
cials studying situation.  
A great deal of the data gath-  
ered is quite technical, but on  
the major points, it does high-  
light some of the greater drags  
on the American economy.  
It would appear that there  
are many firms among the  
4,000,000 or so small business  
enterprises in the U. S. who  
would build new premises or  
modernize, if the expenditures  
could be more closely geared  
to current earnings.  
In many cases the revenue  
bureau, guided by laws it must  
follow compels a business to  
stretch out depreciation allow-  
ances for tax purposes over an  
over long period.  
For example, if a building or  
piece of machinery, costs \$10,  
000, and it is required to take  
ten years to depreciate this  
amount for tax purposes, it  
works out something like this.  
The first year, only \$1000 can  
be deducted for income tax  
purposes, and income tax must  
be paid on the other \$9,000.  
This means in case of a small  
corporation, that \$10,000 im-  
provement cost at least \$12,250,  
as the \$10,000 in the first place  
was derived from profits, of  
which \$9,000 would be taxed a  
minimum of 25%.  
Now this is a problem that  
is peculiar to the small, inde-  
pendently owned business. It  
is not necessarily shared by  
the big public owned corpora-  
tion which has access to Wall  
Street through the securities  
market for new capital.  
But in average small busi-  
ness, the proprietors have all  
their resources tied up in their  
enterprise, and any money for  
growth must come out of oper-  
ating profits.  
There seems little question  
that a revision of the tax laws  
as they are presently applied  
to small business capital in-  
vestments could result in de-  
velopment of many millions, if  
not billions, in new business  
and wages, and at same time,  
improve facilities of small  
firms, making them better able  
to compete.

Deere Day  
In MORO

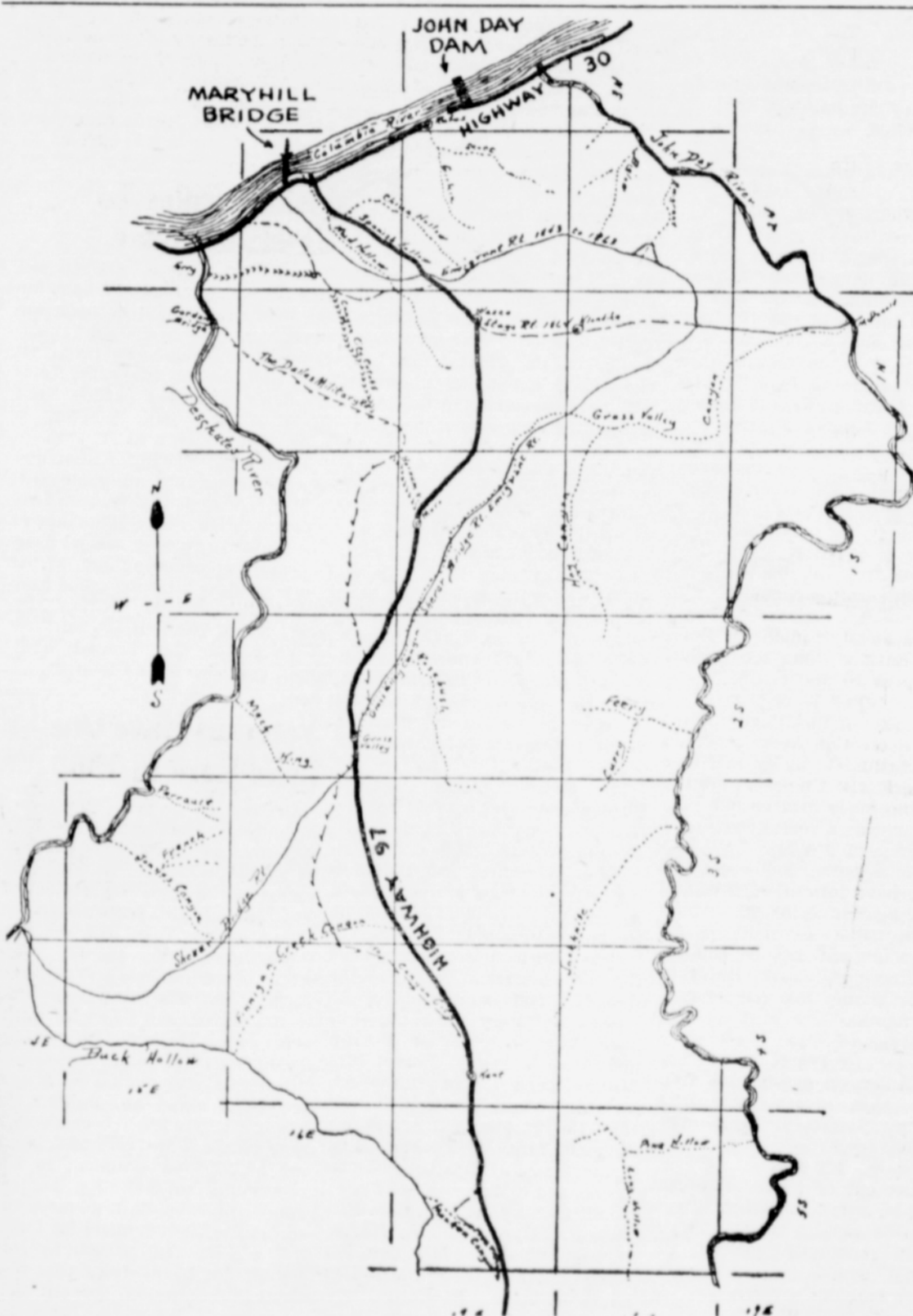
Wed. January 18  
10:00 a.m.

At our Store Free Lunch

Free Picture at Sherman Theater

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Yes  
the whole county, all  
836 square miles of it,  
from Buck Hollow to Hell Roaring  
canyon is our newsbeat and your  
primary interest. Lets do it together.

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