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OVERLOOK NO CHANCES

"When you pray for potatoes, reach for a hoe," is an old proverb. It is applicable in this county charter proposal that voters of Sherman county will have a chance to vote on in May. We in this county and we in eastern Oregon constantly complain that we do not get the kind of treatment from Portland or from state government that we want. We think that many bills are passed that might apply to city dwellers that are burdensome to us who live in the country, especially to the rather open country in which we live.

It is true. Our problems are not understood in Portland or Salem and even if they were we could not muster votes enough to amend or defeat measures the populous part of the state wants. In the law providing that counties may set up a charter, a solution of a sort has been provided. When a county adopts a charter it assumes some authority over its government not presently possible. When all counties have charters and probably before that, each county will be able to govern itself to a greater degree than at present. That is the purpose of the charter law and the purpose behind the proposed Sherman county charter.

When the world's people were ruled by kings who professed to rule by divine right, the kings used to give grants of power that were called charters. When this nation was established, we set up our government on the premise that sovereign power rested in the people. The federal government has a constitution and so does every state. Cities have charters. Counties have neither. A charter is a grant of power. In the case of the proposed Sherman county charter, it is a grant of power from the people of the county to certain officials who are to be chosen by the people to do certain things under certain established rules. If adopted, it will be a new principle in county government—a grant of power from the people to officers, who have heretofore operated under state law.

Therefore, if we want to become more independent, if we want to assume authority over our county government, instead of continually being entirely under the thumb of state government, we can adopt our own charter.

TOBACCO

Over in once merry England the Royal College of Physicians has determined that smoking is indeed the cause of much cancer of the lung which annually kills numerous Englishmen of prominence and ability thus reducing the nation's strength and standing.

News from England is that something may be done about it, officially that is. Taxes on tobacco in the tight little island are already high enough to discourage any one but the most pitiful addict from using the weed, but it is expected they will be raised.

Raising money through taxes as a means of combating a presumed social evil is nothing but a tax collector's excuse to gouge. The morals of such action is equally as bad as the ill presumed.

It may be that England will bar cigarettes—or try. What, we wonder, has happened to Englishmen that they would tolerate a government that would consider such a move? Englishmen are the authors of most of our individual rights and here they are considering a rule against smoking.

We want our voice to be heard saying that it is none of any government's business whether citizens smoke or not—in this world or the next. No matter if by smoking they shorten their lives, render themselves useless to society, lessen the nation's ability. Governments are established by men and should not become elderly grandmothers watching over citizens as if they were feeble physically and mentally. With such treatment they soon would be.

CONSTANT BATTLE

By this time of year the battle is being waged in nearly every school district in the country or else the participants are resting for a bigger battle next year. We mean the conflict between boards of education and administrators and teachers. It isn't only in little towns. State boards are engaged in the same battle and the boards of private schools also have their disagreements with the faculty.

It is a very real conflict and will probably go on for years and years. The boards represent taxpayers and would like to get the kind of education they want at a low cost. The boards want to run the schools. The administrators and the faculty fall back on the theory of the eternal independence of the mind (academic freedom) and feel that they are best able to run a school.

Certainly it must be admitted that those trained in education should be better able to conduct a school than layman whose time is taken up by the process of running a business or a farm. But so many educators are not considered "practical" by the taxpayers who are responsible for providing the money.

At college level recall the pressure put on the board of education over the appearance of Gus Hall, the communist on the campus at Eugene.irate citizens wanted the board to fire the president. Perhaps we shall eventually reach an agreement whereunder the board raises the money and lets the administrators run the school. It will be to the advantage of the children when responsibility is finally placed.

REAPPORTIONMENT

The decision of the supreme court to force Tennessee to reapportion its legislature in accordance with the Tennessee constitution may be an unwarranted interference with states by the federal government or it may be another bit of evidence of too much centralization of government and the desire of the judicial branch to become policy makers.

Anyhow it has been made and must be lived with. It is not going to force a reapportionment on the basis of population in all the states. Tennessee's constitution states that the 33 senators and 99 representatives shall be elected by qualified voters which probably means by population. Adherence to the constitution would bring a new apportionment in Tennessee.

The glee of cities over the decision is not factually based. In California, which has a federal plan that limits a county to one senator there is presently an effort to increase the number of senators in Los Angeles. It is not considered likely to pass. Los Angeles has 31 of the 80 representatives and the remainder of the state apparently thinks that is enough. It would be impossible for northern California to exist in the same state as Los Angeles if that city was in control.

The founding fathers had excellent judgment when their leading statesman, Ben Franklin, proposed the compromise between large and small colonies and they accepted it to give states control of the senate and people control of the house.

Oregon would be a better state if it were to adopt the federal system of apportionment. It is doubtful if it can ever be a political, social or business unit without it.

president of Rebekah Assembly and Rosalee Eslinger, Mona Eakin and Manya Neal went to Stanfield March 5 where Mrs. Olds paid her official visit to the Theta Rho club. Mrs. Olds, Mrs. Schilling, Rosalee Eslinger and Manya Neal went to Pendleton Thursday night where Mrs. Olds paid her official visit to the club there.

Mrs. Dick Reckman was hostess at a party March 3 honoring Mrs. Dick Reckman on her birthday. Those enjoying the afternoon of visiting were Mrs. Kenneth Todd, Mrs. Marcus Eslinger, Mrs. Virgil Oltmanns and daughters, Joy Ann and Kelley. Refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eakin spent the weekend in Portland for his Air Force National Guard training.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 held its regular meeting in the IOOF hall Wednesday March 21. Mrs. H. N. Riggs, noble grand presided with 26 members present. Mrs. Donald von Borstel held the winning ticket for the gift proceeds for the oxygen fund. Adrawing for a gift will be held at each meeting. Following the business session a party was held for members with birthdays and wedding anniversaries in March. Those with birthdays were Mrs. Everett Cantrall, Mrs. Dale Padgett, Mrs. Bill Alup, Mr. Gary Schilling, Mrs. Einar Helgestad and Mrs. Claud Bayer. Those with anniversaries were Mrs. John Stark, Earl Olds, and Mrs. H. N. Riggs. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Clyde Stradley, Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Mrs. William Brinkert.

Members of the IOOF lodge No. 111 of Grass Valley going to Madras Wednesday night were H. N. Riggs, Everett Cantrall, John Alley, Edgar Alley, Einar Helgestad, Frank E. Bayer, Boyce Daylock, Harry Stark, Bill Rolfe, Joe Ribser, Fritz Rohweder, and Leo Watkins of Moro lodge. Grass Valley put on the third degree for the Madras lodge. Elsworth Robinson of Central Point, the Grand Master of the Grand lodge of Oregon paid his official visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel went to Portland Friday and attended a meeting and luncheon of the State Republican Central committee Saturday. They visited Mrs. Glenn Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Ross in Portland and Andy Patens at Sandy before returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justesen

were business visitors in Portland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland were in The Dalles Sunday and spent the day visiting his brother, Grant Garland.

Mrs. Lob Schilling and daughter Julie were business visitors in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Biagg and Mrs. Kenneth Todd went to Cove Friday and spent till Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Feizer.

denhagen to Portland Wednesday and saw her off on the Polar Flight over the North Pole to London, England where she will visit her son in law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. George Bray and family. She will visit relatives and friends in Germany while over there.

Mrs. Bob Schilling took her daughter, Donna Kay, to The Dalles Sunday afternoon to the hospital for medical attention for a broken arm suffered when she fell out of a tree house at their ranch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin and family were dinner guests Sunday at the Shelton Fritts home.

Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen was pleasantly surprised Tuesday afternoon at a party for her held at the home of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe. co-hostesses were Mrs. Bill Pausch, Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mrs. Bill Rolfe and Mrs. Alfred Payne. The rooms were beautifully decorated with bouquets of daffodils, carnations and forsythia brought from Portland by Mrs. John Jenkins. About 35 friends and neighbors called between the hours of two and five p. m. when cake and coffee were served. Mrs. Bardenhagen was presented with a beautiful overnight bag from the group. Among the out of town

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds

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GUY O. WOODWORTH,
 Executor of the Estate of
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by Ann Balzer

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Helen went to The Dalles Thursday evening to visit his mother, Mrs. Frank T. Bayer at the hospital.

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Mrs. Harry Stark were in The Dalles Tuesday to visit Mrs. Frank T. Bayer at the hospital.

Mrs. Earl Olds, a member of the Joint Youth committee, Mrs. Art Schilling, adviser of Theta Rho, Mrs. Selma Watkins, vice



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