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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

It is now plain to all who read understandingly that, were it not for the vigilance and the vigorous protests of the labor unions, these war times would put the whole burden and cost of the conflict upon the backs of the laboring men.

**Fire Destroys Grain Field.**

The ink had scarcely become dry upon an article in last week's Observer advising farmers to be careful and watchful for field fires this season when word was received that fire was destroying grain fields west and north of Moro. Volunteers were summoned and with the help of men from Wasco and three train loads of men from The Dalles the fire was brought under control after a difficult fight. Places where back firing for a width of 30 or 40 feet had been tried, did not stop the fire for an instant. The fire started on the DesChutes railroad, caused by a section hand burning weeds. The main damage was held to the R. W. Kaseberg farm, burning 400 acres of grain insured for 25 bushels to the acre. The insurance company settled the claim by paying a few cents less than \$12,000. Mr. Kaseberg considers that the grain destroyed would easily have made 35 bushels to the acre, and that he is yet looser.

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**Women's Modern Attire**

A correspondent of the Portland Oregonian thus relieves himself: "Seriously, can nothing be done about it? It is true that occasionally you read in the papers that some woman has been arrested for being indecently clad, but one always wonders how the policeman made his selection, and he never seems to take but one. "One can get used to anything, of course, and we have accustomed ourselves to a good deal; yet it seems a pity to have to witness the passing of the gentlewoman. For it goes without saying that no gentlewoman ever arrayed herself in startling attire in order that passers-by must, from sheer astonishment, turn their heads to stare at her. "This, I take it, is what the woman of today chiefly desires. "I have no wife for whose conduct and clothing I can be responsible, and I cannot but feel some relief from this fact. But I have my nephew Peter. "I am very fond of Peter and terribly anxious that he should develop into a clean, fine, worthwhile sort of man. I think his tendencies are all that way if he has half a chance. But has he? "He is an interesting young fellow, and I am afraid women like him. I hate the thought of Peter in connection with anything as vulgar as the average modern young woman. "We used to hear a good deal about men ruining unfortunate and ignorant young girls. Ah, well! But it's a great pity for a young man not to be able to respect women. "It is just as bad in the country, too, or nearly so. I recall a motor trip Peter and I made last summer. It is not as if I were a woman hater. I like them—at least, some of them. I used to enjoy talking to a few, and I still drop in on my old friend Mrs. H— now and then. She is not at all fashionable. In hotel lobbies and other public places you can read a paper or something, of course. "Frankly, I am weary of their legs. Though this fashion will pass in time, we can but wonder what will be the next prevailing indecency. "In the meantime, what of the young developing girls? And what of Peter? Charles Logie Richardson."

**Wasco Town Off the Map**

Too little heed has been given to public affairs by the people of Sherman county and the selection of proper representation when questions affecting Sherman county may come up for adjustment. A case in point is the fact that the Columbia highway will undoubtedly be built through this county on the bench line between the top of the bluffs and the railroad grade in the northern part of this county. Viewing the matter from the interests of the traveling public and the state at large no worse conclusion could be formed by the Highway Commission. We believe maintenance charges to keep the road clear of sand will be a heavy and continuous charge upon either the finances of the county or state, as it may be decided which will have this work in hand. Also, an investment of more than \$100,000 at Wasco, in this county, will practically lie idle, as it is all being invested under a mistaken assurance that the Columbia highway will pass through Sherman county at Wasco. A new \$35,000 hotel building with an additional investment of \$15,000 for furnishings is under contract at Wasco, as well as the building this spring of a new concrete garage equipped with modern machinery, making the third such business in that city. Commissioner Thompson told the writer that the act under which the highway will be built specifically states that it shall be constructed "along the Columbia river from The Dalles to Arlington," and in no case can this be if built inland to reach Wasco. The further fact that excess cost would be met with in reaching Arlington from Wasco by way of a route either down the John Day river or along the edge of Gilliam county is to be overcome and, while the Wasco route will be considered by the commission Wasco people must be able to show a much cheaper and as direct route from The Dalles to Arlington as the one to which they may be expected to enter protest. Commissioner Thompson, at LaGrande Sunday evening, when addressing the Editorial Association upon the policy of the highway commission and the present status of road work in the state, took particular pains to impress upon all present that the commission would not consider the claims of any locality or community as to the locating or building of roads unless it could be conclusively shown that the better interests of the state at large would be secured. This is the only sensible way that the work of the highway commission can be undertaken; any other position would soon place the commission in an untenable situation from which they could not escape without the liability of being considered ordinary political traders. If the highway up the Columbia river does not go thru Wasco, and we are of the opinion it will not, the only party at fault is those most directly interested in failing to have one member of the last legislature elected from this county and having, thereby, a voice in the drafting of the highway measure and the providing of an alternative route if the highway commission could use it to advantage. Sherman county once more sits back and plays the sucker for the community that has the foresight to step to the front and provide, in a definite way, for what is wanted in place of being satisfied with vague promises.

**Columbia Highway in Sherman County**

Commissioner Thompson, speaking on behalf of the State Highway Commission to the editor while at Pendleton last week, stated that a compromise arrangement had been effected with the owner of the present toll bridge at the mouth of the DesChutes river to the effect that Wasco county would soon be working on a new grade to the bridge and that as soon as the work had progressed satisfactorily the state commission would begin the construction of a new bridge at that place. He also informed us that the state highway commission has ordered a reconnaissance by their engineers of the route for the Columbia highway through the northern part of Sherman county. The route under investigation is located about midway between the top of the bluff and the railroad grade on a natural bench of the cliff between Sherman and the John Day river. He assured us that it was very probable, and almost a certainty, that the highway, when built, would cross the county about ten miles north of Wasco, unless those interested can show a cheaper route to build than any the commission has been able to find. It is about time for the pessimists to begin talk of the grain crops in the Inland Empire burning up for lack of rain. They do it yearly, yet in threshing time the machines run to capacity and the men with big fields get the big checks. Lamentation that is too previous is a good safety valve and harms nobody.—Oregonian.

**The Appeal to Reason says:**

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