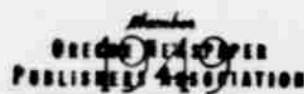


EDITORIAL



Welcome, Wheat Men Of Oregon

Well, folks, this is it! The Oregon Wheat League convention is in session and Heppner is proud to have an opportunity once more to welcome the people who play such an important part in the economy of the nation and upon whom we depend for the "staff of life."

It is no small undertaking for a small city to entertain a convention the size of the Wheat League annual meeting, but the limited facilities are at the full disposal of the visitors—they have the key to the city—and we know the hospitality of our citizens is such that it will make up for some of the lack of abundance of material things.

Let us be cordial in our greetings and do all we can to make the stay of the visitors pleasant and the 1949 convention a success.

Just One Of Those Things

That the ambulance, for which many citizens of Morrow county and not a few living elsewhere gave generously, has been delayed in arriving at its destination is an unfortunate circumstance—something in which all will feel a measure of disappointment. As much as we regret the damage to the fine piece of machinery, we are grateful that its occupants escaped with nothing more than a severe shaking up, and we hope that nothing will develop to cause them suffering as a result of the accident.

As to the ambulance, it was a beautiful machine—something of which each and every one of us could well be proud. Perhaps we will be just as proud after it has been reconditioned, but there will always be a bit of disappointment in that it did not arrive as it was meant to and in the condition the drivers had expected to deliver it. (Its arrival was to have been the signal for a bit of a celebration).

Somehow, we can't help wishing that the insurance company and the builders could get together on a deal to send an entirely new ambulance instead of the wrecked car. Such faults or weaknesses as might develop would then be due to usage rather than to the results of the machine being wrecked, and it is highly probable that many thousands of miles would be recorded before anything demanding more than ordinary mechanical attention would be necessary.

As we say, this is merely a wish—a dream, if you will. But one may dream, may he not? Or should we say a feller can dream, can't he?

The Rains Will Help

There is one thing about the 1949 O.W.L. convention that was not evident a number of years ago. Growers are not so much worried about wheat production as they are about crop disposal. Back in the dry '30's it was somewhat of a problem to raise profitable crops, what with low yields and low prices. Eventually, growing conditions improved and the war settled the matter of markets for a few years. These have been golden years for the farmers, of the dry wheat belt, in which Morrow county may be properly classified, for moisture has been more abundant and prices good.

So, as the 22nd annual Wheat League convention opens in Heppner today, there will be no immediate worry so far as growing conditions are concerned. The rains have come and now the producers will have to turn their attention to the problem of finding more uses for wheat that the market may be expanded and the danger of an undisposed surplus lessened. May success attend their efforts!

Uncle Has Biggest Income

"The government," says U. S. News & World Report, "has become the biggest source of income in the country. In the single year to end next June 30, the Treasury will spend an estimated \$46,000,000,000 in cold cash. This means that \$1 out of every \$6 spent in the United States will be spent by the government." The magazine then goes into considerable detail as to how all this money is to be divided.

The biggest item in the budget—\$17,300,000,000—is accounted for by benefits and subsidies of many diverse kinds. Nearly half of that amount—\$8,300,000,000—will go to veterans and is one of the payments we are making because of past wars. Then farmers will come in for something over \$2,000,000,000 in direct payments and government crop loans and price supports. Large sums will be paid to the old, the blind, and the unemployed. Finally, \$5,600,000,000 will be paid out to foreign governments and for foreign-aid purchasing.

Item number two—\$10,200,000,000—will go for salaries. It will go to 3,700,000 people, the number of civilians and military personnel now on the federal payroll. As the U. S. News points out, this does not include those who work indirectly for government, such as the men and women employed in plants producing materials for federal agencies.

Third is a \$10,000,000,000 item for goods. This includes an enormous number of items, running all the way from airplanes and tanks to paper and ink.

Interest on the public debt will require the sum of \$4,100,000,000. That will be a cash payment, and does not include the interest accruing on war bonds and savings bonds.

Services, such as printing, rent and utility bills, will cost the taxpayers \$2,400,000,000. And something like \$2,000,000,000 will be used for loans and investments.

The above items cover the major expenses of the government. Perhaps the most striking fact is the great increase in the number of individuals who now live off the Federal Treasury. To quote the U. S. News again, "Ten years ago, when the New Deal was pouring out billions for direct and work relief, fewer than 20,000,000 persons were getting checks from public agencies. In the period that has followed, the make-work programs of government have disappeared. Prosperity has taken over. Personal incomes trebled. Yet.... persons living on public dollars, in whole or in part, jumped 29 per cent."

The implications of this can be argued indefinitely. But it indicates the reasons for the uneasiness of those who wonder how much more government the country can stand.

30 YEARS AGO

December 4, 1919 Mrs. Anna Matlock passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Patterson of this city last Saturday evening. Miss Ida Stevenson and John F. French were married by Rev. H. A. Noyes, pastor of the Federated church on Monday, Dec. 1. At the residence of Percy Cox in this city on Dec. 1 occurred the marriage of George H. Mead and Miss Mabel Stickler, both of Lexington.

Jesse French, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. French died at the family home at Gurdane Nov. 25, aged 15 years and 8 months. T. G. Denisse, contractor and builder who had charge of the construction work on the new Gilliam & Bisbee building left this week for a four months visit to his old home at Vught in the Netherlands.

Several Heppner men journeyed to Pendleton last Sunday to attend a meeting of the Knights of Columbus. Those going from here were Mike Kenny, John Kelly, Pat Mollahan, John Mollahan, John McNamee and F. A. dance it off." The human dynamo of energy here at the capital we are writing about has his own banana grove at Salem in the form of a large automobile agency. It's so well organized it practically runs itself and the owner can devote all his time to being governor of the great state of Oregon.

Monday morning excavators followed bulldozers on the site of the now-being-built state highway building estimated to cost \$1,599,931. The five-story structure will rise just north of the new Public Service building both on the east flank of the Capitol group. The new building will house offices of the federal Bureau of Public Roads in addition to the many state highway offices. To the "older boys" around the capitol who have observed building costs climb over estimates and bids are betting the Highway building, when finished, will give taxpayers a set-back of a quarter of a million dollars more than the contract price.

FLAYS HIGH TAXATION "Taxes take 31 cents out of every worker's dollar and this ac-

at the primary election in May, 1950, instead of at the general election. This will be as it was before the 1945 legislature changed the date to the November election.

McMenamin, John McKenny Jr. and Ralph Jackson were among the large class of candidates for initiation. Plenty of tops and side curtains on hand for Ford cars. Can also equip your car with self-starter, Charles Latourell, authorized Ford dealer.

New steel pipes for the new water mains in lone have arrived and are being installed. Funds for installing the new system secured through sale of \$7,000 in bonds voted at a recent city election.

A number of Morrow county men have been subpoenaed as witnesses in the case of the State of Oregon versus Cedric Scharff which is being held in Canyon City.

Norman F. Lawson has sold his Rhea Creek farm near Jordan Siding to Jeff Beamer of Heppner. In the deal Mr. Lawson takes over Mr. Beamer's interests in the Heppner Delivery company and will make his home in this city. Mr. Beamer has already taken possession of his new property.

When an election for a director of an irrigation district results in a tie, the present incumbent remains in office until his successor is elected at the next regular election and qualifies. Attorney General George Neuner ruled last week. Other rulings were:

The federal act known as the Hatch Political Activity Act does not prohibit corporations from making contributions to candidates for state office. Oregon's 1947 livestock law provides that when a majority of the qualified electors vote "yes" for allowing livestock to run at large, a livestock district is created.

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The American Way EQUALITY

We hear much these days about equality, but there seems to be a wide divergence of opinion as to just what "equality" means when applied to the human family. Ask a socialist what he means by "equality," and he will tell you it means a civilization in which all equally share the wealth. He will neglect to add that it generally means sharing the poverty. Ask a capitalist or a believer in the capitalistic system and the definition you get from him is that "equality" is the civilization in which all have equal opportunity and equality before the law. Commencing with the French Revolution the socialistic dream of equality of wealth has led to vast cruelty and endless bloodshed, all to very little purpose. At times the bourgeoisie and the upper class either have been relegated to the sidelines or completely liquidated by the proletariat; wealth has been confiscated and divided. But, in every such case, it was not long until the people discovered that the beautiful theory of equal sharing of the wealth does not work out in practice. By killing off or rendering inactive the brains of the nation, the sum total of accomplishment is proven for all. Any government can immediately establish equality of a sort by taking away property from the rich "haves" and distributing it among the poor "have-nots." Currently that is what we are doing through progressive income taxation social security, unemployment doles, etc. In the past, whenever and wherever a government has undertaken equal distribution of the wealth, the "have-nots" did not become less poor. Notable examples of this are the French and Russian Revolutions. Why did these fail? Simply because of the rich, even if honestly distributed, cause confiscation of the property

Capital Parade CAPITOL NARRATIVE How can the man do it? How much energy can a man of middle age use each day and keep going? Here is a sample schedule of one Salem man's activities on one of his ever-busy days as head of the largest business in Oregon. Worked in his office from 8:40 to 10:50 a. m.; at 11, spoke at a state agricultural convention in Salem; at Oregon City, addressed a noon-luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce; at 2 p. m. was interviewed by newsmen and radio commentators on a broadcast from the Oregon Press club in Portland; at 4:45 was back on his job in Salem to consult with a group of wheat growers and then to routine business of his office until 6 p. m.; at 7:30 he spoke at a meeting of a civic club in Corvallis. For the past six months he has averaged 11 speeches a week and kept abreast of the strenuous and highly important work of his office. How the man can sustain such a continuity of spirit and intensity amazes his associates. We have never seen a demonstration of such energy, unless it was at the world's fair in Portland in 1905—and this was only physical effort. A showman had a group of south sea island pygmies in a 20-foot-high corral of coconut trunks. One of the stunts the little brown men put on was a continuous dance that lasted for three weeks. At any rate, that was the ballyhoo. When we asked the showman why they danced so long, he said, "Where these little people come from they live on bananas that fall or that they shake from the trees. For a bed they just curl up in the long grass. As they do not have to work for their food or build homes, they store up so much superfluous energy they have to