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West Loses Congressional Strength
In the death of Senator Charles L. McNary, Oregon and the entire west finds itself with less strength in Congress than for many years. A few years ago the western states were strongly represented and the delegations had formed a western organization that wielded much influence in the affairs of the nation. Borah of Idaho, Patman of Nevada, Dill and Schwallenbach of Washington, Chamberlain of Oregon, Smoot of Utah and now McNary, are there no more. In the House of Representatives were also many strong men like our own Nick Sinnott.

Johnson of California has grown too old and feeble for strong influence and the same may be said of Bone of Washington. McNary, with his powerful influence as leader of the minority party and friendship with the President, held the westerners together and our strength was fairly well maintained. Wheeler of Montana is out of grace with both parties, and though of ability and seniority, cannot be relied on to carry the banner of the west.

It is therefore vastly important that this state and others of our neighbors look well to the election of able men this year to replace the ranks of western representation. It is also

more important than ever before since the Pacific will become a vastly important highway of commerce after the war, and western development will take on new life.

The Value of Trees Stressed
Tree planting season is here again and with all the new homes now being established in Hermiston the subject is of more importance than usual. Nothing adds more beauty, comfort and value to a home than a few trees on the lot and along the street. We have had the habit for many years of planting black locusts which has proven a very durable tree; but we would recommend as better the sycamore, linden, soft maple and black walnut, all of rapid growth and suitable for conditions here. A few evergreens would add to the winter scenes. We have all learned, in particular the last few years, the value of shade. Lots with a few trees were sold for twice the price of bare lots. The expense of planting trees is very small compared with the returns.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, by virtue of an order duly made and entered herein by the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, on the 10th day of February, 1944, will, on the 21st day of March, 1944, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Umatilla County Court House, Pendleton, Oregon, subject to a minimum price of \$50.00 therefor, to be paid in cash, at the time of sale, the following described parcel of land, heretofore by Umatilla County, Oregon, acquired for delinquent taxes, to-wit:

NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 33 Township 5 North Range 29. E. W. M.

R. E. GOAD, Sheriff of Umatilla County.
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SW 1/4 SW 1/4 less to School, Section 21, Township 4 North Range 28, E. W. M.

R. E. GOAD, Sheriff of Umatilla County.
(Feb. 17-March 16)

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, by virtue of an order duly made and entered herein by the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, on the 27th day of January, 1944, will, on the 7th day of March, 1944, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Umatilla County Court House, Pendleton, Oregon, subject to a minimum price of \$50.00 therefor, to be paid in cash, at the time of sale, the following described parcel of land, heretofore by Umatilla County, Oregon, acquired for delinquent taxes, to-wit:

Tax No. 1, Block 7, Brassfield's Addition to Echo as described in Deed Book 71, Page 410 of Umatilla County records.

R. E. GOAD, Sheriff of Umatilla County.
(Feb. 3-March 3)

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

Alfred Cunha, Pendleton attorney, broke a bone in his left ankle Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cunha, west of Echo. He was helping haul feed for sheep at the lambing pens when he fell from an alfalfa stack, breaking a bone in his ankle. He was taken to the Pendleton hospital to have the fracture set.

Clifford Dewey was called to Payette, Idaho, for pre-induction medical examination February 24. Mrs. Dewey and children are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Westfall, in Echo.

The Echo Farm Bureau will hold a regular monthly meeting and dinner at the Odd Fellows hall Friday evening. Mrs. Neal Robertson, Mrs. Harry Andrews and Mrs. Jess Arnold are on the dinner committee.

Mrs. William Helmick, chairman of the local Red Cross war fund drive, states there will be a booth in the postoffice where contributions may be made. There will also be workers

who will canvass the community. The list of these workers has not yet been completed. Attention is called to the fact that this is not merely a membership drive of the Red Cross, but is intended to raise funds for the war work of the organization.

D. C. Johnson of Stanfield, former Echo resident, was injured in an accident at Ordance Saturday when some machinery fell on him. Deep cuts were made on one leg and wrist. He is convalescing in the Ordance hospital.

Charles Hibbard Jr., who is training with glider troops in Louisiana, will return to camp Wednesday after spending his furlough with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Luciani. Mrs. Hibbard (Marian Luciani) is employed at the Ordance depot.

Mrs. James Brown and children of Pendleton spent the week end visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Luciani.

Mrs. Fannie Vaughn, who has been spending several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gaskill, left Wednesday for the Gunder Tergeson ranch near Helix, where she has been employed as cook during harvest season for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson have received word from their son, Donald Baehms, that he is with the fighting forces at Kwajalein Atoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Springer spent the week end in Portland. They were accompanied home by Mr. Springer's grandmother, Mrs. Joe Bailey of Portland, who is now visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Gaskill.

Pete Celoria, horse buyer from Portland, visited relatives in this section this week as they were returning from a business trip to Spokane. Mrs. Starke is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Greene and a niece of Mrs. Harry Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Attebury returned Saturday from a visit with relatives at Klamath Falls and Marshfield. Mr. Attebury, who is home on a furlough, left Monday to continue training at Camp Farragut, Idaho.

Miss Shirley Jarmon, former resident of Butter Creek, spent the week end in Echo as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Middleton. Miss Jarmon is now principal of the Gilbert grade school in Portland.

Welland M. Dorn, Fred Dorn, Max Hull and Frank Bowman were Echo men included in the group which went to Portland Wednesday night to take their final medical examination prior to being called for induction. All of these men passed the examination and are supposed to have a minimum of 21 days before being inducted. They desired navy service but as the quota of that branch was full were all registered for the army.

G. L. Cunningham, a Seabee from a Virginia training camp, is now home on a furlough for a visit with his wife (Leona Wolverton) and his parents at Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham will be in Echo for a brief stay with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wolverton before he returns to camp.

Mrs. Sloan Thomson has returned



WHEN SOMETHING IN YOUR BUDGET COSTS LESS

Perhaps you feel that most living costs are always headed in the same direction—UP. But there is one item over which you can have a sigh of relief—the cost of your insurance. For example: the average rate for fire insurance has declined 40% in the past thirty years, and more than 20% in the past ten years.

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from the Pendleton hospital feeling much improved and is now at home at the Butter Creek ranch.

For the past ten days a full head of water has been running through the feed canal into the Cold Springs reservoir. The reservoir is now reported to contain about 35,000 acre feet and will require a steady capacity flow through the canal for another month to fill the reservoir.

Dr. C. L. Gray recently brought in the first steelhead of the season, caught in the Umatilla river just south of the town of Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers left Friday for Portland after visiting here for a week. Mr. Meyers is driving a Greyhound bus on the run between Portland and Eugene. Their wheat ranch, east of Echo, will be operated by Carl Weltzin this season.

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