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ADVISES WOOL MEN NOT TO SELL NOW

Secretary of State Association Predicts Good Season For Sheep Industry

"Sheep men and wool growers of this section of the country should not be anxious to contract their crops early this year," said John G. Hoke, of Medical Springs, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrower's association.

"This idea of contracting wool on the sheep's backs at this time is not to the interest of the growers and they should wait a while. I am in communication with buyers and those in close touch with the wool situation at the wool centers and am certain that prices a little later will be good and that those who hold off for a time will better themselves greatly."

The buyers will be after mutton red stock and the prices will be good, of this I am certain."

RESIDENTS IN WEST PART OF CITY WANT SEWERS

The residents of the blocks between Morfitt, King, Morton and Clement streets are getting anxious for a sanitary sewer connection and it is understood petitions will be presented to have a sewer dug to accommodate the residents of those blocks. The present sewer can possibly take care of the territory as far west as the east side of Virtue street and a number of the houses will be connected up this season.

JOINT COMMITTEES APPROVE CELILO DAM

Oregon and Washington Delegations Favor Harnessing Columbia River

The Dalles, Or.—The United States government and the states of Oregon and Washington will each be asked to appropriate \$50,000 that a detailed survey and thorough investigation of the proposed Columbia river power project may be made, as a result of an inspection made Sunday at the prospective damsite by joint committees representing Oregon and Washington. Oregon was represented by Governor West, Senators R. R. Butler, of The Dalles; I. N. Day, of Portland; Representatives A. H. Eaton, of Eugene; C. A. Appelgren, of Portland; J. T. Hinkle, of Hermiston; State Engineer John H. Lewis, Engineer L. F. Harza and Engineer G. L. Parker, of the United States Geological survey. Governor Ernest Lister headed the Washington delegation, which also included Senator Leonard, of Chehalis; Senator McGuire, Representative N. B. Brooks, of Goldendale; Rowland, of Tacoma, and Stewart, of Spokane; Highway Commissioner Roberts and F. F. Henshaw, of the United States Geological survey.

The committees from the two states said they would unanimously recommend the appropriations to their legislatures and to the government for the purpose of making a detail survey of the power project, whose estimated cost is \$23,000,000. It would take one year to make the investigation.

Iowa Women Declare for Vote, Grinnell, In.—Grinnell's women, in a special election, voted overwhelmingly for woman suffrage. Of 738 women who visited the polls, 663 were in favor of suffrage and 75 were not. Upon the second question, whether they would vote if the right were given them, 659 declared that they would, while 40 declared against participation.

It is estimated that 80 per cent of the women of Grinnell voted. The total male vote for governor at the last election was 945.

BOULEVARD PEOPLE WANT A CREAMERY ESTABLISHED

Ben Rose was in from the Boulevard section this week and says the farmers of that part of the county are much interested in the establishment of a creamery there and that the grange has an acre of ground admirably located for a site. While the farmers have not the cows necessary for the maintenance of a creamery at present, they will get them whenever a creamery man comes along who will establish the plant. The farmers realize that the raising of alfalfa hay is no longer profitable since the cattle have been shipped out and they are anxious to have some means whereby they can get ready money for what they raise and believe the establishment of a creamery would solve that problem.

FRANK CHANCE



Frank L. Chance, now manager of the New York Yankees, who will get \$25,000 yearly salary.

SHORT LINE OFFICIALS BEING LET OUT BY O. W. R. & N.

Men coming in from the work on the Oregon and Eastern report that Short Line officials are being let out all along the work and men from the O. W. R. & N. company being installed. It is expected that an announcement will come from Portland in a few days stating the policy and conditions under which the road will be operated.

MR. HEALEY OF BONITA IS A VISITOR IN THIS CITY

Thos. Healey, of Bonita, was in Ontario Tuesday on his way east for a visit. Mr. Healey says his section is very much handicapped by the road land in that valley. The vacant lands include the alternate sections and cannot be purchased or improved and afford a shelter for the rabbits which are so thick they destroy all crops. If the coyotes were left alone for a few years they would be of great benefit to the settlers and range men by destroying the rabbits.

MARSHAL ODELL PICKS UP DESERTER FROM U. S. ARMY

Marshal Odell picked up Henry W. Colburn here Tuesday, who proved to be a deserter from the U. S. army from the Cheyenne post. He took him to Boise and turned him over to the army people. Colburn said he was glad it was over with as he has been in hot water ever since he deserted last August.

THIRTEEN BILLS ARE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

Present Session Making Good Progress--Office of State Land Board Abolished--Both Houses Agree to Introduce No New Measures After the 25th Day.

Salem.—The progress made during the third week of the legislative session seems to indicate that members of the legislature are trying to live up to their voluntary pledges to get down to serious work early in the session and keep at it and thus avoid the congestion of business witnessed during the closing hours of previous sessions. The early and diligent attention to business, however, has to some extent been offset by the large volume of business and poor work on the part of some of the committees, necessitating referring back to them many bills.

With the legislative session half through, the members of both branches find themselves farther along in their work than has marked any previous session, it is said. The amount of routine work accomplished is enormous, despite frequent snappy debates over the passage of bills.

Both houses have agreed to forbid the introduction of bills after the twenty-fifth day of the session, except upon consent of three-fourths of the body in which a bill is offered.

The close of the third week of the session finds 42 senate bills passed by the senate and 56 house bills passed by the house, with 13 bills that have gone through both houses approved by the governor. So far there have been no vetoes.

In the house the total number of bills presented is 433, where two have been voted down, 13 have been withdrawn and 15 indefinitely postponed, in addition to the 56 that have passed. In the senate 10 bills have been defeated on roll call, eight have been withdrawn, 12 indefinitely postponed, and 42 passed, out of 219 introduced.

No Bills Carry Emergency Clause None of the bills carry an emergency clause and will not become laws until 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative assembly.

Probably the most important bill so far signed is that abolishing the office of state land agent.

Another act of some import is one providing that a wife deserter who is convicted shall be compelled to work on the county roads for the time for which he has been sentenced, and that the county shall pay his family \$1 a day for each such day worked.

Appropriations Have Light Week Appropriation requests made during the third week of the legislative session reached a total of \$647,415, by far the lightest week so far. This brings the total of requests up to \$4,196,263, and not a general appropriation bill even in sight. This makes it certain that the amount of the requests will go well up to the \$9,000,000 mark.

This week will tell the story as to what anxious taxpayers may expect in regard to appropriations. It should be remembered, in this regard, that many appropriation measures are duplicated in senate and house and that many bills intended to assist in emptying the state coffers will be killed. The sum total, in any event, must be larger than it was at the last session on account of the money which should be expended in adequately advertising the resources of Oregon at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and at the San Diego Exposition and also for a comprehensive system of building and maintaining highways.

Contest on State Printer is Started. The expected state printer fight has appeared in the legislature. Only the skirmish line was thrown out, but that it will be a fight was indicated by the appearance of three bills, two of them identical, but these two diametrically opposed to the third. One, introduced by Abbott, is to repeal the flat salary law of 1911, which is due to become

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COUNTY COURT HOLDS A VERY BUSY SESSION

Matters of Importance to Malheur County Determined--Bonds Accepted and Tax Levies Made--Road Viewers Appointed

In the matter of levying special tax for the cities of Vale, Ontario, Nyssa, and Jordan Valley, the following taxes made by the towns and approved by the court:

Town.	Mills.
City of Vale	25.0
City of Ontario	9.9
City of Nyssa	13.0
City of Jordan Valley	5.0

In the matter of levying taxes for the general fund of the county, state fund, special road fund, general school fund, and county school library fund. The following levies were made by the court for the year 1913:

Fund.	Mills.
General county fund	7.2
County school fund	1.9
State fund	0.8
Library fund	0.1
Total	10.0

In the matter of the appointment of two road viewers for Malheur county, S. R. Copeland and F. M. Vines appointed.

In the matter of the selection of the Official County Paper for the year 1913, the Ontario Democrat selected.

In the matter of the appointment of school trustee officer for Malheur county, G. S. Rigby of Jamieson appointed.

In the matter of the official bonds of different officers elected Nov. 5, 1912, same were approved as follows:

- John P. Houston, county clerk.
 - D. H. Kerfoot, sheriff and tax collector.
 - J. Ralph Weaver, county treasurer.
 - L. E. Hill, assessor.
 - James F. Miller, county surveyor.
 - R. O. Payne, coroner.
 - A. R. Macpherson, school superintendent.
 - J. J. Boydell, justice of the peace for Nyssa district.
 - Harry Butler, constable for Nyssa district.
 - Z. G. Wilson, justice of the peace for Vale district.
 - John E. Holly, justice of the peace for Big Bend district.
 - Lee Noe, constable for Ontario district.
 - G. L. King, justice of the peace for Ontario district.
 - Gus F. Friesz, justice of the peace for Junction precinct.
 - R. H. Wilkerson, justice of the peace for Summit precinct.
 - D. T. Breedlove, justice of the peace for Brogan district.
- In the matter of the resignation of W. G. Thomas as justice of the peace for Snake River precinct, resignation accepted.

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CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION WILL OCCUR FRIDAY

The election to enable the council to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city will be held Friday. Turn out and vote so the council will know how you feel about the proposition.

WELLS-FARGO PEOPLE BUY TWO CAR LOADS OF HORSES

Ed Stewart, of San Francisco, who has the contract to furnish the Wells-Fargo people with horses purchased a couple of car loads here this week. The demand is for the heavier horses, but he purchased some of medium weight.

WM. C. EUSTIS



William C. Eustis, chairman of the committee in charge of the ceremonies to inaugurate Woodrow Wilson President.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS SHOW GOOD INCREASE OVER 1912

The postoffice receipts for January show a nice increase over the same month last year and the last quarter of 1912, was well over the same quarter of 1911, proving beyond question that the business of the city is growing in a healthy, substantial manner.

ANNUAL LIBRARY BALL WILL OCCUR NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The library ball, the annual social event that is looked forward to with much interest, will be held in the new hall in the Wilson building on Tuesday, February 11. Tickets are on sale at the drug stores.

TAX IS LEVIED BY COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY HERE

At the council meeting Monday night an ordinance was passed providing for a one mill tax to support a library here, until such time as the sum raised amounts to \$1500 then the surplus to go to the general fund. Mr. Carnegie requires only ten per cent of the cost of a library building to be provided for maintenance so that the allowance would be more than ample for the \$10,000 building contemplated. Ontario needs a good building to house the library and the addition of a building would stimulate the interest in the library movement.

COUNCIL HOLDS ITS REGULAR SESSION

Monday Night--Judges and Clerks Appointed For Special Election

The regular monthly session of the city council was held Monday evening. The I. & E. bakery applied for permit to erect a concrete building in the rear of their bakery. The usual liquor licenses were issued.

The city officers made their reports. A resolution was read declaring the intention of the council to build 14 foot concrete sidewalks on east side of Main street from the corner of Washington south to Colorado and March 3 was set as date of presenting remonstrances.

It was ordered that Morton street be improved between Iowa and Washington avenues.

An ordinance was passed creating a library fund and providing for its maintenance.

Election judges and clerks were appointed as follows: judges, A. M. Lackey, W. J. Pinney and J. P. Steuber; clerks, C. M. Stearus and L. J. Chapman.

Councilman Fraser suggested an inspection of the electric wiring throughout the city and the city attorney was instructed to get copies of ordinances covering such matters.

It was ordered that where a team is employed to get the hose truck to a fire that the driver be paid \$5.00 for such service.

STEEL IS LAID HALF WAY TO HOMEDALE

Much New Territory to be Opened For Ontario Merchants

The steel is being put down on the track from Nyssa to Homedale very rapidly and is now over half laid and will soon reach Homedale, when the gravel trains will be put to work ballasting the track and putting it in shape for heavy traffic. This shortens the distance from Jordan Valley to the railroad, a distance of several miles and saves the teamster three days and expense of ferrage over the Snake river. It should enable our merchants to materially reduce the price on goods.—Jordan Valley Express.

This will open new territory for the Ontario merchants which should not be overlooked. The Jordan Valley is a rich section and commands a trade worth going after. The road being built west of Ontario is also changing conditions. A few years ago all that trade naturally came to Ontario, then the railroad was opened to Vale and the trade was split up, and now that the road has been extended the trade will again come to Ontario if the merchants want it bad enough to go after it.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO GIVE THEIR ANNUAL DINNER

The high school girls will give their annual dinner on Saturday from 5 to 8 p. m. in the room west of the M. M. company store, formerly occupied by the Annex cafe. A four course dinner for 50 cents is what the pupils will have for you. The girls will expect you.