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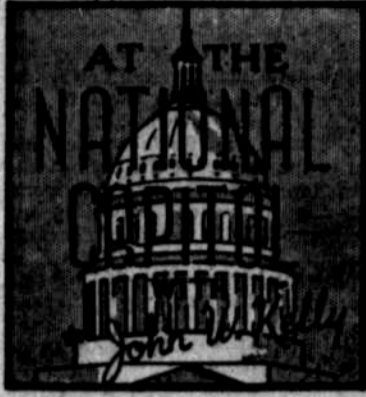
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Efforts to have the government construct a breakwater at Port Orford will be laid before the board of army engineers at a meeting January 29, at which time arguments will be presented by Rep. James W. Mott and Sen. Charles L. McNary. The district engineer's report will be under consideration at that time.

There was a scare in the agricultural areas of the Pacific northwest when Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace issued his new farm program. One rule is that loans will not be allowed for farmers with one cash crop, this restriction being intended to encourage diversification. This is the rule to apply to FSA loans and was so declared, but wheat growers, hop growers and other who specialize in one crop (farmers not connected with FSA at all) had the idea it affected them. Telegrams and letters were rushed to members of the Oregon and Washington delegations in protest.

Among other matters affecting the northwest in the present congressional session is Wallace's plan for a certificate program to aid in parity payments. The plan has been meeting with objection from Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau, although it does not take a nickel out of the treasury. Farmers, says Wallace, are now getting only 75 per cent of parity and the certificate plan will materially aid in bridging the gap.

That the consumer need have no fear, Wallace explains that even at parity prices the average cost of wheat in an eight or ten cent loaf of bread is only 1.8 cents. This would be 0.7 cent more per loaf of bread than in October, 1939, when the average farm price of wheat was 70.3 cents. The certificate plan is needed, asserts Wallace, to protect farm income, the soil, the consumer and national income.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation received a shock a few days ago. The board was in session and about to approve a loan of \$275,000 to PUD, No. 2, Pacific county, Washington, when a wire was handed the members thanking the board for its consideration but explaining that PUD No. 2 had closed a deal to obtain its finances from Wall street. This was the first public utility district to reach the point of borrowing government money to function. Other districts may now make application.

Government officials have refused a request from religious groups that when the census is taken every person be asked if he or she believes in God. A second question, also rejected, was, "If you do not belong to a church, what church would you prefer if you joined any?" Statistics have been gathered by the census on the number belonging to the various denominations, but officials hold that it is not the government's business to inquire into whether an individual is a Christian or pagan.

FWA announces that it has aided education in Oregon and Washington substantially. In Oregon it has had 136 school projects, making loans of \$1,405,050 and giving grants of \$5,203,504. In Washington there were 166 projects, with loans of \$435,000 and grants of \$7,030,870.

"Use" taxes, such as Washington state collects from persons who buy outside the state to avoid the sales tax, will be cited as one of the barriers between states in the general investigation of this subject. Eighteen states have "use" taxes. Other barriers to be probed are the quarantine stations set up by California on all roads leading into that state; tobacco taxes (in 20 states) which are resulting in bootlegging tobacco; the preference given to local

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of January 9, 1920)

Yesterday was road day at the County court and two resolutions were adopted to start work on two roads. The most important was the North Bank road down the Coquille from Greenpoint on the Coquille-Marshfield road down Beaver Slough and following the line of the upland from the Phillips' ranch five miles below this city to the Pomeroy ranch three miles below Lamps. The other was a road up the South Fork from Powers about two and a half miles to the line of the Siskiyou National Forest.

The first game on the schedule of the Coquille high school basketball team will be played this evening at Bandon. The five who will probably play against Bandon are John and Will Oerding, Sam Arnold, Irving Lamb and Lowell Simpson.

The County court yesterday expressed itself as ready to go ahead with the construction of the river bridge at Coquille. It will not be a high bridge but will cross the railroad at grade. Even then except during freshets it is thought the draw will have to be opened only for the Dispatch and Telegraph, of all the craft now plying the river.

Last Saturday Lamb & Johnson received a car of Studebaker Special Sixes direct from the factory. J. E. Norton and C. T. Skeels each purchased one of these handsome cars.

Tomorrow evening the school board will open bids for the construction of the new high school building.

By the close vote of 5 to 4 the United States Supreme Court decides

products for state institutions in 28 states; a preferential given to local bidders (Oregon), and state residents favored over out-state in the matter of public employment.

Wildlife division in the national park service (Crater Lake, Rainier, Olympic) have been transferred to the biological survey, the organization known to every sportsman, farmer and stockman. Chief of the survey is Ira Gabrielson, formerly in the field in Oregon and Washington.

Offered for the Congressional Record shortly will be a list of scores of items which have been placed on the embargo list by Britain and France, although they are in the reciprocal trade agreements between the United States and those nations. Included will be such Pacific Northwest products as apples, pears, prunes, wool, salmon. A British buying commission is now in the national capital arranging for using American vessels (changing registry to British Columbia) to transport several million feet of lumber to England. The lumber is to be supplied by British Columbia mills.

Latest discovery by the department of agriculture scientists is a spray which will prevent apples from dropping before harvest. They claim that the fruit acquires a finer flavor from the spray.



Friends of Dan Fry, state purchasing agent, are urging his appointment to the post of director of the Federal Housing Administration for Oregon, to succeed the late Jamieson Parker of Portland. Fry, reputedly slated to lose his state job to a republican, admits that he is "interested," although denying that he has been actively seeking the federal post.

The rumor of Fry's ouster persists in capitol circles although first reports that he was to be replaced by the first of the year did not materialize, probably because the two republican members on the Board of Control—Governor Sprague and Secretary of State Snell—have not been able to agree on his successor, both of these officials having their own candidate for this lucrative post which carries with it a salary of \$5300 a year.

A new rumor gaining circulation this week has it that Fry may be retained as chief deputy to the Board of Control secretary—whoever that may be—assigned to control over the purchasing division. Should such an arrangement materialize it would mean a reorganization of the purchasing staff and probably the release of one of the three assistants now devoting full time to state purchases.

Unable to agree on a state forester

that the Volstead act, which declares that all liquor containing more than half of one per cent of alcohol intoxicating, is constitutional. Thus another nail is driven in John Barleycorn's coffin and property in liquor is brought nearer the vanishing point.

Mayor James Couzens, of Detroit, is quoted as saying: "I have never been a teetotaler. I have voted wet. But if another election were held now I would vote dry. I believe Detroit would. Prohibition has been a revelation. It has upset all the alarmist predictions of the wets and more than sustained all the rosiest predictions of the drys."

Coos Bay led all the ports on the Pacific coast in lumber shipments during the last half of December. Her total was 4,850,000 feet, Aberdeen with 2,570,000 coming next.

The prevalence of smallpox in other towns in the county now suggests extra precautions here to prevent the disease getting a foothold.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank stockholders met yesterday and re-elected the old board of directors, viz.: J. E. Norton, C. J. Fuhrman, Jno. E. Ross, L. L. Turner and J. W. Miller.

The past two nights have given us bright moonlight followed by clear frosty mornings, which so many people find bracing. It is the peak of the winter now and thick ice is forming, while the ground is slightly crusted with frost.

Chinese eggs have arrived in Portland to compete with the Oregon product. In Seattle Japanese and Australian eggs are in abundance.

to succeed J. W. Ferguson, resigned, the state board of forestry, meeting in Salem Friday called in Carl L. Davis, Coos county logging operator and lumberman, to take over the affairs of the department temporarily. Davis, 54, and a republican, came to Oregon 25 years ago from Minnesota and has been engaged in the lumber and logging business in Coos and Linn counties ever since. Governor Sprague in announcing the selection of Davis as temporary head of the forestry department declared that he was not an applicant for the job and was not aware that the board was considering him until he was notified by telephone following adjournment of the meeting here.

Oregon industries have experienced their best year in a decade judged by records of the State Industrial Accident commission. Reports to the commission indicate that 1939 industrial payrolls in this state will total approximately \$148,000,000, an increase of \$11,000,000 over 1938 and setting a new 10-year record.

Talk may be cheap but residents of Oregon paid a total of \$70,326,759 in telephone rentals and tolls during 1938, according to reports compiled by Public Utilities Commissioner Bean. Bean's report shows that of every dollar collected by the telephone utilities 14.44 cents was paid out for taxes.

When Uncle Sam attempted to collect \$289.75 in gasoline refunds by arbitrarily deducting the amount from a check sent the state in payment of grazing fees, State Treasurer Pearson sent the check right back with a vigorous protest. In the first place Pearson points out, there is serious question as to the validity of the claim of the federal government for gasoline tax refunds inasmuch as the gasoline on which the tax was paid was used in privately owned automobiles operated in government service and on which the government was paying mileage. In the second place, Pearson explains, there is no gasoline tax funds against which the claim of the federal government lies, if any, and the grazing fees which go to the several counties containing grazing areas and not to the state at all. Pearson has asked Senator Chas. L. McNary to carry his protest to the comptroller general of the United States.

Administration supporters are experiencing considerable difficulty in justifying the employment of Captain Leo G. Devaney as director of aeronautics in view of the recent action of Governor Sprague in ousting the old board of aeronautics when they defied his demand that the post, then occupied by Allan Greenwood, a democrat, be abolished as a sinecure.

Members of the new aeronautics board explain that Devaney will be a "director" of aeronautics and not an "inspector" as was Greenwood. His entire time will be devoted to promoting the aviation industry in Oregon. "Inspection" of planes for which state licenses are sought will be handled by federally certified me-

chanics and at the expense of the owner of the plant. Devaney's employment, it is further explained, is only for a probationary period of 90 days. His retention following the end of that period will depend upon results. Furthermore the new "director" of aeronautics will receive a salary of only \$200 a month for full time work, as compared to the \$350 received by Greenwood.

Governor Sprague himself had no comment to make upon Devaney's employment except to explain that he had asked his new board to investigate the need for a director of aeronautics and that he was willing to bow to their judgment.

The State Unemployment Commission has fixed the "adequate reserve" for the jobless insurance fund at \$6,000,000. This figure represents a compromise between the \$3,500,000 urged by employer-contributors to the fund and the \$12,000,000 to \$18,000,000 maximum insisted upon by employee-beneficiaries. The "adequate reserve" which is subject to change up or down at the discretion of the commission, will be used as a gauge in determining the approach of emergency conditions justifying a readjustment of benefit payments to temporarily unemployed workers.

Fifteen Oregon counties share in the allocation of state funds for predatory animal control during 1940, just announced by J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture. The largest amount, \$2000, goes to Grant county. Other counties sharing in the allocation include: Sherman county, \$600; Wasco, \$1000; Wheeler, \$1000; Malheur, \$750; and Marion, \$500. The allocation is based upon the necessity for control work in each of the counties and upon county cooperation in the work.

The proposed improvement of Front street in Portland will cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, according to estimates now being prepared by engineers of the state highway department. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, describes the proposed improvement as Portland's "most desirable immediate need."

Reaching an all-time high of \$66,062,810 on January 1, 1928, Oregon's bonded debt load is now down to \$38,706,085, according to State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson. Offsetting assets of approximately \$20,000,000 reduce the state's net outstanding debt to only \$18,500,000. These assets include cash in sinking funds, mortgages given to secure soldiers' bonus loans and property taken over by the state to protect its interest in defaulted loans.

The state tax commission started the new year by mailing out income tax blanks to the 150,000 individuals and corporations whose earnings during the past year are subject to taxation. Returns on 1939 incomes are to be filed with the Tax Commission by April 1.

Program Church Convention

The County Convention of the Churches of Christ will be held at North Bend January 9, for which C. Adrian Sias, chairman of the program committee has arranged the following for the day:

Dr. T. M. White, minister of Myrtle Point, will act as chairman of the day, in the absence of Mr. Sias.

Convention theme will be: "Alive in Christ." Convention text: Romans 6.

The morning devotions, at 10:30 o'clock, will be led by Myrtle Point.

At 10:45 a. m., Jacob Moomaw, minister, of Empire, at present supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church of North Bend, will speak on the subject: "Shall we continue in Sin?" Rom. 6:1.

At 11:15 a. m., Dr. White will lead in a round table discussion.

At 11:45 a. m., appointment of committee by Mrs. T. M. White, president of the convention, and dismissal to basket dinner.

Reports of the various churches will be made at the tables.

Reconvening at 1:45 the song service will be in charge of the Myrtle Point church.

2:00 p. m., Sermon by Mr. J. R. Adams, minister, "Servants of Christ." Rom. 6:17.

2:30 p. m. Business session.

3:00 p. m., Devotions, Marshfield Church.

7:30 p. m., Sermon, Mr. Joel Benton, Marshfield minister, "The Free Gift of God," Rom. 6:23.

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THIS CHANGING WORLD

I take up the new year as I look
 Into my hands a great kaleidoscope.
 Its elemental factors never change.
 Only the combinations rearrange

Into new forms before me as I look.
 What will a year—what will a day—uncover?
 The pattern is a perfect pattern always,
 And chaos is but flux in the design.

Even as snowflakes draw to given line
 And the loved cell toward its destined lover.
 So shall the nations, visioned thru the glass
 Of God's intention, from it never erring.

As new forms rise, as old forms pass away,
 Thru death, as life, a certain law obey
 Which orders all the moving of the mass:
 A Law which says, "My will shall come to pass!"

—Frances Holmstrom

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Gladys C. Gano, administratrix of the estate of John Alexander Yates, deceased, has filed her final account in the matter of the administration thereof in the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, on the 14th day of December, 1939, and said Court has set Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., at the County Court Room in the Court House in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement and distribution of said estate.

December 21, 1939. Gladys C. Gano, Administratrix

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Etta A. Waterman, deceased, said estate should present the same, duly verified, to me at the law office of Harry A. Slack, in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this Notice.

DATED This 21st day of December, 1939. Andrew J. Waterman, Executor of the estate of Etta A. Waterman, deceased

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