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COUNTY LEAGUE WILL BE FORMED

County Committee to Meet With Taxpayers at Pendleton Tomorrow.

Taxpayers of Umatilla county will meet in Pendleton tomorrow to perfect the organization of a tax conservation league following the request of Governor Meier for action upon the tax problem. The county committee, consisting of E. B. Aldrich and James Johns of Pendleton and M. L. Watts of Athena, decided upon this move at a meeting last week, when the following call was issued:

To the People of Umatilla County: In compliance with the request of the State Tax Conservation League, recently formed at the instance of Governor Julius Meier, a county wide taxpayers league is to be formed at a meeting to be held in the circuit court room at the court house in Pendleton at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, July 25. All taxpayers of the county are invited to attend the meeting. In addition it is especially requested that representatives be present from the following:

Umatilla county court.
All the towns of Umatilla county.
All the school districts of the county.

All grange organizations desiring to be represented.

It is requested that the executive officers of the various organizations referred to take the responsibility of seeing that their districts or organizations are represented.

E. B. ALDRICH,
JAMES JOHNS,
M. L. WATTS.

Umatilla county Tax conservation committee appointed by Governor Meier.

Leslie M. Scott, president of the recently formed Oregon Tax Conservation and Equalization League, will come up from Portland to attend the meeting.

At the meeting of the state executive committee held in Portland, Saturday the following recommendations were adopted in the form of a resolution.

Resolved, That we recommend the enactment of legislation, subject to existing constitutional limitations as to power districts and incorporated cities and towns, vesting in the State Tax Commission, acting jointly with a county tax commission, consisting of three members in each county, to be appointed by the governor and to serve without compensation, regulatory control over budgets, tax levies and proposed future bond issues of the several municipalities of the state; and be it further

Resolved, That inasmuch as, under existing constitutional powers vested in the people or the Legislative Assembly, a larger measure of effective control over municipal tax levies and bond issues may be provided by general law, we do not deem it expedient at this time to recommend any constitutional changes; and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend a thirty-three and one-third per cent reduction in automobile license fees, and an increase of one cent a gallon in the tax on gasoline effective July 1, 1932; and be it further

Resolved, That Governor Meier give serious consideration to the expediency of calling an extraordinary session of the Legislative Assembly to consider legislation designed to carry these recommendations into effect; and be it further

Resolved, That we strongly urge upon each of the municipalities of the state and the officers thereof, a vigorous policy of economy, retrenchment and tax reduction, to the end that, if possible, at least a twenty (20) per cent reduction in taxes for the current year will be made, and that taxpayers' leagues throughout the state and in each county and tax levying district, be organized and maintained for the purpose of studying the problems of public economy, tax reform and reduction, and through their active and constant vigilance aid in securing a businesslike economy in the expenditure of public funds, to the end that the inordinate property tax burdens now resting upon the people and property of the state may be diminished.

Lotus Pickers; Few Berries
According to reports, there were more pickers in the Blue Mountains east of Athena Sunday, than there were huckleberries. However, the hundreds of people who motored to the Blues for the day's outing, were away from the heat in the valley where the mercury soared around the 100 mark.

Tomato Crop Good
Tomatoes are rolling out of the Walla Walla valley at the rate of several carloads a day. The quality is good but so far the growers have had no prices quoted on their shipments.

Columbia River Boat with Cargo of Wheat Sinks

The Dalles.—The first Columbia river cargo of wheat to leave The Dalles this season, lies in the hold of the steamboat Cowlitz in 50 feet of water at the bottom of the river, five miles west of The Dalles. The Cowlitz was swamped by waves in a wind storm Monday, which flooded her engine room and caused her cargo to shift, sending the craft under.

Captain J. W. Exon, 66, and his crew of eleven men, were rescued. The cargo and ship was insured.

What turn salvage operations would take was a matter of conjecture as the depth of the water rendered operations difficult. Captain Exon said he did not believe it possible to salvage the ship.

The Cowlitz had left down from The Dalles with the first cargo of what was to be an extensive movement of wheat by water. Captain Exon said he had arranged with pools for several cargoes.

A sudden west wind blew up, whipping the usually calm waters to combers the size of sea waves. Old-timers on the river said it was an unusually terrific blow. Captain Exon tried to beach his craft in a small cove on the Washington side, but as he headed the boat she fell in the trough and a large wave washed over her low sides, flooding the engine room. The crew started to jump. Another wave pounded on the deck and the ship keeled.

Boats put out from shore quickly, and the crew of the Cowlitz were picked up. Some were hanging to pieces of the deck equipment.

Captain Exon declared the storm was the most severe he ever saw in his 45 years of steaming experience. He said neither he nor the crew suffered any ill effects from being thrown in the water.

Good Fortune Falls to Reeve Betts in East
Word has been received from Reeve Betts who is studying medicine at Harvard that he is in line for the Isaac Sweetzer scholarship of \$450 for next year. He has received notification from the chairman of the scholarship board of his good fortune, and assurance that as soon as certain formalities have been completed, that the scholarship will be his. This is one of the largest to be presented and Mr. Betts is to be congratulated upon the award.

At present he is doing laboratory work in the New England Deaconess hospital and also has charge of a desk at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Both of these positions will be open to Mr. Betts during the school year and will aid materially in defraying his expenses.

Pea Seed Cleaning Plant Opens Work on New Crop
About forty girls and women are employed at the local pea cleaning plant, and about half as many were seeking positions when operations began on Tuesday morning when operations began on the new crop.

It is thought that the present supply of peas to be sorted will last at least three weeks, with perhaps a longer run. On account of the demand for work there is great competition among those who are employed and a higher standard of speed and efficiency is being set as a result.

The sorted peas will be used for seed and those discarded for this purpose will be ground and used for feed.

Vets Give Endorsement
Further indorsement of Roseburg as the new soldiers' home site, commendation of the Sabler club activities by C. A. Townsend of Portland, endeavors to make pension requirements easier, listening to reports that showed 22 camps in Oregon, 29 veterans dead the past year, and other routine business occupied the attention of the Spanish-American War Veterans' convention at La Grande Tuesday.

Wheat Advance
Wheat took a turn for the better Tuesday at Chicago and recorded an advance of nearly two cents. Strength of prices was largely due to word that the United States had presented to the London international conference, a plan for maintenance of American bank credits in Germany, provided big banks of other countries did likewise.

Mercury Runs High
Monday was the hottest day of the season in Athena, when thermometers scored as high as 109. The bulb in The Press office sent the red fluid up to the 102 mark during the afternoon. Pendleton was also hot at 110 and La Grande sweltered at 107, the highest heat record ever established there.

U. of O. Has Youngest Law School Dean



WAYNE L. MORSE CHARLES L. CARPENTER

Wayne L. Morse, professor of law at the University of Oregon for the past two years, has been appointed by the board of higher education as dean of the law school, succeeding Dean Charles L. Carpenter, who will leave at the end of the term to accept a professorship of law at the University of Southern California. Dean Morse is the youngest dean of a university law school in the country.

University of Oregon, Eugene — Wayne L. Morse, professor of law for the past two years at the University of Oregon, has been appointed dean, following the resignation of Dean Charles L. Carpenter, who goes to the University of Southern California, it is announced here by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president.

Dean Morse will be the youngest dean of any university law school in the country, as he is but 30 years old, although both his teaching and research have already made him nationally known. Dean Carpenter came to the University in 1922 from Topeka, Kansas, where he served as dean of the law school of Washburn college. In 1927 he became dean here, and under his direction, the law school has made steady and consistent progress. He is regarded as an authority on

many phases of law, and he has published widely. His resignation from the faculty here is regarded as a distinct loss, not only to the school but to the legal profession of Oregon as well.

After extensive experience at the University of Minnesota, Dean Morse came here in 1929, highly recommended by many outstanding educators. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin, was awarded the degree of bachelor of laws from the University of Minnesota in 1925, and has completed his work for the degree of doctor of jurisprudence from Columbia. He has lately finished outstanding research in the field of crime, and as director of the Oregon Crime Survey and through his work on the survey of the grand jury he has achieved national attention.

State Board of Control Fires Howard, Head of State School for Blind

Salem.—The state board of control has voted to dismiss J. W. Howard, superintendent of the state school for the blind, and his staff, effective August 15, and elected Walter C. Dry to the superintendency.

Dry is a member of the staff of the Washington State School for the Blind at Vancouver. The motion to dismiss Howard and elect Dry was offered by Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, and passed unanimously.

Holman said the change was designed for the welfare of the children and charged that the blind school has been operated "on an institutional rather than on an educational basis."

Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, agreed at once to the dismissal of Howard, but held up his vote for a short time on the matter of electing Dry, on the grounds that he did not know him, and that he was not an Oregon man. Hoss asked whether it was necessary to go out of the state to get a superintendent.

"The board of control has been severely criticised for going outside Oregon for executive heads," Hoss said, and if it were possible to stay within the state, he said, he would much prefer to do so. Holman replied he had considered the matter for several months, and that this technical position was hard to fill. On the recommendations of Governor Meier and Holman, Dry's election was approved by Hoss.

In addition to his residence at the institution, Dry will receive a salary of \$1500 a year, the same as now paid Howard.

Would Limit to \$3
A preliminary petition for an initiative measure to limit state license fees on all automobiles and trucks to \$3, has been filed with Secretary of State Hal Hoss by H. H. Stallard, Portland. The petition was forwarded to the attorney-general for a ballot title. Completed petitions bearing 17,088 names of registered voters must be filed with the secretary of state by July 8 next year if the measure is to be placed on the 1932 ballot.

Couple Found Dead
Dead from three weeks to a month, Mr. and Mrs. William Ross of Union were found in their closed automobile Sunday night by sheepmen near Ponderosa. It was believed they had stopped their car in the timber, neglecting to shut off the engine, and were asphyxiated by the car gases. The bodies were taken to La Grande Monday. The family had lived at Union several years.

Fire at Campbell Ranch
The East Oregonian reports a grain fire on the Rufus Campbell ranch north of Pendleton, when 57 sacks of grain were destroyed. Standing grain was saved by prompt action of ranchers in the vicinity. The loss was covered by insurance. The ranch is farmed by L. Geinger.

Bees Sting; Woman in Bed
Mrs. Harry Chadsey of Walla Walla is in bed as the result of an attack on her by a swarm of bees. A girl, June Stewart, who came to Mrs. Chadsey's aid was also severely stung.

Miss Gilliam Visits
Miss Grace Gilliam, former treasurer of Umatilla county, now residing at Salem, visited relatives last week at her old home, the Gilliam-McBrown ranch, near Pilot Rock.

Calves Came Home
When H. B. Miller of Bellingham, found four of his nine Jersey calves missing from his barn, he didn't call the sheriff. He didn't have to. Miller took a shotgun and visited all his neighbors, told them about the theft, and explained at length what he would do when he found the culprit. When he returned to feed the other five calves, the missing four were there.

A Hoosier Picnic
The Hoosiers and ex-Hoosiers of Milton-Freewater communities will hold a regular Hoosier picnic in Milton city park, in the near future.

Athena Golf Club Organized, Officers Are Elected

A group of fifteen golf enthusiasts met at the office of B. B. Richards, Monday night and organized what is to be known as the Athena Golf Club. The officers elected are: president, Gordon M. Watkins; vice-president, E. C. Prestby; secretary treasurer, Fred Kershaw.

A grounds committee was appointed, comprising the following members: Laurence Pinkerton, chairman; W. P. Littlejohn and Henry Dell. Plans for a tournament were discussed and the following standing committee appointed, Justin Harwood, chairman, Penn Harris and D. A. Lowe.

It was decided to place a box at the links in which members may deposit their score cards for the next fortnight in order that an average may be taken and handicaps given.

At present there are 36 members in the club and a number of other players are showing great interest. Early morning hours and the cool evenings are popular playing periods on account of the recent hot spell.

Equestriennes To Be a Feature of Round-Up as Greeters to the Visitors

Pendleton.—The directors of the Pendleton Round-Up is this year planning a new feature for the show, and one which will bring in the entire district where girls are noted for their horsemanship. The officials plan to have a group of from 50 to 60 girl riders here for the Round-Up to act as greeters for trains, auto caravans and to ride in the parades and add much color to the events.

Under the direction of George Strand, non-competitive director, and John Hales, parade director, arrangements are being worked out to have the girls from the various communities in Umatilla, Morrow, Grant and Gilliam counties enter this feature. A committee has been named to get in touch with equestriennes regarding the event.

Girls will be responsible for their horses and saddles and riding attire, this latter feature to be decided later, and the Round-Up will provide barn space and feed for the horses. Stock saddles will likely be used as most of the women riders in the region use this type of saddle.

The officials are selecting a list of chaperones to be in charge of the riders during their stay here, and Mrs. W. D. McNary, Mrs. Herb Thompson, Mrs. Berkeley Davis, Miss Kathleen McClintock, Mrs. James Sturgis, and Mrs. Elmer McCormack have been named.

The committee to get in touch with women riders is composed of: Lowell Stockman, Helix; Charles Hoskins, Buck Lueallien, John Kilkenny and Ronald Rev, Pendleton; Marion Hansell, Athena; Laurence Lueallien, Adams; Kyle Guarrant, Holman; Joe Cunha, Jr., and Manuel Cunha of Echo; Amy Bergevin, Heppner; Frank Price, Weston; Robert Bond, Ukiah; Walter Bonifer, Gibbon; Clyde Cheshire, Milton-Freewater; Bill Switzer, Umatilla; Henry Casteel, Meacham; Vic Bracher, Pilot Rock; Jack Biggs, Hermiston and Stanfield.

Oxman, Main Witness in Mooney Bombing Case Dead at Durkee Home

Durkee, Or.—Frank C. Oxman, the "honest cattleman," who testified against Tom Mooney in the San Francisco bombing trials and later was tried for subornation of perjury, died Wednesday at his ranch home near here.

Oxman has remained much in seclusion since his startling appearance at the trial of Mooney 15 years ago and at his own trial that followed.

Oxman gave positive testimony that he saw Mooney and Warren K. Billings place a suitcase on the sidewalk at Market and Steuart streets, San Francisco, a few moments before the explosion. Largely on the strength of this statement Mooney was convicted of murder and sentenced to hang.

Shortly afterward Mooney's defense showed Oxman had written to Frank E. Rigall of Grayville, Ill., asking him to support the suitcase testimony. Rigall testified to this letter before the grand jury and Oxman was indicted for subornation of perjury. Then the defense offered evidence purporting that Oxman was in Woodland, not San Francisco, when the explosion occurred, and Oxman was accused of perjury.

Oxman was tried and acquitted on the subornation charge and the perjury case was dismissed without trial. Mooney and Billings are still in prison, although revelations in the Oxman case indirectly resulted in a commutation of Mooney's sentence to life imprisonment.

Weston Boy Is Killed When Tunnel Caves in

While at play in a tunnel they had excavated in the creek bank at Weston, Donald Ward, 12, and Virgil Grover, 14, were buried when their excavation caved in shortly before the noon hour yesterday.

When they were rescued the Ward boy was dead from suffocation and young Grover recovered shortly after being removed.

The accident was discovered by a lad who had been sent after the Ward boy, and he gave the alarm. It is not known how long the cave in took place before the third boy arrived on the scene. The Ward boy was near to the entrance and one of his legs protruded from the dirt. The Grover lad was found further in the cave, but fortunately pieces of sod protected his face from being entirely covered by the fine dirt and saved him from suffocation.

Willing hands worked over the Ward boy, but efforts to restore life were unavailing.

A Boisterous Party Ends in Three Arrests

As a result of a boisterous party late Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shigley, in the progress of which the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood was disturbed, police officer Miller arrested three of the participants, Shigley and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rothrock. Monday in Judge Richards' court Rothrock entered pleas of guilty to the charges against himself and wife. He was fined \$10 and costs and Mrs. Rothrock \$25 and costs.

Shigley did not appear in court and the judge entered a \$50 fine against him. It is reported that he lost his job at the Preston-Shaffer mill and left town before the hour set for his appearance in court.

Writes Nature Story

In the "Wild Life Lines" section of the Sunday Oregonian there appeared a very authentic and interesting story of the quail family from the pen of Mrs. Ralph McEwen, reporter for the Athena Press. Mrs. McEwen for some time has been considering feature story writing for metropolitan publications and the quail story is the first that she has written.

G. N. in California

Realizing a dream of Jim Hill, the Empire Builder, tracks of the Great Northern railroad entered California Monday afternoon when the huge track-laying machine dropped ties and rails across the Oregon-California line, 25 miles south of Klamath Falls.

Dry on Butter Creek

Old residents of the Butter Creek district in the west part of the county, say that it is dryer at this time than ever before in their memory. A short hay crop in their pastures for stock is being experienced there.

Vetoed Bills Are Expected to Come Up At Session

Salem.—Should the state legislature be called into extraordinary session by Governor Meier, as now seems likely, the lawmakers will find themselves confronted at the outset of the session with the ghosts of 30 of their measures passed at the regular session last winter but which fell by the wayside under the veto of the governor.

While there is no particular law on the subject governing the presentation of vetoed bills, there is ample precedent covering the presentation of these measures at a special session. The latest of these precedents is to be found in the case of the special session of 1921 when vetoed measures of the regular session held that same year were not only presented for consideration by the lawmakers, but were passed over the governor's veto.

Secretary of State Hoss said that acting under this precedent, he would send to the two houses the vetoed bills which are now in his possession. These include 20 bills vetoed in their entirety and five which underwent minor operations for extraction of items of which the governor did not approve. In addition to these 25 measures there are five vetoed bills which, together with their veto messages, still repose on the house desk where they were placed during the closing hours of the session and from which they were not resurrected before adjournment.

No Water for Pool

With depletion in the flow of water from the springs at the source of Athena's gravity water supply it has been found necessary to discontinue furnishing city water for the Legion swimming pool at the city park. The city water supply is now furnished almost exclusively from the well at the pumping station.

Harvest Is Well Under Way Here

Harvesting the 1931 wheat crop in the Athena-Weston section is progressing, with favorable weather conditions.

Much complaint is heard regarding numerous ditches in fields where heavy rains washed deep into the soil, making conditions bad for operating the big combines drawn by caterpillar tractors. In this respect, Homer Watts says that in all his farming experience he has never seen a harvest season harder on machinery. The Roy Cannon combine overturned in a ditch Monday. None of the crew was injured and fortunately only minor damage was done the machine which this season is being operated by Bill Hoggard.

With the advent of hot weather the grain is threshing much better and practically all machines in the neighborhood are in operation. In the Helix district grain in the swales is not fully ripe. Henry Koepke's outfit, threshing near Helix laid off for a part of the week on this account.

A forty bushel yield is frequently heard spoken of on the streets but coming down to tacks it is believed more yields are going way over forty than under. In light soil district north of Athena, indications point to a general average of 25 bushels per acre.

Harvest Notes

A hundred and ninety acre field on the Roy Cannon place north of town is cropping around 50 bushels per acre.

Wheat on Mrs. Lila Kirk's farm south of Athena averaged 42 bushels per acre.

W. S. Ferguson, who has a farm northeast of Athena, expects it and his home ranch south of town to yield around 40 bushels per acre. Mr. Ferguson has also a crop of peas that will soon be ready to harvest.

A field of 150 acres on the W. O. Read farm turned in 51½ bushels per acre.

The yield from 76 acres on the place farmed by Bruce Crawford, west of town, made 51 bushels per acre.

The top yield so far reported comes from the Frank Coppock place where a plot of 15 acres netted 62½ bushers per acre, as given by Farmers Grain Elevator company weights.

An Adams correspondent reports the wheat yield in the Adams neighborhood to be ranging from 40 to better than 50 bushels per acre.

The Read & Barrett threshing outfit has finished harvesting the Barrett crop north of town and moved to the A. L. Swaggart ranch.

Substation Completed At a Cost of \$12,000

The new 66,000 volt substation has been completed here by the Pacific Power & Light company at a cost of approximately \$12,000.

As stated in the Press during process of construction, the design of the new station is of modern outdoor type and is equipped with the latest approved protective devices.

Hereafter transmission of power for Athena and Weston will be independent of the substation at Pendleton and will tap 700 horse-power from the 66,000 volt highline which feeds through the local station, eliminating entirely several miles of 22,000 volt feeder line which formerly fed Athena from the Pendleton station.

The new service will greatly improve voltage for Athena and Weston and the elimination of the 22,000 line will be a protection against interruption experienced in the past, due to line trouble.

Irrigation Help Promised

Hope for a partial rehabilitation of the Burbank irrigation district in the west end of Walla Walla county was given to Dr. John W. Summers, representative in congress, by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, after a visit to the project. Dr. Summers announced. Surplus power at the Prosser dam on the Kennewick high line should be available to the Burbank area which for several years produced good crops but which has practically been abandoned because of water shortage in recent years.

Building Airplane

Two Pendleton men are building an airplane. The model is a Heath paratype and will be powered by a three cylinder Radio engine of 50 horsepower.

About 200 acres of standing wheat burned in the field of Levi Eldridge, near Pilot Rock, Saturday.