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OREGON SENATOR TO CALL FARMERS

McNary To Summon Farm Leaders to Washington for Conference.

The Oregon Journal has received advices from its Washington correspondent that leaders of farm organizations will be invited to Washington by Senator McNary to offer suggestions for possible legislation. The senator will send out invitations within two or three weeks. He is uncertain that anything may be done, but wishes to learn farm sentiment and discuss the outlook with groups and organizations.

Commending the president's plan for mobilization of frozen credits, he warned that this will be disappointing unless it is done in a broad way, so the benefits will extend to small banks and their clients.

Federal officials must be sympathetic to small units, he believes, or much criticism will result.

The senator is completing his plans for presentation of the Willamette river improvement before the river and harbor board next Monday and is starting letters to Republican senators looking toward committee assignments in his capacity as chairman of the committee on commerce.

McNary discussed with Major Stuart, national forester, the plans for road funds in national forests in Oregon in the next fiscal year, upon suggestion from Governor Meier that as a measure of unemployment relief the program is possible to be advanced.

Stuart advised him that upon action by congress one million two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars of federal funds will be ready for contract obligation on July first next.

District Convention
The district Rebekah convention will be held in Freewater, Monday, October 26, at which time delegates from lodges of Umatilla county will be in attendance. An elaborate program of entertainment has been prepared by the Freewater hostess lodge, Integrity No. 175. Mignonette lodge of Athena will have an important part in the program, and Mrs. Alta Michener and Mrs. Ada Montague have a duet number. Mrs. Maude Logsdon will be the outside guard during the convention. Mrs. Ethel Meldrum, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon will attend the convention and deliver the principal address.

Quail Return to Game Farm, Bringing Birds

Homing pigeons have nothing on eight pair of California Valley quail, which were forced to fly to safety when high water hit the Eastern Oregon Game Farm last spring and which returned to the farm last week, bringing with them a fine family of 69 birds, says the East Oregonian.

After the birds flew over the top wire of their pens some months ago and escaped drowning, they nestled close to the farm in the thick cover along the Umatilla. When they staged their "Back to the Farm" act they brought their numerous offspring to one of the vacant pens in the rear of the holding pens. Lawrence Demalgaliski, manager of the farm, closed the door of the pen and removed the quail to a larger enclosure. The birds are still at the farm in the exhibition pens but will be liberated in different parts of the county after the close of the hunting season.

The high water last spring did considerable damage at the farm, including loss of birds and property damage, but nevertheless Mr. Demalgaliski has had the most successful year in the history of the farm, having raised and liberated over 10,000 game birds.

Arrested Brother's Killer
Charged with the murder of his brother Caleb, in Pike county, Kentucky, on November 16, 1916, Lloyd Cantrell, alias Will Williamson, Bend service station operator, was arrested at Bend Tuesday on receipt of a telegraphic copy of a grand jury indictment. Cantrell freely admitted that he killed his brother, but asserts that it was an accident. He also admitted that he had previously killed a man by the name of Mullins in Pike county, and had been sentenced to serve a life sentence. He was paroled after five years.

Won Audition Final
Miss Joyce Nye, 21, a senior at the Whitman Conservatory of Music, won her way to California by a song, in the state finals of the Atwater-Kent Radio audition, at Seattle Tuesday night. Miss Nye, whose home is in Hood River, was No. 21, singing "Una Voce Poca Fa" from the "Barber of Seville."

No Profit for the Mills Grinding Grain for China

Flour mills of the Pacific Northwest will soon begin grinding on the second government order for flour for the Chinese government, the work starting as soon as the wheat is delivered to the mills, according to a statement made by E. H. Leonard, president of the Preston-Shaffer Milling company, in an interview with the Walla Walla Union, Tuesday.

The first orders, copies of which have just been received, call for the grinding of 300,000 bushels, he said. This is sufficient to keep all the active mills in the northwest busy for seven and a half days, and it is likely work will be started within the week.

Half of the fifteen million bushels of wheat bought by the Chinese is to be ground into flour and the work will be distributed through quite a long time.

"It is not a profit making proposition," said Mr. Leonard. "Prices to be paid the mills for grinding will not bring us out even."

Where the Preston-Shaffer company which has agreed to grind its share of the grain, will do the milling has not been determined. It can be ground at any or all the mills operated by the company, or may be "farmed out," but Mr. Leonard does not believe the price offered will result in much "farming out."

Coppock and Ringel Guernseys Win Again

The Guernsey dairy herds of William Coppock and Louie Ringel have added another collection of prizes in the show ring, at the Umatilla Project Fair, held at Hermiston, Friday and Saturday, the Coppock herd of nine topped the winnings in the Guernsey classes by taking thirteen ribbons, including one championship, five firsts and four seconds.

The Coppock winnings in Guernsey classes are: Cow over 3 years old, two entries, first and third; heifer 2 to 3 years old, first; heifer 1 to 2 years second; heifer under 1 year, first, second and fourth, three entries; bull under 2 years, second and fourth, two entries; champion Guernsey female won first on cow over 3 years. Winnings in open dairy cattle classes, all breeds: Best display of dairy cattle, first; get of sire, (four animals sired by one bull), first; product of dam (two animals out of one cow), second.

Mr. Ringel took prizes on bull under 2 years; heifer 1 to 2 years, and heifer under 1 year.

Perfect weather added materially to the success of the fair which was attended by large crowds both days. Gate receipts for the last day were well over \$500. Dairy cattle and poultry exhibits showed a remarkable increase over former years and displays made for 4-H club members was the big feature. High school bands from Irrigon and Pendleton furnished inspiring music and a football game between Pendleton and Hermiston schools afforded entertainment.

Worst Is Over Now

Every indication points to the beginning of better times and, in the opinion of J. Henry Helser, manager of the securities department of the American National bank, Portland, and chairman of the state advisory banking board, the worst is over, the turn has definitely been reached, and while some further slumps in the stock market are to be expected, especially in December, the upward swing should become most marked in January and February.

Scout Ends Own Life

John L. Baxter, 72, Indian war scout and resident of Camas Prairie for 54 years, killed himself in bed Tuesday by firing a pistol bullet through his body. Baxter and his brother-in-law, Al Hull, lived together near the old town of Soldier, on a homestead which Baxter filed on in 1886 after spending more than a decade as a scout, Indian fighter, pioneer merchant and public official.

Hunters Return

Leonard Geissel, Norman McIntyre, Dale Stephens, Bryce Baker and Willford Miller returned the fore part of the week from the John Day hunting grounds. The party had a grand camping trip and brought home two buck deer.

Produce Good for Tax

Citizens of Candler county, Georgia, can pay their road taxes with corn and hay if hard pressed for cash. The county commissioners have decided to accept corn at the rate of 75 cents a bushel and hay at 1 cent a pound.

Will Have Machine Shop

Virgil Zerba is moving the building located east of the Athena Garage to his farm north of town. He will make suitable alterations and convert the building into a machine shop.

Publishes World's Smallest Paper



With a paid circulation of about 140 subscribers, the California Sun, published by Miss Barbara Marquis of Beverly Hills, Calif., twelve-year-old daughter of Don Marquis, noted writer, has the distinction of being the smallest newspaper in the world. All of the latest news, features, etc., regarding the motion picture industry and schools are included in the sheet. The paid subscriptions pay for the cost of getting it out.

SETS NEW RECORD



Portrait study of Kaye Don, noted British automobile and motorist racer, who in his "Miss England, II" set a new world's motorist speed record over the measured course of Lake Garda, Italy. Don's new mark is 110.2 miles per hour. The previous mark was 103.49, made by Don in Argentina in April of this year.

Football Race Narrows Down to Four Schools

The eastern Oregon high school football race has narrowed down to four teams, with the elimination of two strong squads last week-end.

Baker defeated Pendleton Saturday, 8 to 0, crushing the Buckaroo hopes and La Grande walloped McLoughlin high of Milton-Freewater, 36 to 6, in a stunning upset.

This week-end La Grande plays at Enterprise, Ontario, La Grande, Enterprise and Baker remain undefeated in this territory.

Nomination as Judge Sought

Loyal Graham of Forest Grove has filed with the secretary of state a preliminary copy of his petition for the non-partisan nomination for the office of justice of the state supreme court at the primary election next year. He would oppose George M. Brown, incumbent, department No. 3. Graham's filing is the first under the 1931 legislative act providing for a non-partisan judiciary in the state of Oregon.

Bend Mill to Close

The Shevlin-Hixon Lumber mill at Bend will be closed beginning yesterday. About 1400 persons are employed, and the payroll is nearly \$1,500,000. Only the shipping department will remain open. The mill has been operating about 22 per cent of the time during the past year. It is said the plant will reopen the middle of next March.

Idaho Will Show Stock

A carload each of sheep, fat steers and hogs will be shown by the University of Idaho college of agriculture at the Pacific International Livestock exposition at Portland. The consignment as a whole outclasses anything entered by the university at the Portland show in recent years.

Summons Answered at 92

Train, boat and wagon team brought Mrs. Hannah Armstrong to the north-west where she spent 60 of her 92 years. Mrs. Armstrong died at Walla Walla, Tuesday.

Cooked Whole Wheat Is Becoming a Regular Diet, Is a Cheap Food

A number of local people are extolling the merits of cooked whole wheat as a wholesome and satisfying cereal diet. In the middle west whole wheat has become almost the exclusive food of many farm families in drought and grasshopper areas of these states.

And to assist them to variety in what might otherwise become a monotonous menu Miss Margaret Osborn, food specialist of the Nebraska college of agriculture, has listed 20 ways of cooking the grain, which is coarsely cracked or unground.

On farms in the devastated areas Miss Osborn said she found many eating the unground wheat as cereal. Wheat is selling for 31 cents a bushel there and is therefore an economical antidote against hunger as many mills will crack it for a nominal price or take pay for the service in additional grain.

Experimenting in her own kitchen Miss Osborn found the most obvious form of preparing the whole wheat was as cereal. From her oven it emerged in a variety of edible forms as muffins, patties, as a basis for meat loaf and even simply fried.

Her findings have been embodied in a pamphlet for the use of the needy who wish to stave off famine with whole wheat diet. No one need starve if he can obtain the cheap wheat, Miss Osborn believes.

"From the standpoint of nutrition," she said, "wheat is one of our cheapest sources of energy. It is a good source of protein and wheat bran furnishes not only roughage but valuable mineral salts. It is also a dependable source of vitamin 'B'."

Persons afflicted with stomach troubles, a footnote to her bulletin warns, should not enter upon the whole wheat diet without the advice of a physician.

Famous Engineer Buried

Andrew J. Wiley, 72, who during his life time assisted in building more dams than perhaps any engineer in the west, was buried Wednesday on a bench overlooking an Idaho valley made rich by one of the dams he had a part in building. He died last Thursday in Monrovia, Cal., while inspecting a site for a proposed water storage project.

Care of Insane Ruled

All Oregon counties were advised to provide an item in their 1932 budgets for the care of their insane in state institutions, in compliance with the 1931 law, an informal opinion handed down by Attorney-General Vanwinkle. Vanwinkle said no formal opinion would be issued by his office.

Hitch Hiker Killed

A hitch hiker, whose name is unknown died at Hermiston Tuesday morning as the result of injuries received when the car driven by the motorist that had befriended him left the road and overturned Monday night near Hermiston, according to a report made to the county sheriff.

Barber Injured in Wreck

Tom Matthews, a former barber of Walla Walla is in a Boise, Idaho, hospital near death as the result of an automobile accident near Mountain Home Idaho. Matthews left three weeks ago, having bought a shop at Mountain Home.

W. C. T. U. County Convention In Athena Yesterday

The county convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in Athena yesterday and was largely attended by delegates from surrounding towns. The program as formulated prior to the convention, follows:

9:30—Executive board meeting.
10:00—Address of Welcome, Rev. C. H. Northrup, pastor Baptist church. Response, Mrs. C. H. Gemmill county vice president, Helix.

10:10—Song service and devotions, county evangelistic, director, Mrs. W. H. Albee.

10:30—Temperance Flag Salute. Convention open for business, appointment of committees registration, courtesies, obituary, press, time and place, resolutions, nominating, pages.
10:40—Reports of Officers, president, Mrs. Esther May; treasurer, Mrs. Chas. Betts; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. R. Wyrick; recording secretary, Mrs. Clementine Ingram.

11:00—Reports of Unions, Athena, Helix, Hermiston, Pendleton, Milton and Freewater.

11:15—Report of Children's Farm Home, Mrs. A. V. Constant, Rieth.

11:55—Presentation Youth's Roll Call, Mrs. Roy Penland, Helix.

12:00—Noon Tide Prayer, no-host dinner.

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Higgenbottom, Milton, Mrs. D. E. Nourse.

1:25—Memorial service and thanks offering.

1:30—Notes on International Relations, "What Oregon Pays for War," Mrs. Florence Berkeley, state director.

Special music, Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Athena.

White Ribbon Recruit exercise.
2:00—Demonstration of Helix Light Line Union.

2:15—Prohibition Patriots, Starring the Flag Demonstration.

2:30—Introduction of County Director; scientific temperance instruction, Mrs. F. O. Swanson, evangelism, Mrs. W. H. Albee; institutes, Mrs. C. A. Patton; legislation, Mrs. Walter Jones; Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. John Gallogly; medal contests, Hermiston Union.

3:30—Reports of committees, registration, resolution, time and place, nominating.

4:00—Speaker supplied; seating delegates; business; election of officers and delegates to state convention Albany, temperance benediction, song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Few Farmers Seeding

The amount of fall seeding of wheat has been small in Umatilla county, declares Walter Holt, county agent. Farmers are waiting for a rain before they begin sowing.

Sullivan Offers Alibi in Homer Bidwell Case

An attempt to prove that Willard Sullivan was in Idaho at the time he is accused of having murdered Homer Bidwell, prominent Union rancher, will be made by his defense attorneys, they indicated at the murder trial in La Grande.

Bidwell was shot to death on his farm near Union. Sullivan was charged with the slaying.

Mrs. Bidwell, the first witness for the state, told of Sullivan's alleged attempt a year ago to burn the Bidwell home.

Here From Montana

Captain and Mrs. Prestbye are here from Whitefish, Montana, visiting at the home of their son, E. C. Prestbye. Captain Prestbye plies a pleasure boat on a lake in Glacier National Park during the summer season, and is an old time resident of Whitefish. He and Mrs. Prestbye will visit their son for several days, and the captain will go to Portland to have an eye cataract removed.

Death of Mrs. Tucker

Mrs. Hattie Anne Tucker, wife of Sidney Tucker of Weston, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gould at Weston, Monday morning at the age of 41 years 11 months and 11 days. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Brethren in Weston, Tuesday afternoon.

Trout Plantings

Trout plantings of fingerlings hatched at Bingham Springs hatchery are reported in the fish and game commission bulletin of October 6th as follows: Rainbow in Camas creek, 5000; Meacham creek, 20,000; south fork Walla Walla river, 30,000; Umatilla river 216,800.

Harvested Potato Crop

Marion Hansell's eleven acre potato crop on his foothill ranch yielded about a thousand sacks of netted gems. Nineteen men made quick work of harvesting the spud crop, cleaning it up in two days time, including putting the tubers in pits.

Violin Owned By Swaggart May Be Old Stradivarius

J. M. Swaggart, who resides in the La Mar gulch neighborhood, in the owner of a remarkable old violin which is thought by musicians who have seen and played upon the instrument to be a genuine Stradivarius.

According to information given the Weston Leader by Mr. Swaggart, this violin was brought into Athena (then Centerville) 48 years ago by the leader of a traveling orchestra playing for a road show. Those who heard him at the time recall that he was a master performer. The show stranded, and the violinist—with the impropriety of his kind at the time—was soon penniless. He knocked about Athena for a time, and finally took his violin to Dick Donica, a merchant of the period. To him he pawned his instrument for \$7.50, saying that he valued it highly and would assuredly redeem it. He left, and nothing more was heard of him. Very likely, death claimed him before he could find the means to repurchase his beloved instrument.

Mr. Donica kept the violin for some weeks and then sold it, subject to redemption, to the late Nelson Swaggart, well known pioneer rancher, at the price paid for it. At the latter's passing it became the property of his son, J. M. Swaggart.

The inside back of the violin bears the inscriptions: "Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis." "Faciebat anno 1738."

Cattle and Sheep Are in Fair to Good Shape

In its Oregon livestock and range report for October 1, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics says:

Cattle are in fair to good condition with some thin ones in dry areas. In the western states, cattle are generally in fair to good condition, except in a few drought areas. Shipments have been heavy from dry sections, with a decided tendency to hold cattle where feed and finances permit. Stock cows and heifers are being held with an attempt to hold up breeding herds and sell steers and calves. There has been little country trading in the southwest and shipments have been light.

The condition of Oregon sheep is considerably below the average for this month. Western fall feed for sheep is poor to fair except in the southwest, but sheep are generally in fair to good flesh except in dry sections. In the northern sections, there is a larger than usual proportion of feeder lambs. Poor fall feed has forced early shipments of lambs. The large supply of old ewes has not found an outlet or market. Sheep and lambs have done well in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, where there is an abundance of feed. Winter sheep ranges in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado and northeastern Wyoming are poor with little stock water. Western sheepmen are facing a serious financial problem in securing feed to supplement short ranges. Short hay and grain crops and finances will restrict lamb feeding in most of the western states except in Texas.

Board Aids Growers

Loans amounting to \$523,245 have been made in Oregon by the federal farm board up to September 9, against which advances of \$326,000.10 have been made, with repayments of \$20,219. The statement is made by the board at Washington, to indicate the extent of its operations under the agricultural marketing act in Oregon. Grain, fruit, wool, poultry and dairy interests have assisted through associations representing each industry.

Gold Fish Pond

Laurence Pinkerton will soon have a gold fish and lily pond on his golf course. He is making arrangements to construct the pond large enough to make a permanent home for the increase from 150 gold fish as breeders, which he will procure from the ponds of F. Hampton, near Genesee, Idaho. Pond lilies and other aquatic plants will serve to beautify the pond in season.

Horses Get Protection

Horses in Mexican bull fight arenas are to be protected with pads like American football players. A new regulation makes it obligatory to provide pads for the horse to protect them from being gored by the bulls. The horses are blindfolded and therefore have no defense against the bulls, save the picador's lance.

Has Certificate

Dalberth Taylor received a certificate showing that he has an accredited herd of grade Jersey cattle that are free of tuberculosis. The certificate is given to him by the United States Department of Agriculture and permits him to ship cattle intrastate without having a tuberculin test.

INTANGIBLES TAX IS RULED AS VOID

Refund of \$894,000 to be Returned to Taxpayers By State.

Washington.—The United States supreme court Monday refused to review a case brought by the Oregon tax commissioners to set aside a decision by the Oregon supreme court holding invalid the state intangibles tax act of 1929 as applied to individuals.

By refusing to assume jurisdiction, the supreme court upheld the Oregon supreme court which declared the intangibles act invalid.

Thus, under the 1931 act of the state legislature, the money paid in for 1929 intangibles taxes must be refunded to the persons who paid it.

This amounts to nearly \$900,000. The state tax commission is understood to have had the forms ready so the money can be remitted promptly.

The validity of the intangibles tax of 1929 was challenged in the circuit court of Oregon for Marion county in February, 1930, by Redfield & Wood and others.

They contended the 5 per cent annual tax imposed by the act on gross incomes received by individuals was arbitrary and unreasonable because it applied only to individuals and not to corporations, and to residents and not to non-residents.

The suit brought against the Oregon tax commissioners and other state officers charged with the enforcement of the tax alleged it deprived individual residents of the equal protection of the law guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

The state replied that corporations were required by another act to pay a 5 per cent excise or franchise tax on annual net income from all sources including intangibles of individuals was not discriminatory or arbitrary. The Marion county circuit court sustained the law as valid and dismissed the complaint but the Oregon supreme court declared it unconstitutional and void, holding it in conflict with the 14th amendment to the federal constitution.

Salem.—Refusal of the United States supreme court to take jurisdiction in Oregon's intangibles tax suit leaves to the state tax commission no other recourse than a refund of the \$894,000 in taxes which were collected under the 1929 act, was explained by members of the commission when advised of the action of the court.

Game Commission Adopts Yearly Budget, \$395,000

Based on anticipated revenue of approximately \$390,000, the state game commission Tuesday adopted a budget for next year calling for \$395,000.

After deducting \$127,000 as the contribution to the state police fund for game law enforcement, the remainder was apportioned as follows: Stream and survey, \$6000; hatcheries, \$140,000; engineering, \$14,000; educational and publicity, \$10,000; game farms, \$45,000; office administration, \$16,000; miscellaneous, \$16,750; Mrs. Denny, \$600; game supervisor \$5200; bounties and rewards, \$6750; commissioners' expense, \$5500; river patrol \$5000.

The receipts of the commission for the year ending October 31 this year were \$388,910. In order to square accounts it was necessary to borrow \$17,000 from October receipts, making the total expense of the year \$400,910.

The commission began the year with a deficit of \$34,000, which was made up out of the receipts of October 1930.

This year begins with a deficit of \$17,000.

Whitman vs. Athena

As we go to press this (Thursday) afternoon, Whitman Sigma Chi and Athena high school alumni are engaged in a colossal football contest on the local gridiron. The Athena team has in its lineup, Eldon Myrick, Lee Foster, Ralph and Edwin McEwen, Arthur Crowley, Walt Huffman, Wilford Miller, Orel Michener, Jack Moore, Wayne Pinkerton, Bryce Baker, Stafford Hansell, Cecil Pambrun and George Pambrun. Wilbur Harden referee, Lisle Gray head linesman.

Unusual Farm Operations

Unusual seasonal farm operations were noted this week by J. E. Jones. On his mail delivery route north of Athena he observed Frank Sanders seeding his fall wheat crop. Later in the day Jones drove up to the mountain farming district east of Athena, and there saw Gray Herndon's threshing outfit harvesting a crop of grain, and according to Jones, part of the field looked a trifle green.