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MASS MEETING VOTES TO BUY CONLEE WELL

Council Instructed To Provide More Water

DECISIVE MAJORITY IN FAVOR

Testing Of Well Is Expected To Start Soon

The mass meeting of the citizens called to voice their opinion regarding the purchase of additional water facilities for the city of Moro last Tuesday night voted by a decisive majority to instruct the council to buy the Conlee well.

The meeting was called to order by J. C. Freeman as mayor of the town who called for nominations for a chairman of the meeting. He was unanimously elected to preside and Arthur Christianson was elected secretary by the same vote. On a motion by A. M. Wright the city charter sections dealing with water matters and the tentative contract between the city and Mr. Conlee were read.

The charter gives the council the power to purchase or otherwise provide sufficient water works for the needs of the city and to pay for same out of the water fund. In case, however, that there is not enough money earned by the water works to pay for such expenditures they must be paid out of the general revenues of the city.

The contract, which has been very generally discussed for the past week or more, provides that the city shall buy the well which Mr. Conlee drilled on his lot last year if it shall furnish forty gallons of water per minute until May 1st 1932. If at any time before then the well does not provide this amount of water then the contract shall be void and the well remains in the possession of the present owner.

The city agrees to furnish Mr. Conlee with not to exceed 15,000 gallons of water per month for fifteen years but does not permit him to use any of it on other property than he now owns and resides upon. Also the city will pay to him \$2000.00 in five yearly installments of \$400.00 beginning May 1st 1932. Interest to be 6 per cent.

Upon hearing these papers pertaining to the business at hand several citizens started discussions of them, some protesting against certain features and others defending the fairness of the contract. The principal objection raised at this part of the meeting was that this city should not agree to furnish water so many years in the future. R. J. Ginn rose to speak stating that the city had been short of water for several years and needed an additional supply. He concluded by making a motion that the meeting instruct the council to buy the well in question. The motion was seconded and quickly carried with but three or four dissenting votes.

W. H. Ragsdale obtained the floor and brought up the point that there had been no time for discussion after the motion was put and moved that the vote be reconsidered and asked for a statement as to the amount of water used per month by the city and the number of gallons at present available. W. C. Bryant supported him saying that this was an unfortunate time to expand any public service unless it was absolutely necessary. A vote on Mr. Ragsdale's motion, however, showed that the temper of the meeting had not changed as the crowd refused to reconsider their former decision.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Construction of a new agricultural experiment station at Hermiston, to cost \$25,000, is assured, it was reported recently.

The Linn county grand jury has recommended that the county construct a new jail, as the present one is unsafe and undesirable.

The Eastern & Western Logging camp started work southeast of Molala with 180 men. The output will be shipped to Portland.

Some tax relief has come to Marion county taxpayers. The total roll for 1931 is \$2,928,466 as compared with \$3,118,003 in 1930, a decrease of \$189,537.

Medford building permits for February totaled \$61,000, records at the city offices show. Last year during the same period the permits were only \$18,000.

An interesting find of Indian relics has been made on the beach at Bandon. The deposit includes huge pestles and mortars, which are believed to be centuries old.

CORRECTION

We are responsible for an error in our last issue that would lead readers to believe that moisture conditions were nearly normal which is not the case.

We stated that the 1930-31 precipitation, from September to date, was 5.93 inches and the normal was 7.03 inches. It should have read 5.03 inches from September to date and 7.93 the normal precipitation. We were 2.90 inches short before Tuesday's rain.

Following is the temperatures and precipitation for the week ending at noon March 11th. This information will be a regular feature hereafter and will be found in this column.

WEATHER DATA FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 11TH		
	Max	Min
March 5	45	23
" 6	47	21
" 7	48	21
" 8	47	23
" 9	56	33
" 10	51	32
" 11	52	38

Total precipitation for the week was 38 inches on the 11th.

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Two million silverside salmon from five to eight inches in length will be released from the Klankanie hatchery soon, according to L. W. Hickey, manager of the hatchery.

The Woodburn water board has ordered 2900 feet of castron pipe, mostly 6 inches in diameter, for the improvement of the city's water system. The cost will be about \$3500.

More dog licenses have been issued in Clatsop county in the last few days than for any one year of the past 10 years. So far, 37 have been issued as compared with 14 during 1930.

John J. Dooley, 92, one of the first residents of Baker county, died at his home in Baker. He built the toll road now known as the Dooley mountain road, and one of Oregon's scenic highways.

The Lundy cheese plant on Catching creek, above Myrtle Point, made 123 tons of cheese last year, an increase of 28 tons over 1929. An average of 44.7 cents per pound was paid for butterfat.

The commercial salmon fishing season on the Columbia river has closed and the state fish commission is preparing to prevent fishing by seiners and gillnetters. The season will reopen May 1.

Fire destroyed the Fir Pine Lumber company's box factory at Medford recently. Damage was about \$10,000. Walter Inch, proprietor, stated. An explosion from a hot box is blamed for the blaze.

Attractive street signs are to be erected in the near future all over Albany at prominent street intersections. The city council has appropriated \$475.90 for the purpose. There will be 567 signs installed.

The Apple Growers association of Hood River is making the first cash distribution to members on the 1930 crop. The amount to be distributed is \$120,000. The next distribution, within a month, will be larger.

The volume of business in the Eugene Farmers' creamery for 1930 was the largest in its history. There was paid out to patrons for milk, cream and butterfat \$297,590. The average price paid for butterfat was 75 cents per pound.

One of central Oregon's ghost towns, Centrallo, better known as Deschutes, is to be sold for \$100, if plans announced by the Deschutes county court materialize. Centrallo was platted in 1911 by the Deschutes Townsite company.

A valuable cow belonging to J. J. Sasse of Gervais died. Four nails and a rock were found in her stomach.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company would be permitted to abandon 25 miles of line from Robinette to Homestead, under a recommendation to the interstate commerce commission made by R. R. Molster, a commission examiner.

Dates for the Pendleton Round-up have been definitely set as August 27, 28 and 29. At the annual meeting of stockholders some time ago these dates were tentatively chosen. Plans will now gradually shape for the western epic, the coming show being the 22d annual event.

Plans to make the Douglas County Sportsmen's and Game Protective association a strong factor in the development of local sports resources together with the propagation and conservation of wild life are being made by Charles Lockwood, president of the organization.

ORRIS DORMAN GIVES INSTRUCTIVE TALK

Regional Grain Growers Officer Talks On Cooperation

FARM BOARD SUCCESSFUL

Mr. Dorman A Practical And Successful Farmer

Orris Dorman, member of the board of directors of the Northwest Regional Grain Growers and membership chairman of the organization spoke to about forty Sherman county farmers in the Legion hall last Friday night on "The Fruits of Co-operation."

Mr. Dorman stated in the course of his address that he has little or no confidence in the men who go about the country telling farmers that their duty is to raise the food the nation wants and let some one else do the selling of it. He believes that farmers through their organization should sell and market their own produce for therein lies the greatest opportunity to increase profits.

He defended the Federal Farm Board and stated positively that he knew that his wheat in the Palouse country of Washington was worth fourteen cents more at present than it would be without the pegged price of the National Grain Corporation.

Mr. Dorman, as a student of economics, criticized the management of industry and agriculture in the United States for permitting conditions to become as bad as they are. "We have greater national resources than any other country," he said. "We have developed labor saving machinery and we have a greater number of trained laborers in the United States than in any other nation. The present conditions have been brought about by uneconomic handling of our resources." He criticized the tariff law for cutting off our opportunity to trade with other nations.

Cooperation among farmers should be the start of better things according to the speaker for he visualized groups of farmers in each state who were organized and therefore able not only to market their crops economically, but were also able to effect legislation to the benefit of agriculture.

There was nothing formal about Mr. Dorman; he was merely a farmer from the wheat lands of Washington talking common problems to the farmers of the wheat lands of Sherman county. He is a large man, gray haired, spectacled, tanned and every inch of him shows him to be a practical man of the soil. His sincerity made a very good impression.

B. A. Grady, manager of the Wasco Grain Growers, explained the plan whereby members of the grain growers will be able to get two cents more for their grain after the first of June through a payment of carrying charges by the organization and a continuation of the pegged price until that time.

The rain of Tuesday night and Wednesday was general over the county according to reports. The Kent section received their share of rain this time which will add much to their prospects.

MORO WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS OF MANUFACTURING IN OREGON

On March 20, club promises to be more than usually interesting. It is annual "Guest Day" and everyone should adhere to the custom of bringing a guest with her. Mrs. C. R. Sparling will be director for the day and, from all rumors the committee has a surprise for everyone.

At the close of the program the Campfire girls will serve refreshments, so bring your pennies and help them out.

Last Friday a smaller number than usual was present but in spite of the small attendance, the program was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

After a short business meeting Mrs. O. L. Belshe took charge of the program. "Long Long Ago" directed by Mrs. Cope, was the opening song. Then came the two five minute talks on Oregon Products meant to increase use and manufacture of Oregon made products, rather than foreign material. Lois Barzee gave the first of "The Pendleton Woolen Mills." She read a paper written by Mrs. Lucy Ruggles of Grass Valley and composed for their local club. It explained the process of manufacture the products made and gradual expansion. All of its patterns or motifs are taken from the various Indian tribes of the west. These same patterns are often found on beaded bags etc. made by them.

Mrs. Pinkerton gave the second talk on "The Rasmussen & Co. paint varnish and lacquer." It is located in Portland, Oregon and is a division of The General Paint corporation. They employ eighty people and have an annual payroll of \$125,000. They use Oregon materials in the manufacture and distribution of their products when it is at all possible and thus aid in the prosperity of Oregon beside producing a reliable product. Best of all they use Oregon weather to test the durability of their paints and out side finishes.

In conclusion Mrs. Pinkerton read a poem taken from the "Albany Democrat." It is well worth your thought. "Every time you go down town An start to throw your money round; Say, Oregon-made goods are the stuff for me Because they spell prosper-i-ty. The dollar you send to the eastern shore Says "Good-bye Bill" forevermore. But the dollar you spend in an Oregon town Keeps a-comin' and a-comin' and a-comin' round."

Mrs. Belshe read a poem by Dr. J. B. Horner of Oregon State College, on the wood of Oregon.

The remainder of the program centered on Spain. Mrs. Margaret Peetz gave a talk on "The Government Affairs of Spain." She showed how that country has become the present nation and numerous trends and customs that have weakened it.

Helen Searcy played two appropriate piano selections after which Mrs. Ramsey was interviewed by Mrs. Alley on The World Peace Policy and the Kellogg Pact. It was indeed interesting and reminded one of the school of the air heard each afternoon over the radio.

The program closed with a duet, "Chalitta," by Miss Thomas and Miss Scruggs accompanied by Mrs. Tucker.

LEVY FOR STATE TAXES MAY BE UNNECESSARY

Assessors Hear State Tax Commission Estimate

MEETING HELD IN THE DALLES

Valuation Of Stock Not Set For Year

The county assessors of Eastern Oregon held a series of meetings this week the first one in The Dalles which was attended by many of the assessors from the territory adjacent to that town. Mrs. Margaret Peetz, county assessor of Sherman county, and Dewey Thompson, deputy, were at the meeting both days, Monday and Tuesday.

Due to the fact that another meeting was held in LaGrande on Wednesday and Thursday at which the assessors of the eastern counties will express their opinions of the proper valuations of farm animals the assembly in The Dalles were unable to tell just what will be the value given to livestock for taxation purposes in the Eastern Oregon counties.

Citizens present representing the Grange and the Farm Bureau and other men not members of the organizations recommended a cut of 30 per cent on all stock but hogs and advised a cut of 20 per cent on them. They also favored a reduction of 30 per cent on all farm lands.

Charles V. Galloway and Earl L. Fisher, members of the State Tax Commission were present from Salem and explained many taxation matters. One of their statements will be of interest to all tax payers in the state was that in case there is no referendum on the income, excise and intangible tax and they are allowed to stand there will be practically no levy for state purposes on real property next year.

The income tax was voted by the people at the last election and the intangible and excise taxes were passed by the legislature in 1929. The original rate on them was five percent which was raised by the 1931 legislature to eight percent. This would reduce taxes in Sherman county between \$35,000 and \$400,000 for next year but would not erase all of what is now included in the state tax for the elementary school fund is paid to the state but is used by the districts. It is not a state tax in the proper sense.

Another Crop Than Wheat To Be Grown In Morrow County

Heppner, Ore.—Several Morrow county farmers are trying out flax seed and artichokes in hope of finding a profitable crop to replace wheat in the dry farming regions. County Agent C. W. Smith, who arranged the demonstration trials, said that both of these crops were tried out in the foothill sections of the county many years ago with satisfactory results. The seed flax, if successful, will be used as a cash crop, and the artichokes will be grown for hog and dairy cow feeds.

OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The ten sawmills now located in Lake county have formed an association known as the Lakeview Oregon Sawmills Associated. The organization will foster the interests of its members. The better quality pine lumber shipped from Lake county will be graded and sold under a trade mark. Lake county pine is declared to be of finer texture than other pine grown on the Pacific coast.

The annual Jersey Jubilee will be held June 1 to 6 inclusive, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the executive board of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club in Salem. Each county will participate in the jubilee. The program includes Clackamas county, June 1; Jersey show, Marion county, June 2; Linn county, June 3; Polk county, June 4; Yamhill county, June 5, and Washington county, June 6.

The old Red bridge, located about two miles south of Seaside, for over 30 years a landmark and trusted place for fishermen in the Necanicum river, has been forever closed to traffic. Automobiles were diverted to the new concrete bridge which crosses the river 50 yards downstream on the Oregon Coast highway. The new bridge bearing a bronze tablet indicating that it is the "first crossing" of the Necanicum, is completed and the approaches filled, but the new road, which eliminates the sharp curves leading to the Red bridge, will not be hard-surfaced until it has thoroughly settled.

Official word was received a few days ago that \$400,000 is now available for constructing the first unit of the rim road in Crater lake national park. E. C. Solmsky, park superintendent, said that the sum has been increased from \$250,000, the appropriation previously set by the federal bureau of roads and the national park service. The \$400,000 for the new rim road is in addition to \$107,000 maintenance appropriation and an additional \$100,000 for building of minor roads and trails in the park. Mr. Solmsky said. About 200 men will be employed by contractors on the rim project all summer.

Losses of sheep have practically ceased in the Tenmile section of Douglas county since the government hunter has started the poisoning of coyotes. A total of 89 baits was placed on one range where losses had been exceedingly heavy.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the annual meeting of the Umpqua Academy association at Wilbur, June 6. Umpqua academy, a pioneer school, was organized by Father Wilbur in 1853. It remained in operation until 1890, when it was merged into the public school system.

BASKET BALL SEASON ENDS FOR ZEBRAS

Twice As Many Games Won As Lost

BASEBALL TO BE NEXT SPORT

Meeting Held To Discuss Baseball League

Grass Valley's well known basket ball team ended another successful season last Wednesday night, March 4th when they defeated the Madras team by one of the most decisive scores of the winter winning 65 to 28.

During the season the boys have won twelve games and have lost but six giving them an average of .667 which is very high when it is considered that they have met some of the best teams in the state and have played practically all of the teams in the Mid Columbia area between Bend and Goldendale.

The only teams to show a decisive superiority over the Zebras were the White Salmon Indians who won both of the games played and the two Portland teams, the Royal Arcanum and the Peninsula Aces. Other losses were to Redmond once by a close score and to the Goldendale Fireman but each one of these teams were defeated in their other encounter with the local team.

The old combination of players has won twelve games and have lost but six giving them an average of .667 which is very high when it is considered that they have met some of the best teams in the state and have played practically all of the teams in the Mid Columbia area between Bend and Goldendale.

The following resume of the seasons play shows the teams played and the scores together with the total score for the Zebras and their opponents.

Grass Valley	34	Bend	24
"	46	Redmond	28
"	48	The Dalles	27
"	50	The Dalles	29
"	48	Sisters	33
"	20	White Salmon	50
"	28	Redmond	30
"	33	Madras	28
"	48	Sisters	27
"	36	Maupin	35
"	26	Peninsula Aces	45
"	50	Maupin	37
"	31	Royal Arc'm	58
"	31	White Salmon	32
"	42	Goldendale	26
"	15	Goldendale	20
"	65	Madras	28
Total	675		581

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COURT NEWS

County Court Proceedings of March Term of Court, 1931.

Claims Allowed at the March Term of Sherman County Court	
Pacific Power & Light Co., supplies and light bill for Court house	\$ 9.95
Wm. Shiel, county charge	30.00
Mrs. S.L. Coats, county charge	20.00
Sherman County News, Sheriff's supplies	15.75
Sherman County News, county printing and notices	24.45
Grass Valley Journal, County printing for February	20.00
A. E. Simmons, Supt's supplies	6.25
Beattie & Hofmann, Inc., Supt's supplies	7.76
C. R. Callaway & Son, funeral expenses of Stanford Dixon	50.00
State Industrial Acc. Comm. Contributions for Feb.	6.25
Moro Plumbing Shop, plumbing and supplies for C. H. Alva Stone, predatory animal control	24.99
W. D. Wallan, auditing county books	250.00
Fern Rakes, office work in Supt's office	33.33
Drs. Reuter, Thompson, et al, visits to county farm for Johnson and Dixon, 2 at \$2.50 each	5.00
F. D. Antrim, Sealer Weights and measures	7.06
Wasco county industrial farm Patterson 28 days	30.00
Dixon 3 days at \$40 mo., Dixon 15 days at \$50 mo.	69.00
Geo. G. Updegraff, district attorney's expenses	7.25
F. D. Platt, express and drayage	1.20

A. M. Young, plants for court house as per court order	4.00
Grass Valley Journal, supplies for County Judge	8.75
Geo. A. Potter, Judge's expenses	2.80
Sherman County Observer, Printing for Assessor	12.50
L. W. Amick, care of Wm. Ryan	25.00
Joseph A. Mee, Justice's fees	12.80
Wm. Nisbet, Juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
Mrs. Jessie Amos, Excused juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
Steve McMillan, Juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
Mrs. Dick Dingle, Juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
John McClure, Juror in State vs. Brock, and mileage	1.90
Wm. Johnson, Juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
John Clark, Excused juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
Grant Armsworth, Juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
Ralph Williams, Excused juror in State vs. Brock	1.50
John Robinson, Juror and mileage in State vs. Brock	1.90
Irwin-Hudson Co., Clerk's supplies	4.45
City of Moro, water bill for court house	2.80
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., total telephone bills for court house	10.10

County Court Proceedings for March Term

Auditor's report, accepted.

County Engineer ordered to post notices of load limit for McIntyre Bridge. Limit of 3 tons.

Matter of appointing official newspaper for county reconsidered until April Term.

Roadmaster's report on closing portion of Saw Tooth Road.

He's Gone

