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CITY OFFICERS SIGN CONTRACT FOR WELL

Tuesday Night Meeting Closes Conlee Deal

WORK TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Well To Be Tested As Soon As Equipment Is Placed

Following the recommendatory vote of the mass meeting of the 10th city council at their Tuesday night meeting in the city hall passed the ordinance empowering and directing the mayor and recorder to sign the contract for the purchase of the well on the Conlee property in Mowry addition.

With A. M. Wright, who learned his parliamentary procedure at the state legislature, leading, the council suspended the rules, read the new ordinance the required number of times and passed it with all members present voicing their approval with decided "Yeas." Whereupon the presiding officers affixed their signatures to the ordinance and later in the evening signed the contract after Mr. and Mrs. Conlee had been called to sign with them.

There was a number of other matters brought before the council at the meeting regarding the delivery of the water at the city cistern. It has been proposed that instead of the new water main following the streets from the Conlee property to the reservoir it be laid in a straight line across the intervening lots. This would save nearly 150 feet of pipe and would reduce friction and pumping costs for all time to come. The kind and size of pump and cylinder to install in the new well also was debated and resulted in the appointment of a committee consisting of J. C. McKean, Fred Pickett and A. M. Wright to investigate this question and bring their decision before the council.

It is expected that work will begin immediately at the well to build the foundation and buildings needed to set and house the machinery which will be used in pumping. A pump will be installed that will deliver forty or more gallons per minute in order to give the well a thorough test before the city goes to very much expense in fitting it up for continued pumping.

Another problem brought to the attention of the city's legislative body was that of refunding some of the bonded indebtedness which has become due without sufficient funds being available to pay them off. It may be necessary to hold an election in order to have the vote of the people on this measure, but in any case some arrangements will have to be made to take care of due indebtedness.

The city's troubles are over as far as finding a councilman to fill the vacancy is concerned for Tuesday night Vernon Platt was elected and was sworn in. L. R. Conlee, who had been elected at a previous meeting, was unable to serve because of legal restrictions regarding the purchase of the well.

Another meeting of the council Wednesday night resulted in a decision to start work Thursday morning on the necessary cement work and other paraphernalia which will be used to install pumping machinery.

Mrs. W. B. Norton Talks On India

On last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. B. Norton of Portland spoke before the high school of Grass Valley, and also gave an address at the Methodist church. On Thursday she made addresses to the high school and in the Methodist church at Moro.

Her subject was the social and political conditions in India. Her addresses were very interesting and instructive, portraying both the "fabulous wealth and fabulous poverty" of the people of India. While some of the men of that land are the most wealthy in the world yet there are millions who never know what it is to have their hunger satisfied. Mr. Gandhi is looked upon as the great benefactor of India in that by peaceful means he has compelled the British government to grant concessions to the native people which will lighten the burdens that had been imposed by that government.

Mr. Gandhi does not profess Christianity but for many years has been a real student of Jesus' sermon on the mount, Matt. 5-6-7, and tries to conduct his life in accordance with its teachings. He says that when western civilization shall live the teachings of Jesus, India will leave her idols and fall at the feet of the Master. What a challenge this is to our Christian civilization.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK MARCH 11-18 INC.

The weather report for the past week makes cheerful reading for anyone interested in the raising of wheat for as much moisture has fallen from March 11th 18 as we have received this month up to that time.

This month's total precipitation has been .76 of an inch. This is a particularly fortunate time for wheat growers to get rain on their crops for it is often the crust which sometimes forms over fall sown wheat and keeps the soil wet around newly sown spring grain hastening the process of germination. Present indications are that more rain will follow what has already fallen which will raise the prospects for a crop in this section higher than they have been for two or three years.

DATE	AIR TEMP.	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
11	44	52	38	.38
12	42	47	38	.02
13	49	52	32	0
14	49	55	28	0
15	46	52	38	.04
16	51	55	33	.06
17	45	52	32	.13
18	49	54	38	.17

Total precipitation for week .76

MRS. G. C. AKERS PRESENTS PUPILS IN RECITAL FRIDAY

Nineteen Numbers Will Be Given At Presbyterian Church

Friday night, March 20th, at the Presbyterian church residents of Moro will have an opportunity of hearing a recital by the music students who have been instructed by Mrs. G. C. Akers.

Nineteen numbers have been selected by Mrs. Akers to make a complete program and show the advancement of her pupils during the years study. The following program will be given:

Opening March, High School Cadets, Marjorie Nahouse.
Piano Solo, Falling Waters, Mildred Adams.
Piano Solo, Jaunita, Hester Henkle.
Piano Solo, Selected, Arnold Landry.
Duet, Chatter, Bonnie and Jociele Peters.
Piano Solo, Dance of the Dolls, Patricia Powell.
Piano Solo, Evening Bells, Lavonne Sayrs.
Piano Solo, Reverie, Howard Conlee.
Piano Solo, Call of Spring, Doris Fortner.
Vocal Solo, Selected, Miss Thomas.
Piano Solo, Water Lily Waltz, Bonnie Peters.
Piano Solo, Melody, Bobbie Christianson.
Piano Solo, Reveuix de Prietemps, Lois Bryant.
Reading, Selected, Miss Brauning.
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Piano Solo, The King Returns, Vivian Fuller.
Piano Solo, Chappel in the Forest, Marjorie Nahouse.
Piano Solo, Selected, Gladys Baker.
Duet, Pizzi Cato, Gladys Baker and Lois Bryant.
Song, Good Night, Three little girls.

Opportunity To Try Flax Given Farmers

The Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., of Portland is offering contracts this spring on the growing of flax for its seed and gives out the following facts: Land that will grow good spring wheat will grow good flax seed. Seed flax is planted with regular seeders, cut with a binder and threshed with a grain separator, or can be harvested with the combine. Forty pounds of seed per acre is used on average land, but on especially rich ground, such as beaverdam or dyke land, as much as 50 pounds is used. Early planting is best, as soon as soil conditions permit proper working. The yield varies considerably, but a general rule is that flax seed will produce about half as many bushels per acre as wheat on the same land. From 12 to 15 bushels an acre is usual in the Willamette Valley, with larger yields on the better lands. Flax seed in Portland at this writing is about \$1.58 per bushel.

Mrs. Ralph Eaton Buried

Funeral services were held in Wasco Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Ralph Eaton who died in The Dalles last Saturday. Beatrice Estelle Eaton was the daughter of Charles Harper of Wasco and had lived in Sherman county the larger part of her thirty three years. Thursday of last week she suffered a paralytic stroke from which she was unable to recover. She is survived by two daughters Elda and June, her husband Ralph Eaton and her father.

BASEBALL SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY

Practice Game Will Be Played At Grass Valley

FIVE TOWNS WILL COMPETE

Grass Valley And Moro To Play March 29th

The bright spring weather interspersed with warm rains has brought out the ball players along with spring flowers and beginning with next Sunday the season will be under way. The Rufus team will journey to Grass Valley to cross bats with the team there in the first practice game 1931.

The following Sunday the Grass Valley and Moro teams will engage in another game, by which time it is hoped and expected that the proposed Sherman county league will be formed and games will begin to be played according to schedule. Whether some of the Wasco county towns will have a team to enter the league or not has not been determined at this time but probably Maupin and Tygh Valley will enter as the boys there cut their teeth on baseball and can't resist the temptation to play whenever the opportunity arises.

The present lineup for the league to entertain the fans this spring is teams in the five Sherman county towns all of which are making preparations to develop a team. This will be strictly a local league with no hired players permissible according to plans of the originators of the idea. The purpose is to be enjoyment of the sport and entertainment of the fans. Financial remuneration is not one of the purposes of starting this league but it is hoped that enough customers will be interested to pay the transportation of the teams and buy the needed equipment.

Twelve players were cavorting on the Moro diamond last Sunday morning and more are expected to come out to later practice sessions. Grass Valley has a bunch of youngsters who are playing at school. Wasco and Kent have good looking high school students who know the game and with Rufus anxious to play it looks like baseball may come into its own in Sherman county after several years of inactivity.

Wind Damages Buildings On L. L. Bell Ranch

Wednesday of a week ago did not seem to be out of the ordinary of other windy spring days to residents of the most of the county but at the Bell ranch south of Moro it was a day to be remembered, for sometime in the afternoon a gust of wind came down the canyon on their place with a different twist from the remainder of the wind.

It picked up a cook house from its resting place and lifted it over a fence where it was smashed to pieces hardly worth gathering together. Part of the roof was torn from the house and the wind was of such force that it split the house open for a few inches in the crown where the rafters were joined.

No one was injured as Mr. and Mrs. Bell were both working outside when the gust of wind hit their buildings.

Moro High School Notes Show Varied Activities

At the reading contest given by the fifth grade, Friday March 13, Carl Peetz won first place and Lyle Nahouse second. They were graded upon the following points: preparedness, posture, appropriate selection, interest in the audience, and enunciation.

The first and second grade are, if the weather permits, going on a combination nature study and picnic excursion Thursday, March 18. They are planning on starting about 11:45 and will get back before school is dismissed.

At a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting held in the Commercial room Friday, March 13, Doris Amidon was elected treasurer and 45 was the rate set for typing one student and 55 for the second year students to win typing awards. All dues should be paid by March 25 to, treasurer, Doris Amidon.

The students who have taken Latin II or are taking it were entertained at a Roman banquet in the domestic science room Thursday evening. The entire feast was unique with its progressive seating arrangement, libation to the gods, and papyrus paper scrolls containing the menus. They ate with their fingers as the Romans of old did.

Typing students interested in the county, Eastern Oregon, and state typing contest, and those who think they need to increase their speed in typing, have been for the past week coming to early morning class, at 8:00 under the supervision of Miss Kutch. A chart is kept on the bulletin board in the commercial room, of each test the typing students take, in order that they may note their increase or decrease in speed and profit thereby.

Under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Tucker an operetta in two acts, "Jerry of Jerico Road," will be presented by the boys' and girls' glee clubs of the Moro high school, on the evening of March 28, in the school auditorium.

Miss Brauning spent the week-end visiting friends near Fossil. Moro high school students were very much interested in a talk given by Mrs. Norton, from Portland, on present conditions in India. She quoted Mark Twain's words in describing India as being a land of "fabulous wealth and fabulous poverty." She told of the starving people standing outside of the gates of the richest man in the world, of her visit to his palace and of the many jewels and gold she saw. Mrs. Norton presented interesting facts concerning the renowned leader, Mahatma Gandhi, whom she visited three days while in India.

Miss Thomas and Miss Scruggs left by stage Friday evening, March 13, for Portland where they witnessed the Grand Opera on Saturday evening. The Moro high school students enjoyed the fourth class dance Saturday, March 14. Each one of the classes have given a dance for the high school. Much merriment was caused by Mrs. E. A. Tucker's clever dance and "speaking contest."

Barnett Y. Roe, considered one of the best informed men on Masonry in Oregon, died at his home near Wapato.

The J. H. Chambers & Son sawmill at Cottage Grove, which has been idle since last July, resumed operations last week.

LIGHT COMPANY WILL RECONSTRUCT LINE

New Poles And Crossarms To Be Added

FROST TROUBES CAUSE WORK

Service Will Not Be Delayed By Linemen

The Pacific Power and Light company have announced their plans for removing the trouble caused by frost conditions last winter when their service was constantly interrupted by broken wires and wires touching each other when the frost dropped from them.

New and additional construction which will reach a total cost of \$60,000.00 has been planned. On the section from the Deschutes river to Moro seven miles of line will be re-modeled by placing additional poles between the ones already in place and by installing longer cross arms to keep the wires farther apart and obviate as much as possible the wires swinging together.

The line to Grass Valley has poles 300 feet apart and intermediate poles will be set to shorten this distance and stop the whipping together of wires.

The line between Dufur and the Deschutes river will be improved by additional poles and longer cross arms and it is probable that a man will be kept at the worst place during frosty weather to watch the lines. Improvements will also be made on the line between Wasco and DeMoss where frost conditions have interfered with current in years past. The new telephone service between DeMoss and Moro will aid service in this sector as well.

In Gilliam county the company will reconstruct their lines on much the same plan as will be used in the Sherman county section in an endeavor to bring regular current to their patrons during winter months as well as the more pleasant periods of the year.

As it is planned at present the changes will cause few if any stops in the current during the time linemen are installing the new poles and cross arms for the company intends to make the changes with the current on as experienced linemen are able to handle wires charged with electricity without danger.

Klamath county's 1930 potato crop shipped to market is larger than that shipped by the rest of the state, according to County Agent Henderson. An estimated crop of 4000 cars throughout the state, with from 2100 to 2200 cars from Klamath county, was the basis of Henderson's statement. The per acre net return on potatoes has been greater over a 10-year period than the net return per acre on any other branch of agriculture in Klamath county. A net profit of \$104 was realized on the average potato acre during the last 10 years.

Premium money appropriated by county courts for the use of county fairs, in cases where such fairs have been abolished, can be utilized in paying premiums of 4-H club fairs, according to an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle.

OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Salem's "Blossom day" has been set for Sunday, April 5. The Cherrilans will be in charge.

The Lake county court has reduced salaries of deputies and assistants in the courthouse and also the prices paid for extra help.

Highway crews have been killing snakes daily while working near Heppner Junction. Recently they found 27 in one nest, seven being rattlers.

Turkey growers of the Oakland section are feeling jubilant over the condition of their flocks this spring. Every indication points to a good year, they say.

The city council of Amity has enacted an ordinance levying a tax of \$1 on every sales truck selling in the town. McMinnville has such a tax, as has Dayton.

Chairman of the Lake county grange agricultural committee have been 100 per cent successful in signing merchants to refuse selling oleomargarine or other butter substitutes.

Lambing is in full swing in the Oakland vicinity with shepherds reporting an average lamb crop in excess of 125 per cent. Green feed is abundant and ewes are in good condition.

Two large buildings, owned by the Baker Moulding company, a sash and door concern, were destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated by company officials at \$50,000 to \$100,000.

About 150 young people gathered at Medford to attend the annual Epworth league convention held in the Methodist Episcopal church. All southern Oregon cities were represented.

The J. H. Chambers logging railway, that now extends into the Loran timber belt west of Cottage Grove, will be extended five miles this spring. It was announced by the owner of the line.

The brick manufacturing plant at Willamina has resumed operations after having been closed down for a number of weeks for improvements and repairs. About 50 men are employed.

Grant Froman, 67, county assessor, died of heart disease at his home in Albany. Mr. Froman, a native of Linn county, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Froman, Oregon pioneers of 1851.

A classification of property in Jackson county by the assessor shows that there are \$30,288 acres of land, with an assessed value of \$13,580,670. There are 108,226 acres of tillable land, with a value of \$6,697,470.

R. L. Nance, official of the Oregon Natural Gas corporation, announced that work will start immediately at The Dalles on a distributing plant. One hundred and fifty local men will be employed three months.

"Ashland, the City Beautiful," is the motto adopted by the Ashland civic club in agreeing to sponsor an Ashland garden and yard contest. Due to probable shortage of irrigation water, flowers will be featured more than gardens, the club decided.

At one time this winter 460 men were given emergency employment by the highway department in the district from The Dalles south to Bend. Because of the unusually open winter, a large amount of work was accomplished.

Winema grange at Birkenfeld, Clatsop county, has adopted a resolution calling upon the state highway commission to straighten and widen the Lower Columbia River highway from Portland to the Clatsop county beaches.

Marine Corps Will Accept Enlistments

Orders have been received by the officers in charge of Marine Corps recruiting for the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to resume recruiting for applicants for general service.

Applicants for enlistment must be 19 years of age and not over 30; at least 66 inches in height; of good character and able to pass the required physical and mental examinations. Men for band duty must be at least 64 inches in height; 18 years of age or over and qualified to pass the same examinations as are required for general service; and in addition pass the required musical examination. All applicants are transferred to the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, California, where they receive their military training after which they are transferred to one of the many Marine Corps posts in foreign countries or in the United States.

The Marine Corps recruiting station is located in room 430 Worchester Building, 3rd and Oak streets, Portland, Oregon.

TREE PLANTING URGED FOR BI-CENTENNIAL

Washington To Be Honored Next Year

TREES CAN BE GROWN HERE

Western Yellow Pine Makes Fine Windbreaks

This time of year, when the grass begins to push up through the sod and the flowers prepare to bloom, is the season when people think of beautifying their homes and making preparations for more pleasant surroundings for the future. Perhaps this is one of the reasons that the first months of spring have been set as the proper time to encourage property owners to set out trees and shrubs.

* We are assured on the authority of J. B. Adams, who has had a great deal of practical experience with trees in Sherman county, and of the Oregon State Board of Forestry that this is the best time of year to start trees here.

This is also the year just preceding the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. As the father of our country was a lover of trees and a believer in reforestation of cut over land the planting of trees will be a feature of this celebration. Many Boys and Girls' clubs over the United States are being formed to plant and take care of trees this year in order to be ready for the celebration next February.

Civic and fraternal organizations are also interested in this movement especially in those parts of the country where trees were not provided by nature. As Sherman county comes in this class it is expected that quite a number of trees will be planted here this year and next.

Ample supplies of Black Locust, Chinese Elm, Western Yellow Pine and Scotch Pine are available at the Oregon Forest Nursery at Corvallis. All these are especially adapted to this section of Oregon and may be had for a digging charge of 25 cents per hundred. One dollar is the minimum amount of an order but several farmers can pool their orders and procure whatever amount they desire. Chinese Elms are very scarce in the United States as yet, and people are fortunate in getting them for this small charge.

Any one desiring information on how to take care of the seedlings after they have been ordered can get it from Mr. Adams who has two or three small nurseries on the company's property in the county, or from Mr. Stephens at the Experiment farm, where different varieties of trees have been grown since it was established.

On the Experiment farm there are two rows of Western Yellow Pine now about ten years old that are large enough to make a fair wind break for almost any kind of stock and would afford considerable protection to a house. George W. Peavy, head of the Forestry school at Corvallis says that this tree can be grown in this section of the state. The advantage of windbreaks will be very apparent to those who live in this almost treeless country where the winds have nothing to stop their speed.

It is not necessary to water trees in this country. All is needed is enough cultivation to keep the weeds from sapping the moisture from the soil. While trees do not make a very rapid growth for the first years after transplanting to new ground the owner should not be discouraged for when the roots have gotten started the tree begins a more rapid growth and in a few years more than repay for its care.

While on the subject of growing things in Sherman county other than a crop of wheat it seems mandatory to say something about Mr. Adams' system of raising some of the best potatoes in the county. First the ground is plowed early and left in ridges, that is, in furrows until the time for planting arrives. Then with a small hand plow the furrow for the seed potatoes is made. The seed, carefully cut, and treated with land plaster and sulphur is placed in the rows. Placed in the rows is said advisedly, for they are not dropped, but placed carefully cut side down in the furrows then covered. The plants are sprayed enough times to keep harmful disease from hurting their growth.

This system may seem to be the height of carefulness to the farmer used to handling large acreages of wheat land, but it is successful as any one can see from viewing the splendid patch of potatoes raised on Mr. Adams' lots in Moro each year. An acre of potatoes as productive as the small plot in Moro would bring a return of over three hundred dollars to the grower.

The Rookie

