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SENATOR STEINER TALKS OF RIVER

Mid-Columbia River Association
Hears Senator's Speech

DEVELOPMENT HELD ESSENTIAL

Congressmen Assert That Cooperation
Is Necessary

Speaking to seventy representative wheat growers and business men from Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties, United States Senator Frederick Steiner discussed the reasons for utilization of the Columbia river and explained some of the difficulties attendant to successful completion of that plan at a meeting of the Mid-Columbia River Association at Arlington last Friday night.

The senator stated that a few years ago, when wheat was worth two or three times what it is now the farmer was not concerned with minor savings in the cost of production or marketing of his product. Now, he explained, with wheat at the lowest price in thirty five years and with the more or less flexible costs of raising a wheat crop cut to a minimum, it is time that the heretofore fixed charges against this crop be reduced if humanly possible.

These charges he itemized as interest, taxes and transportation. He intimated that the government might be able to do something about the first and that with the aid of the taxpayer himself they could reduce taxes to a considerable extent. Transportation, however, was the subject that brought the group together and it was to this item that he directed his remarks in the remainder of his remarks.

He called attention to the development of feeder roads to assist in bringing grain to the shores of the river and stated that they made more probable the success of future river transportation. It has been one of the stock arguments of the U. S. Engineers that the movement of wheat from the interior wheat belt of the northwest to the sea is too seasonal for barge transportation, but it was the opinion of the speaker that the Federal Farm Board activities would make this marketing more general throughout the year and remove this argument.

On the Great Lakes it is possible to move freight by tow boats and barges at one-tenth of a cent per ton mile on the still water and on the slow moving Mississippi freight is handled at starting low cost. It is not expected that barges will be able to operate on the Columbia at such rates because, for a time at least, it will be necessary to use it as an open river without the boon of slack water.

He clearly stated his position on the subject of the development of the Columbia in saying he was for the entire project or any part of it that could be feasibly perfected. The major interest of the Oregon delegation in Washington has been the Umatilla Rapids project because it has the endorsement of the government engineers, has been surveyed by them and is closer to the time when it can receive federal support.

Senator Steiner especially urged that the different organizations working toward better use of the Columbia cooperate with each other in their demands on the government for whenever they are in disagreement their representatives find it hard to get support in Washington.

Representative Butler of the second district, followed the senator and in a few remarks seconded the statements that the men who are seeking development of the river should work together.

Other speakers on the program were E. M. Hilden, of Blaylock; John Withycombe, of Arlington; E. W. Snell, of Arlington; J. P. Yates, of Wasco; L. Barnum, of The Dalles; R. H. Kipp, secretary of the Columbia River Association and George S. Shepard, of Portland who has long been an advocate of development of the Columbia.

Dr. Thompson Coberth, of The Dalles and president of the Mid-Columbia Association acted as chairman of the meeting after the opening remarks were made by Dave Lemmon, of Arlington.

Those in attendance from Sherman county were Gus Smith and E. E. Gervais, of Grass Valley; L. L. Peetz and Giles E. French, of Moro; George A. Potter of Klondike; J. P. Yates, E. D. McKee, G. C. Updegraff, of Wasco; and C. A. Tom of Rufus.

It was announced that another meeting of the Mid-Columbia Association would be held some later in the month in White Salmon when other speakers interested in the development of the river would talk before the organization.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 6

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
April 30	78	54	.00
May 1	74	56	.00
" 2	66	48	.08
" 3	69	44	.00
" 4	74	36	.00
" 5	81	43	.00
" 6	78	44	.00
Total for week			.08

Lower Discounts On Grain Announced

Farmers will have smaller discounts taken from their wheat price this year according to a decision of the North Pacific Grain Growers Inc., and the Eastern Oregon Wheat League representatives who met in the smutting charge has been 45 to 75 percent last Saturday. Whereas cents per ton it is now reduced to 30 and 45 cents.

Discounts for wheat that weighed less than the required amount for No. 1 have been one cent for each pound. Now this has been changed to one half cent, for wheat weighing over 55 pounds. The differential between sacked and bulk wheat has been set at two and a half cents for the year.

This is in accordance with the recommendations made by the grain growers at the Walla Walla meeting. They protested that the former discounts were unfair since the price of wheat has fallen to half what it was when the former discounts were set.

Farmer's Elevator Refuses Offer

The offer of the National Grain Corporation to the Farmer's Elevator Company of this city was refused by that company this week. It is understood that the grain corporation bid \$60,000.00 for the elevators and ware houses owned by the farmer's company at Hay Canyon, Erskine, Moro and DeMoss Springs.

According to reports the local company has countered with an offer to accept \$80,000.00 for their properties or continue to operate them as they have in the past.

The Independent Warehouse Company sold their holdings last week to the National Grain Corporation. This sale included storage houses in Wasco, Rufus, Biggs, Hay Canyon and Miller and was for \$50,000.00.

Mrs. W. C. Bryant New City Recorder

The city council last Wednesday night in special meeting filled the vacancy in their city force caused by the resignation of Arthur Christiansen by appointing Mrs. W. C. Bryant to be recorder of the city for the remainder of the term.

The bids for pipe were laid on the table until a later meeting as the council wished to try out the Conlee well a little longer before purchasing pipe. The well has been tested about 29 hours at present, but a broken chain caused the first test to be halted until repairs could be made. It is estimated that it pumped between 35 and 40 gallons of water per minute for the time it was under test.

Residents living near and below the well were irrigating their gardens and lawns Saturday and Sunday while the water was running.

Sheriff Receives Some Big Tax Checks

A check for \$1,509.06 was given to the sheriff this week by the Pacific Telephone Co., for taxes on their property in this county during 1930. Mr. Butcher, of the telephone company, states that the company's taxes in this state are more than \$820,000 per year.

Some other corporations have paid a part of their taxes for the year and the sheriff has received checks of nearly \$29,000.00 from the Union Pacific railroad and the Eastern Oregon Land Company have contributed \$4,173.04 to the county for taxes.

Freight Delivery Time Extended in Portland

A. Rose, local agent for the Union Pacific, states that since the 4th of May the freight depot of the company in Portland will be open until six o'clock in the evening and that freight billed via Union Pacific Stages and delivered before that hour will be delivered here the following morning.

Previous to this announcement the freight depots in the city closed at four o'clock and freight arriving after that time was delayed until the next day.

KENT HAS GENUINE CLOUDBURST FRIDAY

Over Two Inches of Rain Drenches
Town and Country

SLIGHT DAMAGE DONE BY WATER

Rainfall of Great Help To Late Sown
Spring Wheat

Rainfall, 2.23 inches of it, descended on Kent in a little over an hour last Friday afternoon about three o'clock. Hail preceded the rain and was washed into piles that resembled snowdrifts, making a strange sight for May day.

Water swiftly accumulated in the draws and canyons and ran down to Finnegan where it covered the highway at the rock crusher site, flooded the Ruggles meadow further down and overran the market road where it crosses Finnegan at the Ruggles ranch.

Only minor damage is reported by observers. George McKay's team was mixed up when they became frightened at the hail and rain, a few chickens—perhaps unacquainted with the phenomenon of water falling—were drowned and the dirt roads were somewhat washed and rutted, but in general reporters of the storm are too happy to mourn over small losses.

Two and a quarter inches of rain fall, even if it did have to come in an hour or so, is a blessing to wheat farmers who have found it necessary to plant wheat in the last of April and it will make up for some of the loss occasioned by the severe wind of two weeks ago.

The storm was limited in its extent for a few miles west of Kent only a little rain fell and a few miles south the rainfall did not assume water-sprout proportions. Within the heaviest storm area the wheat was beaten down flat on the ground, but straightened up again in the warm sunshine of the following days. Wheat that was sown since the wind storm and before the heavy rain came up in almost record time as the ground was warm and wet.

I. O. O. F. Holds Convention at Kent

Odd-Fellows of three counties convened at Kent last Monday for the twenty first annual meeting of lodge members of this district. About one hundred and fifty persons were present, twenty seven of whom were from O'dell, in Hood River county.

After a dinner at six o'clock in the evening which started the festivities by providing good feeling as well as stability for the inner man, a program was given by the local lodges. Mrs. Poley, of Grass Valley, gave several readings that pleased the audience.

O'dell lodge put on the degree work in such a manner as to arouse praise for their training and practice. Altogether it was a meeting that members of the I. O. O. F. will speak of for many days for it was most enjoyable.

Moro Woman's Club Finishes Years Program

The next and last club event, for the year will be held in the city park May 15th, a pot luck dinner at noon, followed by the regular club meeting. Families of club members are invited.

Members are asked to keep in mind the Mother-Daughter banquet which is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at 6:30 p. m., at the Presbyterian church.

In the absence of Mrs. Reese Mrs. Amidon acted as director at the April 30th meeting. This was our garden program and proved so interesting and instructive. We were very fortunate to have Mr. J. B. Adams to speak about "Trees and Flowers." Many excellent points were made in his talk but everyone was especially interested in the information pertaining to tree planting in Sherman county. "The Chinese Elm is adapted to this climate as it is drought and wind resistant and is in leaf two months longer per year than the locust," stated Mr. Adams.

Mrs. D. E. Stephens read an article about gardens from the Clubwoman. She also referred to the flowers and shrubs at Mt. Vernon mentioning that they were now kept the same as during Washington's time.

Marjorie Nahouse rendered a piano solo which was appreciated very much.

The origin of Flowers was the theme of a paper by Mrs. Howard Conlee. Reasons for certain flowers were told in forms of legends and myths from the old European countries.

Mrs. Henry Barnum and Mrs. Lester Nahouse were admitted as new members.

Grass Valley Defeats Kent Kid Balltossers

The ball flinging kids of Kent tried valiantly to down the Grass Valley team at Grass Valley last Sunday but failed by the close score of 18-16. The pitching of Ted Kelly who does the serving for the boys held up in quality but was hardly good enough to stop the more seasoned team.

Rolfe and Rutledge divided the nine innings between them in mound duty but neither of them could entirely stem the hard hitting youngsters from the cloud-burst city.

The game was featured with heavy hitting and many errors coupled with poor fielding. A wrong decision by both umpires on a so called infield fly in the eighth inning ended a four run spree for Kent. With Young on first and Allen on third Kelly lofted a high fly to the infield and the short stop muffed. The umpires ruled Kelly out at first on the infield fly rule.

The rules state specifically that either first and second or first, second and third must be occupied and the umpire shall call infield fly immediately.

Connie Allen was leading hitter with one walk, two singles, one two bagger and a triple followed closely by Dunlap with two singles, a double and a triple.

Fritts got two singles and triple and Rolfe three singles for the leading hitters of the Grass Valley team. Grass Valley plays the return game at Kent May 17th.

COUNTY COURT TALK OF NEW DISTRICTS

Voting Precincts May Be Changed
If People Desire

MONTHS BILLS ORDERED PAID

Court Orders Recheck on Part of 1930
Audit

The May meeting of the county court was held Wednesday with as few spectators and as little pressing business as any meeting so far this year. After paying the monthly accumulation of bills against the county and taking care of the other routine business the members of the court discussed a proposal to change the voting districts of the county. There are at present eleven such districts and the proposed plan was to combine them into five districts, one at Rufus, Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley and Kent.

The court debated with themselves whether this measure would result in a greater number of citizens voting on election day or not. They made no decision on the question and will await the opinion of residents of the county before making a change. It was stated that the saving in money would not be very great over the county, not being over two or three hundred dollars.

Some defects being found in the audit for the year 1930 the court ordered that document changed to meet their wishes. Official orders were made relative to closing roads west of Kent that have been rendered useless by the improvement of the Kent west market road.

After the formal meeting members of the court spent the remainder of the day in viewing roads and general survey of the county work in the south end of the county where the funds are being expended this year.

Kent Auxiliary Entertains Co-workers

A special meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was called Wednesday evening, May 6, for the purpose of meeting the Department President, Mrs. Callie Heider who with Department Secretary, Mrs. Mabel McInturf and Mrs. Catherine Belcher, Committee woman of District No. 2, wished to discuss Auxiliary work with the members.

Prior to the meeting, members of the Kent Auxiliary were hostesses to the above mentioned state officers and the members of the Antelope, Grass Valley, and Moro Auxiliaries.

After the dinner the following program was given. Pledge to the Flag. Singing of the National Anthem. Prayer by the Chaplain. Reading of the Legion Preamble. Vocal selection by Janet Rudolph. Piano selection by Mildred Norton. Ceremonial by the Camp Fire Girls. Round table discussion led by the Dept. President Mrs. Callie Heider. Closing ceremony.

New List of Books Comes To Library

The Moro Library has just received a new unit of books from the State Library and they are now ready to be loaned to patrons who may find some book of interest to them. The list follows:

1. Altschuler, Lords of the world.
2. Altschuler, Son of Quebec.
3. Anderson, Kim of the Desert.
4. Bell, Trip to Lotusland.
5. Blythe, Hunkins.
6. Buchanan, Mr. Steadfast.
7. Clemens, Prince and the Pauper.
8. Collins, Amateur mechanics.
9. Curwood, Honor of the big Snows.
10. Dickens, David Copperfield.
11. Day, Rider of the King Log.
12. Geister, Ice-breakers.
13. Godoy, When I Was a Girl in Mexico.
14. Grey, Rusty Miller.
15. Greene, My Country's Voice.
16. Hardy, Far from the maddening crowd.
17. Harper, Story-hour favorites.
18. Hazen, Fifty years of Europe.
19. Holbrook, Hiawatha primer.
20. Huffcutt, Elements of business law.
21. Jonckheere, When I was a boy in Belgium.
22. Kyne, Webster—a man's man.
23. Lang, Blue fairy book.
24. Lange, The Shawnee's warning.
25. McSpadden, Boys' book of famous soldiers.
26. Maeterlinck, Children's Life of the bee.
27. Mathews, Boy scouts book of stories.
28. Montgomery, Rainbow Valley.
29. Muir, Stickeen.
30. Murray, Story land.
31. Oemler, A woman named Smith.
32. Page, Dramatic moments in American Diplomacy.
33. Parker, Pierre and his people.
34. Parrish, Maid of the forest.
35. Parsons, Land of fair play.
36. Perkins, The Scotch twins.
37. Powell, Successful canning and preserving.
38. Rankin, Dandelion cottage.
39. Riley, Riley reader.
40. Rolt-Wheeler, Boy with the U. S. life savers.
41. Slosson, Creative Chemistry.
42. Smith, What can literature do for me?
43. Tarkington, Ramsey Mitholland.
44. Turpin, Peggy of Roundabout lane.
45. Walpole, Jeremy.
46. Warren, Farm management.
47. (Waterloo), Ab, the cave man.
48. White, Blazed trail.
49. Young, Alaska days with John Muir.
50. Altschuler, Herald of the West.

Moro Baseball Team Loses To Harlandview

Last Sunday afternoon the Harlandview Grange met the Moro team in a baseball game on the Harmony diamond and defeated them by a score of 17-12.

Lloyd Rice did the pitching for the Moro team, but as some of the town players had one fishing for the day he was short on support. John Thogerson pitched for the Grangers for the first four innings and held his opponents to very few scores. Clare Adams took up the burden in the fifth and was not scored upon in that inning. In the sixth Clare was too wild and allowed eight men to score, where upon he was relieved by Seral Kruger who finished the game.

COUNTY SCHOOLS SHOW YEARS WORK

Four Different Holidays Held In
One Day

CONTEST SPEAKERS CHOSEN

Achievement, Oregon and Health
Days Combined Into One

Last Friday was a red letter day for the school children of the county for they had an opportunity to show mother and father their work for the year, if those parents could be persuaded to come to the school house and look at Junior's work.

Really several events that school children have been looking forward to were combined to make May 1st a big day for them. The Annual Achievement Day was only one of these. Health Day, Oregon Day and the local speaking contests were held as well.

Children have been carefully preparing work for the past months to post on the walls of the school rooms, or to be displayed where visitors could see them. Teachers have assisted them in making signs and decorations portraying what should be eaten and done to keep healthy, and study has been made of the history of Oregon so that the children might be acquainted with their own state. All these combined into one day's activity made last Friday one to be remembered by the children.

Winners of the local speaking contests are given below. They will contest for the county championship on the evening of May 8th at the Grass Valley Auditorium.

"A" Division.
Opportunity, Florence Young, Grass Valley.
A Strange Drama, Jewell Herin, Rufus.
Mark Antony's Funeral Oration, Russell Belashe, Moro.

"B" Division.
A Woman in an Automobile, Rachel Poley, Grass Valley.
Settin' A Hen, Leroy Pyburn, Rufus.
The Cremation of Sam McGee, Clarence Gregg, Kent.
Towser Must Be Tied, Doris Thompson, Moro.
Over the Telephone, Cleone Walah, Wasco.

"C" Division.
Tomboy's Escape, La Vonne Alsap, Grass Valley.
The Way To Do It, Iva Willard, Rufus.
Runnin' Errands, Frank von Borstel, Kent.
Little Brown Baby, Jack Coppock, Moro.
Where the Spank Weed Grows, Douglas Tuel, Wasco.

Wasco Student Body Presents Annual Play

The Wasco high school senior play "Adventures of Grandpa" was heard in the Wasco school auditorium Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. The auditorium was filled. The directors of the play were Miss Carney and Miss Magness.

The "Adventures of Grandpa" told of the mix up which occurred at the dancing school when Tod Hunter, a young man who pretends to be married, and grandpa for whose benefit the pretence is made are both quarantined in the same house together with the supposed wife and real sweetheart.

The cast of characters was as follows: Bill McKean as Monte Ray; Georgia Bell McPherson as Dorothy May; Evelyn Spencer as Mrs. Percy Hopscotch; Gordon Harper as Tod Hunter; Elda Ferrel as Mrs. Tod Hunter; Bob Scott as a policeman; Mildred Butler as Kloomp; Janet McQuillen as Marie Rebeau and John Hawk in the title role of Grandpa.

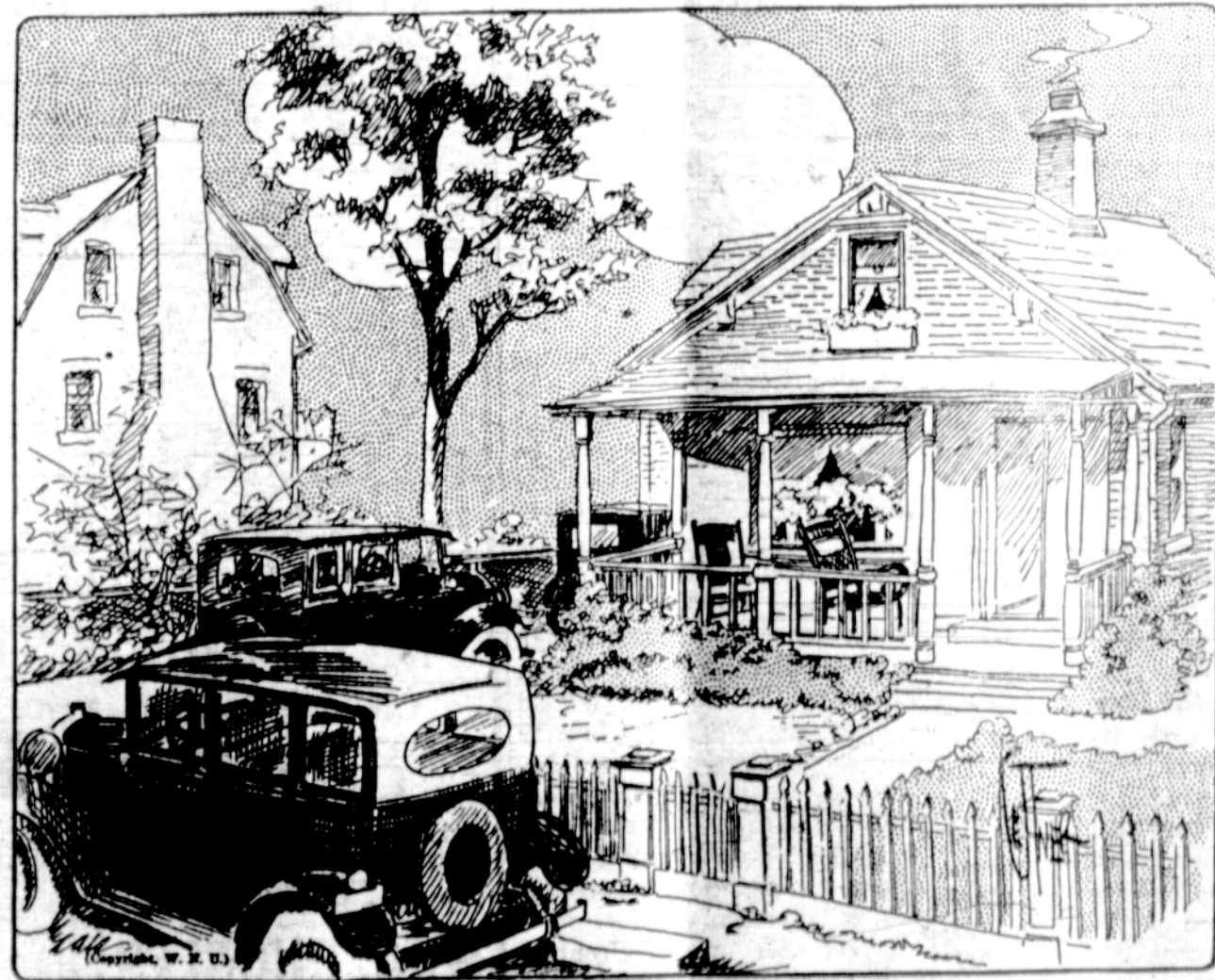
Especially good portrayals were given by Elda Ferrel, John Hawk and Mildred Butler. The play as a whole went off smoothly and proved very good entertainment. Many amusing situations prevailed and the shorter roles were well handled.

Updegraff & Pepper New Law Firm

When Attorney George Updegraff moves to Moro and settles himself in his office the sign that will need to be painted on the window through which he will view the street will be Updegraff & Pepper according to an announcement made this week by Mr. Pepper.

Mr. Updegraff will maintain the Sherman county office of the firm in Moro and Mr. Pepper will continue the office in The Dalles.

Mother's Day



OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Its head and three inches of its body severed from the "warning end," a rattlesnake before it died struck twice at the weapon that dealt the blow, according to Roy Baumberger of Grants Pass.

Sweet Home is planning an old-time celebration on the first day of the Strawberry fair, when the train will bring into Sweet Home about 4000 people, who will later be taken back to Lebanon.

Mejer Ovesen, 36, was drowned in the Oregon-American mill pond at Vernonia, when he was struck by a cable and knocked off a log. His head struck on another log and resuscitation was of no avail.

A head of broccoli measuring 37 inches in circumference, and weighing six pounds, was harvested in a crop raised by Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Webber, near Monmouth. The entire crop quality is above average.

Fire damaged the Mountain States Power company plant at Stayton to the extent of about \$18,000. For an hour and 40 minutes Lyons, Mahama, Scio, Aumsville, Dallas, Sublimity, West Stayton and Stayton were in darkness.