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## MID-COLUMBIA RIVER ASSOCIATION MEETS

White Salmon Host To Those Who Favor Open River

## KIPP AND NELSON SPEAKERS

Need of Cheaper Transportation Shown By Speakers

The second district wide meeting of the Mid-Columbia River Association was held in White Salmon, Wash., last Wednesday night and representatives from the territory adjacent to that town were present to hear the adherents of river development state the reasons for their belief.

George Reed, director from White Salmon, introduced W. S. Nelson, of The Dalles as first speaker after the opening remarks of welcome were said.

Mr. Nelson began his talk by reading the aims and purposes of the organization and elaborated these purposes to show the need for them in any plan for the future development of the territory drained by the great river of the northwest. He stated that there are 257,000 square miles of country in the Columbia basin and that comparatively little money had been spent in its development by the government in comparison to the sums spent on smaller territories with smaller and less useful streams.

The Columbia has possibilities for navigation and power and irrigation while many streams have only one of these potential uses, he said. It would be unfair for the east to demand that there be uses for the power before it was developed and he did not believe that eastern interests would do so if the Columbia project was explained in the proper way to the authorities in charge.

A large part of the products of the northwest are agricultural and would be shipped on the Columbia or some of its tributaries if they were properly canalized and made navigable. In the interior country drained by this river there are minerals that could be used by the world if cheap transportation could be provided. Phosphates and nitrates that would make unnecessary our heavy imports from Chile and Germany are lying unused and unusable in the Pacific northwest awaiting a navigable river.

R. H. Kipp, executive secretary of the Columbia River Association, was the next speaker. He began his talk by apologizing for the absence of Marshall Dana, editor of the Oregon Journal and member of the United States Chamber of Commerce Inland Waterway committee who was expected to speak but was unable to come.

Mr. Kipp predicted that when the report of the United States engineers was published it would show that transportation on the Columbia itself would be fifty per cent cheaper than along its sides. The wealth of the northwest is made up of products of the farmer's fork, the lumberman's axe and the miner's pick and all of these implements are hampered in their work by high priced transportation.

He quoted from statements by President Grey, of the Union Pacific, "The Columbia River Basin pours a wealth of agricultural and mineral resources down the river to Portland" and paraphrased it by stating that Mr. Grey would have to say "has poured" within a few years unless the producers of the northwest had some relief from the high freight charges at present in force.

He showed on his maps and by comparison the cost of shipping wheat in the northwest and in the Mississippi basin where a navigable river aids the farmers in getting their product into the hands of the hungry people of the world. He stated that Alexander Legge when he was chairman of the Federal Farm Board said that the wheat farmers of the northwest were done unless they could find some way to reduce costs. The speaker believed that costs of wheat farming could not be further reduced but that costs of transportation would have to be before success again crowned the efforts of the northwest farmer.

Other speakers on the program were Dr. Clark Black, president of the Columbia Valley Association, and George S. Shepard for many years an advocate of better channel to the sea.

A meeting of the board of directors of the association will be held within a few days to determine the course of the organization in some of the practical aspects of the use of the river.

Some time this month a meeting will be held in Moro to discuss and explain the purposes of this association.

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## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 3

| DATE           | MAX. | MIN. | PRECIP. |
|----------------|------|------|---------|
| May 28         | 76   | 40   | .00     |
| " 29           | 86   | 43   | .00     |
| " 30           | 94   | 50   | .00     |
| " 31           | 85   | 62   | .00     |
| June 1         | 79   | 51   | .00     |
| " 2            | 75   | 43   | .00     |
| " 3            | 76   | 43   | .00     |
| Total for week |      |      | .00     |

## County Court Makes It Snappy For June

One of the shortest sessions of the county court that has been held this year was held Wednesday June 3rd. The usual stack of bills against the county appeared on the table in front of court members and when they were paid the work was about finished except for signing the final orders closing that part of the Saw-tooth road west of its conjunction with the Lamborn road south west of Wasco and the short road west of Kent.

After the meeting the members of the court, accompanied by Road Master Wall visited the newly constructed roads in the south end of the county and looked over the bridge and culvert construction work that has been done there during the past month.

## Harlandview Loses By Big Score Sunday

The Harlandview-Grass Valley ball game of last Sunday turned out to be a one sided affair as it ended with the score 29-4 in favor of Grass Valley.

Barzee and Rolfe did the pitching for the victors and Kruger and Adams did their best for the home team. Fritts and Belshee, respectively, formed the other half of the batteries.

Next Sunday the Harlandview boys are going to go to Grass Valley determined to wipe out the defeat and redeem themselves in the eyes of their supporters. They will have their full strength this time.

## Agriculturist From England Visits Here

Dr. V. H. Harlan, who is in charge of barley investigations in the United States Department of Agriculture, and Mr. J. Bell, a graduate of Cambridge university in England, were at the experiment station Wednesday looking over the varieties of barley grown here.

Mr. Bell received a research scholarship on the close of his university course and is visiting the experiment farms in the United States as part of that research. He is particularly interested in barley.

## Commencement Held For Wasco Students

A large crowd gathered at the Wasco High School Auditorium last Friday evening for the annual commencement exercises of the Wasco high school where 12 boys and girls were presented their high school diplomas.

The Dalles High School ten piece orchestra played the processionals, directed by C. H. Endicott, while the members of the 1931 class marched down the center aisle to take their places on the stage.

Rev. Hawk gave the invocation and the orchestra then played the overture, "Majestic." John S. Hawk, the salutatorian, welcomed the audience to the graduating exercises of the class of "31." The commencement address was given by Dr. James A. Gilbert, Dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts of the University of Oregon.

Mr. William Clothier favored with a piano solo, "A La Bien Aimee." The valedictory was given by Kenneth Fridley and was followed by the classic, "Prelude," played by the orchestra. Principal Paul R. McCulloch presented the scholarship cup to Kenneth Fridley.

Homer S. Wall, chairman of the school board, awarded diplomas to the following students: Elda Ferrell, Robert Scott, Evelyn Spencer, John Hawk, Mildred Butler, Gordon Harper, Kenneth Fridley, Georgia Bell McPherson, Ira Fridley, Janet McQuillan, Norman Woodward, and Robert McKean. Rev. Hawk then pronounced the benediction, and the class marched out while the orchestra played the recessional.

The stage was attractively decorated with fern leaves entirely covering the walls of the stage, while in the center of the back wall were the numbers "31."

## CHANGE IN MAIL SERVICE ANNOUNCED

Monday's Mail Will By Truck From Biggs

## MONDAY MORNING TRAIN OFF

No Business After Holiday Is Reason Given By Railroad

A change in mail and train service will be instituted next Sunday evening when Gus Smith, of Grass Valley will begin hauling mail from Grass Valley to Biggs and return the following morning.

The Monday morning train will be discontinued which means that the train crew will lay off from the time of arrival at Grass Valley Sunday morning at 6:15 until they are scheduled to leave Monday night at 9:00. Mr. Smith's schedule at present is to leave Grass Valley at 9:15 and arrive at Biggs shortly after midnight. After waiting for the east and west mail trains to arrive he will make the return trip, leaving the mail at the stations along the way.

The railroads claim that the Monday train has long been a burden to them as there was not enough freight up and down on that day to pay expenses and they have made this arrangement in order to get the mail and express transported with less cost to them. It will give practically the same service to the patrons along the route.

General Superintendent Finch, A. Buckley and J. W. Padden were in Grass Valley last week making arrangements for this change.

## City Pumping Plant Will Be Speeded Up

The pump or cylinder or some other part of the city's pumping plant at the Conlee well has not been delivering as much water as it should and the council at the Tuesday night meeting decided to have the machinery inspected by a representative of the company that sold it. The well must furnish forty gallons per minute or the capacity of the pumping plant installed to meet the city's specifications but so far the city has not been able to get the pump to throw that much water.

It was tested when first coupled up and was reported to be pumping about 37 gallons. When it was put in the cistern this week it was tested again and showed about 27 gallons per minute. The cylinder is guaranteed to pump 55 gallons when working properly and city intends to see whether it can be made to do it or not.

The councilmen expressed themselves as satisfied that there is a greater flow of water in the well than has so far been pumped out and think that the only trouble is with the pumping machinery.

The pipe was connected last Saturday and water users are using water from the new well at present. The cistern is full of water.

## Automobile Drivers To Be Examined

A new law which goes into effect the sixth of June makes it imperative that drivers of automobiles in this state have a different sort of drivers license than formerly. Inspectors will be at the Court House in Moro on Monday, June 29th to give the necessary examinations to applicants who wish to drive cars.

It is stated that this will be an oral and written examination as well as a test in driving ability. On July the 13th and 27th examinations will also be given at the Court House for the same purpose. In each case the hours will be from 1 to 5 in the afternoon.

## Oregon State Graduates Three From This County

Students from Sherman county were among those who received their degrees from Oregon State college June 1st when the annual commencement was held in Corvallis. They were part of the largest class which has graduated from that institution in the sixty two years it has been educating young people of this state.

President Kerr presided for the twenty third time over the exercises that marked the finish of collegiate work for so many students, and W. C. Thompson, president emeritus of Ohio State University delivered the commencement address.

Ione Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller, of Moro, received her degree in vocational education. She is a graduate of Moro High School.

Morris Searcy, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Searcy, of Moro finished his work in the school of commerce. He completed the requirements for graduation during the winter and has been working in Marshfield in newspaper work since that time. He is also a graduate of Moro High School. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi, a national social fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi, an honorary journalism fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Psi, an honorary commerce fraternity and was night editor of the Barometer.

Dorothy Stradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stradley, of Grass Valley, received her degree in commerce. Miss Stradley is a member of Chi Omega, was managerial secretary of the college yearbook, Beaver, was on the business staff of the Barometer and was office secretary of the college Y. W. C. A.

## Ford Caravan Visits Moro This Week

The commercial caravan of the Ford Motor Company was in Moro last Monday on their tour of the state. In it were specimens of seventeen of the fifty odd body designs manufactured by the company each painted a different color and each built for some special kind of service.

Four men from the Portland branch accompanied the cars and drivers of the other cars were recruited from each town to drive to the next town where a dealer was located. Several young men from Moro drove from here to Goldendale.

## ELECTRIC CURRENT RATES REDUCED

Commissioner Thomas Orders Cut Throughout System

## BILLS TO BE 10 PERCENT LESS

Pacific Power & Light Co., Makes No Protest To Ruling

Lower rates for electric current were assured patrons of the Pacific Power and Light Company last week when Commissioner Thomas, Oregon Public Commissioner, ordered a reduction of 10% in the charges of that company.

The company made no protest to the order and, in fact, made reductions that will in many cases amount to more than the required amount. While the minimum will remain the same as at present, \$1.50, it will be possible to use fifteen kilowatts instead of ten for that sum of money. The top rates has been fifteen cents whereas it will be ten after the rates have gone into effect.

Users of less than \$7.50 worth of electricity will save more than the 10% ordered by the commissioner owing to the large cut made on the top rate.

It is expected that this will result in a saving to users over the entire system of \$200,000.00 and will allow consumers of electricity in Sherman county to keep about \$2500.00 which they have been paying for service.

The new rates will go into effect on the first of July and all readings made thereafter will carry the lower rates. As users of electric current in this county get their bills the fifteenth of the middle of July will mark the beginning of lower rates here.

## Grass Valley High Graduates Seven

Graduation exercises of the Grass Valley High School were held in the city Auditorium Friday evening May 29th with Dr. F. A. Macgruder of the economics department of Oregon State College delivering the address to the students. Seven students completed their public school course with this program. They were: Barbara Walpole, Margaret Schilling, Olga Koepke, Bernard Martin, Harold Blagg, Robert Poley and Vernon Eakin.

The stage was beautifully decorated with the class colors and a program of singing was added to the usual speeches by the graduates. Dr. Macgruder stressed the fact that adults are what they make of themselves by their habits and that they lay the foundation for their success or failure in life when they are young and in the formative period.

The cups that are annually presented to the boy and girl in the upper grades of the high school for leadership, scholarship, gentlemanly and ladylike conduct, athletic ability and courtesy were given to Robert Poley and Barbara Walpole by Karl Eaton, commander of Hanley Baker Post, American Legion.

## Mrs. George Howell Passes Away at Home

Mrs. Rachael Millicent Howell, wife of George Howell, of Kent, Oregon, died at the family home in Kent last Monday afternoon, of pernicious anemia. Mrs. Howell has been ill for many months and has been gradually growing weaker.

She was born in Nebraska on March 2nd 1881, but has lived in Sherman county for almost thirty years. Here she has reared a family of five sons and two daughters. They are Melvin, now of Dufur and Harry, Millard, Harold and Dale of Kent and Mrs. Walter Byers and Miss Bernice Howell of Kent.

She was from a large family and eight brothers and sisters of hers are still living. George McKay, of Kent, James McKay of Port Orchard, Paul McKay of Junction City, Mrs. Addie Augue, of Port Orchard, Wash., Mrs. Gertrude Hollworth, of Willow Lake, S. D., Mrs. May Haynes, of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Myrtle Cratty, of Sutherlin, and Mrs. Stella Logan of Portland.

Funeral services were held in the Christian church, at Kent, Wednesday June 3rd and were under the direction of Crandall's of The Dalles. Burial was in the Kent cemetery.

## Cooler Days Bring Fairer Chances of Wheat

The cooler days of this week have had a beneficial effect on the wheat in some parts of the county. In the north end the fields actually look greener than they did a week ago and unless some very bad weather hits them they will produce more wheat than was prophesied a few weeks ago. Some of the fields have already been trimmed up by the cutting of right of ways for hay.

In the southern end of the county a large part of the wheat is spring sown and while it is a long way from maturity it is still brilliant green and with a good rain would make a crop to compare with the well remembered 1916. Some winter wheat appears to be in a satisfactory condition as well.

A more cheerful atmosphere prevails in the central part of the county than was the case last week and some of the most pessimistic farmers have concluded that it might look worse.

## OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The crops of the Rock Creek-Muddy Creek section of Baker county never looked more promising, despite the cold, backward spring. Grain is well along and alfalfa is waving in the meadows.

Wool buyers are active in Baker county. Several sales have been made, the largest being 12,000 fleeces from the flocks of Lee & Son. The local price ranges between 13 1/2 and 16 cents per pound.

At a meeting of the Wheeler Garden club it was decided that the club sponsor a junior garden club and offer a list of prizes for the best showings and finest flowers grown during the vacation period.

The deadly sting of a rattlesnake was felt recently near Turner. The victim was a registered Jersey cow belonging to E. A. Hawk. It was the first rattler reported in that section of the state in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sylvester celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at their home at Jasper recently. They were married in Polk county, Indiana, May 20, 1866. They came to Oregon in 1884, settling on a farm at Jasper, where they have lived since.

Newberg's battle of more than three months past over the merits and demerits of an antiquated blue law, under which Sunday movies were prohibited there, ended at a referendum election, at which the city voted, 506 to 375, to permit the picture shows to operate.

After a setback which continued for several months, work has been resumed on the 12-inch well of the Fat Elk Oil & Gas company near Marshfield. This followed a decision to finish the test which had fine promises at 1482 feet where a strong flow of gas was encountered.

The annual picnic of the Southwestern Oregon Masonic association, always held at Shrine grove, on the Mast place at Lee, will take place on July 19. A beef barbecue, one of the features, will be under direction of Sheriff Hess.

The co-operative cannery at Hermiston has turned out 4500 cans of asparagus since starting operation the first of May, according to the manager, J. S. West. The asparagus crop there this spring has been held back due to cold winds.

## MEMORIAL PROGRAM GIVEN BY LEGION

Four Cemeteries Visited By Firing Squad and Colors

## REV. F. A. GINN GIVES ADDRESS

All Legion Posts of County Cooperate In Observances

Memorial Day was observed in Sherman county by a county wide gathering of American Legion members who held exercises in the cemeteries of each town where there is a legion post and presented a program in the Legion Hall of Moro which was attended by interested men and women of the county.

A firing squad met in Kent in the morning under the leadership of L. W. Rakes. Accompanied by other legionnaires they decorated the graves of deceased veterans in the Kent cemetery and fired a volley over the grave of one of them. Wiley W. Knighten, as chaplain, gave the short legion prayer that is part of the legion memorial to the dead and the bugler played the sad notes of taps.

At the Grass Valley cemetery the same program was given by the ex-service men and the graves of the several veterans there were decorated with flowers and new flags were placed upon them.

At 11:15 the legionnaires met at Moro and marched into the hall followed by the Auxiliary and local boy scout troops. A program made up of a prayer by the chaplain, a reading of "In Flanders Fields" by Giles French, an address by Rev. F. A. Ginn, of the Moro Methodist church, and songs by a quartette composed of Mrs. L. H. Nahouse, Mrs. Forrest Peetz, Tom Fraser and Homer Belshee and accompanied by L. H. Nahouse.

After these exercises the company adjourned to the Moro cemetery where the departed soldiers were saluted and their graves decorated. Wasco was visited immediately after this ceremony and the same routine followed in the memory of ex-service men buried there.

This is the first Memorial day program in which the legionnaires of the county were all able to cooperate, but the impressive ceremony given by them on this occasion makes it quite likely that it will be continued in the future.

## Mrs. A. L. Alsop Buried at Grass Valley Sunday

Martha Emmaline Alsop, for many years a resident of the southern part of Sherman county passed away at the home of her daughter Wava in Yakima, Wash., last Thursday evening May 28th at the age of 57 years, 4 months and 28 days.

She was born in Douglas county, Missouri, in 1874, and was married in Mountain Grove, Missouri in 1893 to A. L. Alsop. A few years after their marriage they came to Oregon in the early 90's but returned to Mo. for a few years. Returning to Oregon for the second time in March 1903, and farmed in Sherman county until they moved to Washington in 1918.

She is survived by her widower, Link Alsop, now living in California, four sons, Ray, Bernard and Noble of California and William of Grass Valley and one daughter, Mrs. Wava Herford of Yakima, Wash., three sisters, Mrs. B. B. Johnson, of Silverton, Mrs. Harriet Cassida, of Oregon City, and Mrs. Tessie Smith who remained in Missouri and one brother, Harlin Dugger of Boring, Oregon, and five grand children.

Mrs. Alsop was an active Christian during her life time and was a member of the Baptist church of Grass Valley for many years.

The funeral was held in Grass Valley Methodist church May 31st with Rev. F. A. Ginn preaching the funeral sermon and was under the direction of Calloway's of The Dalles. Interment was made in the Grass Valley I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## Rose Festival Posters Distributed Here

Distribution of attractive, four-color posters announcing Portland's Rose Festival, June 11-12-13, is being made this week in Moro and in other cities throughout Oregon and southern Washington.

The posters, produced by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, carry a design of beautiful roses, and call attention to the main events of the Rose City's 23rd annual rose fete.

