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State House Gossip

A column of chatter about Legislation and Legislators

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Friday, Washington's birthday, marks the end of the 38th legislative assembly's regular term, but there will be no adjournment this week end. After Friday the members of the Legislature will not receive their \$3 a day, although the pay of the secretaries and other employees will continue.

Selection of Frank C. McCulloch of Baker to succeed Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, on March 1 was generally conceded by those close to the Governor. To Governor, himself, would neither deny or conform the report. McCulloch is an attorney and son of Circuit Judge C. H. McCulloch.

Most of the new appointments, other than those now coming due will not be made until after the Legislature adjourns. Adjournment has been set by observers as not before March 3, and perhaps not until March 10. With so much work remaining to be done, orderly conclusion of the session, with all jobs completed, looks far into the distance.

Appointments to replace present incumbents were expected for the director of agriculture, insurance commissioner, a new member on the state highway commission to possibly succeed Carl Washburne of Eugene, perhaps two new members to the industrial accident commission, state parole officer, perhaps other commission members, in addition to those named by the state board of control.

Evan Reames of Medford, prominent attorney, was being mentioned as the possible selection to the state highway commission to represent the first congressional district, the position now held by Washburne. It was believed the Governor would retain Leslie M. Scott of Portland and Ed Aldrich, Democrat of Pendleton.

Governor Martin during the past week stated that if the ways and means committee of the Legislature did not keep their appropriation bills within the estimates set out by Governor's budget, he would veto the entire bills and keep the Legislature "here without pay" until they kept the limit down to absolute minimums.

But it would not be necessary for the executive to veto the entire amount. He has the right of item veto, and could eliminate any of the many items listed in appropriation bills. The ways and means committee however, has not yet started bringing in its scores of money measures. But Martin's warning was being taken quite seriously.

Old age pensions still continue to play an important part of the house legislative considerations, but the senate refuses to take it very seriously. In fact even the new measure which passed the house with only one vote to spare, was conceded certain defeat in the senate—the same as the revised Townsend plan met its doom.

The bill, introduced by O. Henry Oleen, would assess employers and employees two cents a day each, or four cents a day for every man who works. This would build up a fund for old age pensions under the present law, but would raise the maximum to \$45 a month, and take the tax off real property. The age would be 70 years of age, as now in effect.

By a vote of 32 to 26, two being absent, the house voted the pension bill. It is now in the Senate, but few give it any chance there.

The capture yesterday of Jack Liard in St. Paul after his escape from the state penitentiary last November, recalls to mind what the fate of the young trustee would have been had he remained at the Oregon pen. Liard was sent to life imprisonment in 1919 for the murder of a deputy sheriff in Portland.

Liard was in line for a pardon (Continued on page four)

Rating Of Moro Will Be Started Next Week

Next week a man is expected from the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau to re-rate the city of Moro for insurance purposes. This is assured in a letter received this week from Jas. McCune, manager of the bureau, and the re-rating is on account of the improvements that have been made in the water and fire departments of the city. Tentatively promised are cuts of 23 percent from the rates now in effect on the business section of the town.

MRS. J. C. HOCKMAN DIES OF PARALYSIS

Deceased Was Resident of County For 38 Years

The funeral of Mrs. J. C. Hockman was held from the Community church Monday afternoon with the Rev. R. A. Hutchinson giving the sermon. Mrs. Hockman, a resident of Sherman county since 1897, died suddenly Friday night after an illness of only a few hours. She was transacting business in town and while at the office of the Moro Grain Growers became ill and suffered a stroke of paralysis. She was taken to her home and later in the evening was taken to The Dalles in an ambulance, dying just as she reached the hospital.

Mrs. Linnie Hockman was born in Minnesota May 15, 1867 and came to Sherman county from Washington 38 years ago. She has since lived near Moro. Surviving her are her widower, Joseph C. Hockman, four daughters, Mrs. May Belshe of Moro, Mrs. Leta Lee of Portland, Mrs. Mollie McLachlan of Portland and Adeline Hockman of Portland; two sons, Ben of The Dalles and Orville of Moro; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Wilford Belshe, Tom Douma, Truman Strong, Clarence Sparling, James Kenny and Mel Schadewitz. Honorary pall bearers were J. C. McKean, L. L. Peetz, W. J. Martin, J. C. Freeman, R. W. Pinkerton, Roy Powell, John Foss and M. Bull. Mrs. Wilford Belshe and Tom Fraser sang.

Portland Symphony Pleases Large Audience

A group of people whose musical education during the formative years at least was restricted to "The Cowboy's Lament" and "The Bird in a Gilded Cage" received their first introduction to real music Wednesday night when the Portland Symphony orchestra appeared in The Dalles. Furthermore they liked it.

It was considered an experiment, this bringing a symphony orchestra with a program of very fine music to The Dalles. The director, Willem van Hoogstraten, knew it, the audience knew it and the sponsors were most aware of it. However, under the magic of the well chosen words of the director and the spell of the music all doubt was removed and today hundreds will record themselves as lovers of orchestra music who but yesterday were inclined to turn it off the radio.

Willem van Hoogstraten made friends with the listeners from the time he stepped to the front of his stand and briefly explained the first number, told of the composer, and picked up his baton. He told a short story of each number which added to the enjoyment of those who judge music by its sound and knew little of its history or its philosophy.

The statement that another might be held next year was received with unbounded enthusiasm and it is almost assured as the concert Wednesday night was successful.

TB TESTS COMING

Farmers interested in TB testing of cattle should send in their names to the county agent so that such testing may be carried on in this county again this spring. There is a possibility that a state tester will be here within a week or ten days. A little over a year ago this county was given a good rating by the state board and if the work is kept up it may become entirely free from tuberculosis in cattle.

4-H CLUB PROGRAMS BEING PRESENTED

Grass Valley Entertains Clubbers With Community Banquet

MORO MEETING SATURDAY

Club Children To Tell Of Past Year of Work

The first of the 4-H club achievement banquets annually held in this county was given Monday evening at Grass Valley under the auspices of the club leaders and parents of that district. Mrs. Lily Coon was mistress of ceremonies.

The program was interspersed with songs from the 4-H club song books and led by Miss Doris Stradley. Elders speaking for different phases of club work were Mrs. C. L. Poley who gave the club leader's point of view, Karl Eaton, the parents view, and Willy Knight, the school superintendent's view. Marjorie Blake, Rachael Poley, Bobby King and Billy Alsop told of some of their experiences as club workers. Perry Johnston told of the advantage of club work for boys and girls and Eugene Courtney, manager of the First National Bank in The Dalles, who has done much for club work in Sherman county, spoke briefly on his hopes for club work in this county for the coming year. He said that the success of the Sherman county club last year at the state fair and the Pacific International has caused bankers throughout a wide area to take a greater interest in children's activities.

After the formal program pins and cards denoting varying years of club work were given to those winning them. First year pins were given to: Betty Jean Barnett, Margaret Kock, Harry Young, Margaret Vinton, Lowell Tiller, Delores Simon, Keith Alsop, Roy Hogue, Mary Jane Harder and Billy Ball. Third year pins were presented to: Louise Roth, Harry Roth, Forrest Russell, Kelly Tiller, LaVon Alsop, Rachael Poley and Wanda Tiller. Greta Russell received a five year pin.

Two year cards were given to: Eileen Hogue, Lydia Roth, Bobby Eaton, Billy Eaton, Thelma Fortner, Dorothy Holmes, Margaret Holmes, Jeanette Huhman and Virginia Huhman. Four year cards were presented to: Vere Pike, Bobby King, Joh Fairchild, Marjorie Blake, and Billy Alsop, a six year card to Ivan Gervais and a seven year to Cora Bayer.

Ribbons denoting the winning of sixth place in showmanship at the Pacific International was given to Bobby King and another signifying second place in the beef class was also presented to him. Henry Roth received a ribbon for his second place in the forestry exhibit at the state fair and Ivan Gervais was given a scholarship to the summer school. Club leaders Mrs. C. L. Poley, Glen King and Mrs. Lily Coon were presented with tokens of regard by the state club leader.

The second one of these appreciative banquets for club children of the county will be given under the auspices of Moro Commercial Club at Moro Saturday night, February 23. Club members will act as individual hosts to one of the club children as they did last year.

Gordon Fraser, who will act as toastmaster for the occasion Saturday night and will first introduce George Updegraff who will welcome the club members and parents after which Melba Thogerson will respond for the clubbers.

Those listed to talk on the club from the children's point of view are Vivian Fuller, Gayle Amidon, Dale Johnston, Ronald Powell, Lloyd Henrichs, Doris Thompson, Betty Powell, Dorothy Fraser, Mary Pinkerton and Frank Sayrs. Parents and club leaders on the program are Mrs. Tom Fraser, Roy Powell, Mrs. D. E. Stephens and Henry Barnum.

Two Sentenced Into Outer Darkness

Two young men, Ralph and Pete Baslar, are in the custody of the sheriff since being caught Sunday in possession of stolen goods. They have pled guilty to stealing gasoline and oil from the store house of Charles Engel at Grass Valley Saturday night. Other goods taken were recovered.

The culprits carried between ten and fifteen gallons of gasoline and some oil from the store house to their car which was parked near the highway and drove to the Munger ranch between Moro and Grass Valley where they stayed the remainder of the night. They were captured Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Tom Garrett and E. E. Garvais of Grass Valley and lodged in the jail at Grass Valley and the county jail at Moro. They confessed the crime giving as an excuse some difficulty with Engel last harvest.

When brought before Justice Stov of Grass Valley Thursday morning the young men were given six months in the county jail for their crime. Sentence was suspended providing they left the county before five o'clock that evening and did not return. It was indirectly understood that their love for the county was unequal to their love of freedom and that they departed forthwith.

TEACHERS TURN TO COPY DESK IN PLAY

Newspaper Play Shown By Actors Of Grass Valley

The faculty of the Grass Valley high school, aided by some local thespians, temporarily divorced themselves from the school affairs of the community Saturday night and took up the arduous business of putting out the mythical Evening Herald and fighting political corruption.

Harold Hughes (Kenneth Wade) was editor of the Herald with Clifford Rowe (Bill Gregory) as staff reporter, and Phyllis Rinehart (Sylvia Dale) as society editor. Wallace May (Bud Rice) handled the back shop with Margaret Davies (Peggy Wilson) as assistant. There was trouble afoot with Orville Ruggles (Dudley Kay) a local Huey Long and candidate for mayor taking the role of villain. Helen Osborn (Jane Corwin) came along and offered to run the paper while Hughes went to Hollywood to sell the play that all newspaper men are supposed to write. Strange he did sell the play through the assistance of Lil Coon (Hazel Winston) and the financial troubles were over, the election won and the matches made to the pleasure of all except Helene Lemley (Mrs. Divine) a backer of Kay and Erasmus Baker (Randolph Peters) who cared little about anything as long as his feet didn't hurt.

The play was less successful artistically than former plays because it brought out so few of the abilities of the actors but was more successful financially, \$82 being taken in at the gate to the benefit of the school library.

LANDSCAPING PLANNED

O. T. McWorter will be in the county Friday and Saturday of this week to help farmers and organizations landscape their farms and gardens. Work will be done at the G. H. Root ranch, the O. G. Hilderbrand ranch, the Wasco city park and the Harlandview Grange grounds.

WHEAT RECEIPTS

Receipts of wheat at Portland during January according to the inspector's report was 685,282 bushels of which 67.8 percent was sacked and 32.2 was bulk. Of this wheat 30.9 percent was graded smutty and 28.8 carried foul dockage. Auto trucks brought in 7,120 bushels, river steamers 36,233 bushels of the total.

CENSUS COMPLETED

The census of Sherman county farms has been concluded by the men engaged in the work and the report on it filed. Information about the number of farms in the county and the products raised thereon will not be available for some weeks. Roy Tiller, Elmer Barzee and Vernon Dutton were the enumerators.

LOSS OF LETTER FILE HINDERS ARGUMENT

Representatives Find Correspondence Missing

LABOR WINS OVER FARMERS

Bill Giving State Police Power Over Industrial Disputes Passed

A story of the kind that is more often found in fiction than in fact was revealed on the receipt of a letter from Representative E. R. Fatland of this district. Mr. Fatland has been one of those who have consistently favored the bills written by the Oregon Producers and Shippers association, the bills that were designed to prevent as far as possible the recurrence of damaging strikes that interfered with the entire public.

When debate began on these bills Mr. Fatland and Mr. Lynch, both of this district found that their letter files, containing letters from their constituents asking support of these measures had been taken. The absence of these letters, in addition to removing the chance of most effective argument on the part of the representatives makes it impossible for them to answer the pleas of those who have written to them favoring the bills.

House bill 272, one of those defeated, would have made it mandatory for organizations contemplating a lockout or a strike to submit the argument to a board of conciliation for thirty days during which time no picketing would be possible. House bill 225 would have given the governor some regulatory power over labor organizations. The bill that did pass, although by a narrow majority, would allow the state police to maintain order in industrial disputes, a protection now denied the public.

To quote from Mr. Fatland's letter: "The spokesmen from the Grange claimed they represented the farmers and that these measures were instigated at the request of capital and the Portland Chamber of Commerce and that the real dirt farmers were being misled or were actually opposed to their passage. "Since these bills were introduced I have received letters and resolutions from practically every cooperative grain growers organization and commercial club, shippers and farmers, in my district, urging that I support them. "When debate on the floor began

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Present Railroad Rate Made Permanent

Word has been received by A. Rose that the railroad company will make the present temporary rate permanent as of March 30 this year. April is the expiration date of the present temporary rate. This will permit the continuance of shipments west of Messner at the reduced rate that has been in effect for some months. It provides that from Klondike north wheat shall pay 12 1-2 cents per hundred, Klondike to Bourbon 13 1-2 and from Bourbon south 14 1-2. Until this temporary rate went into effect wheat freight rates from Sherman county points were 20 1-2, 21 1-2, and 22 1-2 per hundred pounds.

BASKETBALL SEASON DRAWING TO CLOSE

Grass Valley Boys: Moro Girls Are Ahead

Grass Valley tops the list of basketball teams of high school boys and the Moro girls team has like honors for the gentler sex with the season far enough along to make prognostication fairly safe. Neither team has been beaten. Grass Valley won from Rufus last Friday night in a game that was close enough to cause heart failure or double fists among some of the spectators. The score was 45 to 34. This assures the Grass Valley boys of a chance to play in the sub-district tournament at Dufur the first and second of March. Two teams will represent Sherman county and it is likely that Rufus will be the second team in the B class. Moro elected to join the A class and will play against The Dalles or Hood River. Teams winning at Dufur will go to Heppner for the final district competition.

The Moro girls have yet to play Rufus and Kent, but as they have won from both of these teams before they may be expected to repeat and win the county championship without defeat. The Grass Valley girls have offered the hard competition to the Moro girls on both occasions, but have not been able to win.

The Wasco boys defeated the Moro boys 27 to 26 Friday night in a game that was tied time after time.

A most important announcement for those who like a dose of slap stick with their basketball is that the fathers of the Boy Scouts of Moro and Grass Valley will play a return game Wednesday night, the 27th at Grass Valley. There is still a question as to whether the last game was basketball or not, but it certainly was entertainment.

Read the ads in the Journal

ROBERT J. GINN ENDS ACTIVE LIFE

Busy Business Career Ended By Death

GINN FORMER LEGISLATOR

Record of Own Business, and Public Affairs Kept

Robert J. Ginn, died Monday afternoon February 18 at his home in Moro after an illness of ten days. He had been identified with business, social, religious and political life in this county for forty years. He was one of the few remaining persons who settled in the county before the rush of settlement in 1883 and '84.

He was born in Ontario, Canada December 15, 1857, lived in Minnesota from 1860 to 1870 and came with his parents to Umatilla county, Oregon after that date. In 1880 he came to what is now Sherman county and took land east of Moro. After a few years of farming he moved to Biggs and entered business dealing in hardware and buying wheat. Since that time, except for a few years spent in Portland, he was engaged in business in Sherman county.

When Moro became a town Mr. Ginn moved here and started a hardware store. He was interested in the development of many business enterprises having been manager of the first bank here, and aided the first telephone line. In 1903 he served the district in the state legislature, was Republican committeeman for many years, served as school director, was among the first councilmen of the new city when it was incorporated and was for several years county commissioner.

During all the years of active life Mr. Ginn kept records, not only of his personal business but also of public affairs until at the time of his death his papers would be a basis for a complete history of Sherman county.

Mr. Ginn was married to Jeanette McDonald in 1882 and has three children by that marriage, Arthur of Pendleton, Ellwood of The Dalles and Mrs. Jeanette Bates of Salem. In 1894, after the death of his first wife he married Carrie Coleman who survives him. Five children by his second marriage also survive. They are Mrs. Faith Needham of Los Angeles, Marjorie Ginn of Moro, Mildred Ginn a Methodist missionary at Quilon, India, Richard Ginn of Spokane and Harold Ginn of Moro. A brother George of Walla Walla and two sisters, Minnie of Walla Walla and Ella of Canada also survive.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church of which the deceased was a long and faithful member with Zell's in charge. The Rev. Frank Spalding, of Hood River, with whom Mr. Ginn was associated in early day church work, gave the sermon. Miss Velma Powell was soloist. Pall bearers were E. E. Barnum, A. H. Barnum, Tom Douma, Joe Peters, W. J. Martin and Melvin Schadewitz. Interment was in the Moro cemetery.

Trees Arrive; Rolfe Planting Post Nursery

A shipment of 3000 trees was received this week and they have been delivered to farmers ordering them and have been "boiled in" so that they will keep alive until they are planted. Bob Webb aided in this work.

T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley received five or six hundred trees with which he will plant an acre of ground. This is a project that is being sponsored by the state forestry department to encourage tree planting here. In course of time there will be fence posts galore on the Rolfe ranch and it is believed by forestry officials that land used in this manner will be more profitable than land sown to wheat.