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State House Gossip

A column of chatter about Legislation and Legislators

By Ernest L. Gray.

Although unemployment relief work in the State went on uninterrupted despite the several days in March when no federal funds had been allocated, Monday of this week would have seen more than 30,000 people out of work and out of luck had not the million dollars been obtained late last Saturday.

Reports that work would have to cease was no idle gesture, nor was it just a threat to make the legislature come through with its \$4,000,000 liquor revenue appropriation. The federal government had shut down on any more funds unless the state had taken action, rather than just promises.

Events came in rapid succession at the State House the past week. While Howard Merriam faces a recall election in Lane county to remove him from the State Legislature, other threats came to the Capitol, one from the Umatilla Townsend Old Age Pension clubs, directed at the Governor.

And the letter with the threat that anyone supporting the Governor's relief program of "blood money from our state saloons," would face recall, started the Governor talking in real army style when he called newspapermen into his office and showed them the letter.

"Who in Hell is running this State anyway, the Governor or these blocs?" the former Major general demanded. "What kind of pass have things come to when these people presume to dictate? I refuse to submit to such intimidation." But the matter has not ended there.

It was being predicted around the Capitol lobbies that a recall petition against the Chief Executive would be filed as soon as it can legally be done. Such action could not be taken until July 14, or after the Governor had served a term of six months. With Legislators recall action can be started five days after they had served in a session.

To force a recall election, signatures of 51,167 names would be required, and since the statute was passed denying use of paid petition circulators, the task would be a tremendous one and few believe it can be done. But all interest was now centered on the Merriam recall March 19. If the Townsendites there succeed in the recall, there will be others who will feel the axe.

The Executive is finding out there is more work to putting through administration measures. He has met with very little success and was still pondering over his cabinet form of government. However, unless he can secure sufficient votes it was believed he would not actively support the issue, but would drop it into the hopper perhaps as a gesture or as a trial balloon for action two years later.

At the present writing, outside the relief program which was more general than administrative, the Governor has had straight defeat handed him twice on his proposals. One was the county unit system for public schools, defeated through the activity of the grange, and the bill, House Bill 1, which would have placed all funds of boards and commissions into the general fund. That is still in Senate committee and probably will die there.

The only two he has put through has been the planning board creation and the budgetary control, but only after about nine of the 12 teeth in each had been removed by the Legislature in amendments to both house and senate. His primary election bill, deferring the time from May to December, was scheduled for action in the senate Monday, it had already passed the House.

The salary fight with the Governor against return of any portion of the 5 to 30 per cent cut

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Rebekah Convention Coming To Kent

The Rebekah convention for this district which comprises the towns of Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, Kent and Antelope will be held in Kent on the 12th, 13th and 14th of March. The Rebekah lodge of Moro will put on the work and will take with them two candidates to initiate. Supper will be served by the ladies of the Auxiliary in the grange hall, Sister Grace Christensen, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon will be with us and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

Wasco Matron Buried Tuesday Afternoon

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Knox, who died Saturday night in a hospital in The Dalles, was held Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Roy Cookington officiating. It was held in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Knox was born August 15, 1902 at Logan, but has lived in Sherman county for many of her 32 years. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Byers are residents of The Dalles. Three daughters, Donna and Dorothy, twins 12 and Jessie 10 survive her as does her widower, Frank Knox, warehouseman for the Farmer's National Warehouse company. Two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wickman of Idaho and Mrs. Irene Knox of Tygh Valley and a brother John Byers of The Dalles also survive.

Mrs. Knox has been ill for some time and was taken to the hospital six weeks ago. She was improving until late last week when an emergency operation became necessary from which she could not recover.

New Methods Of Meat Cooking Discovered

Many practices in meat cookery that women have believed to be correct and have practiced for many years have now been discarded by home economics research workers in favor of newer methods, some of which are exactly opposite, says Miss Lillian Taylor, instructor in foods and nutrition at Oregon State college.

Cooking at a low temperature has long been regarded as essential for tough cuts of meat, but it is now also considered the best method for cooking the more tender cuts as well, Miss Taylor says, as it gives a juicier, and more tasty piece of meat. Meat cooked at a high temperature tends to become tougher the longer it is cooked.

Roasts from the more tender cuts of meat except veal are now being cooked uncovered. When the roast is covered the steam gathers on the lid and drops on the meat, preventing browning and washing off much of the flavor, says Miss Taylor. It is well to use a rack in the roaster to hold the meat up out of the gravy, she points out, and if the roast is placed on the rack fat side up it requires very little basting.

Unless one is in a hurry, searing roasts before putting them in the oven is no longer considered the best procedure, according to Miss Taylor. The main purpose of searing is to give flavor and brownness, and if a roast is cooked long enough it will brown and will develop a fine flavor, she says.

That meat should not be salted before it is cooked is another theory that has now been abandoned, Miss Taylor reports. It is now believed that salt is absorbed into the raw meat and gives a better flavor, and while it does tend to draw out some of the juices, these go into the gravy and are not lost.

Pork is cooked in much the same manner as beef, but at a little higher temperature and for a slightly longer time, Miss Taylor says. Veal because of the greater amount of connective tissue, and its tendency to dry out, is still roasted, generally in a covered pan.

P.I. DATES SET

The dates set for the Pacific International exposition in Portland this fall are October 5 to 12 according to word sent out this week. Boys and girls who are grooming calves and pigs for this show will need to be ready a bit earlier than formerly.

Raymond Henrichs and wife were here Wednesday night from Sisters intending to go on to Goldendale to visit with Elmer Hansen and wife for a few days.

FHA Advises Better Homes For Farmers

Last Friday former professor Gilmore of Oregon State college was in The Dalles to meet with representatives of the two counties who were interested in the Federal Housing Administration of which Mr. Gilmore is manager for the western states.

It is not the intention of the housing administration, said Mr. Gilmore, to carry on a hard campaign to get farmers to use the facilities of the new set-up. Rather he desires to spread the knowledge that the federal aid is available for those who wish it. The farm survey conducted here a year ago showed that many farms are without plumbing of any sort and the intention is to increase the pleasure of living for farm residents without heavy expenditures by showing the time saving qualities of modern equipment.

George Updegraff, local manager for the FHA, ex-judge Fred Krusow, E. E. Gervais and Perry Johnston attended this meeting Friday.

Music Feature Of Club Meeting

The Moro Woman's Club met Friday, March 1, at the home of Mrs. Walter Ruggles, with Mrs. Charles Ruggles and Mrs. Carroll Sayers acting as hostesses.

A very delightful and entertaining program, the theme of which was music, was presented by Mrs. T. B. Searcy, director, and Mrs. Cope, chairman of the music department.

At the beginning of the meeting the club members sang "Home Sweet Home." After a short business meeting Mrs. Searcy read a poem entitled "Practice Time," she then told how Katherine Lee Bates, upon her first trip to the summit of Pike's Peak had been inspired to write the words of the song "America, The Beautiful," this was sung by the club members.

An orchestra composed of Genevieve Nahouse and Mary Pinkerton playing clarinets, Norma Melzer, Saxophone; Teddy Thompson, Trombone; E. E. Barzee, violin; Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, piano; and conducted by Mrs. Akers played two selections, "Moon Glade" and "Golden Sunset." Mrs. Carroll Sayers gave a short paper on "Hill Billy Songs" and at the conclusion of this Lyle Nahouse sang "Home on the Range."

Mary Pinkerton and Genevieve Nahouse gave as a vocal duet, the well known song "I Love You Truly" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

A vocal solo "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" a negro spiritual, followed by Mrs. Akers. Preceding this Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton gave the history of a young artist, who having been inspired by this song, painted a picture of a negro mammy, and gave it the title of the song.

Mrs. Searcy gave a brief introduction to Cadmans "At Dawning," which was given by Miss Velma Powell as a vocal solo followed by another "Pale Moon."

Mrs. Cope read a paper entitled "Is Jazz likely to have an effect on our future music?"

The concluding number was two instrumental solos by Mrs. Charles Ruggles.

The next club meeting, March 15, will be at the home of Mrs. C. L. Foley at Grass Valley.

Firemen Practicing For Coming Play

The Moro firemen are learning a play "The Blundering Herd" which is the story of the troubles encountered on a dude ranch someplace in the west. Wendell Balsiger as the ranch foreman will be one of the leading characters. Mrs. Collis Moore, Mrs. Ethel Strong, Velma Powell, Misses Radtke and Leora Peetz, Bob Hoskinson, Stanley Reavis, Marion McKee, Richard Barnes and Johnny Gentry are taking other parts. Miss Eleanor Bigness is directing the play which will be given March 30 at the Legion hall.

104 DAILY ACCIDENT TOLL

Approximately 100 persons are killed daily in automobile accidents throughout the United States, reports the Oregon State Motor association, which is sponsoring the "Let's Quit Killing" campaign.

This means that one person dies in traffic about every 14 minutes. One person is injured every 28 seconds.

COUNTY COURT HAS UNEVENTFUL MEET

Two Petitions Only Events Out Of Routine

ROAD CHANGE ASKED FOR

Large Bunch of Bills Interest Court In Afternoon

The county court met in solemn session Wednesday without doing anything to seriously change the routine operation of the county. First matter under consideration was a review of the relief situation with George Wilcox going over the past month's business with the court. The road engineer's report of work done and wages paid next received the scrutiny of the court.

A rather large pile of bills next held the attention of the court members but nothing of a very startling nature was disclosed therein. Two petitions were received during the day's session. One was from Andrew Patjen and George Howell who wished the county court to allow them to put a stock gate in the road that runs across Buckhollow south and west of Kent R. J. Baker represented the petitioners. The decision in this matter was postponed by the court until they could view the road. A compromise was suggested that may be enacted. It would cause the court to close the road which would in itself allow Mr. Patjen to put in a stock pass if he desired and would remove the possibility of county liability in case of accident.

Mrs. Ruby Pettys asked that the court have a fence put along the right of way near Fargher station to prevent animals from getting on the track and killed. She recently lost a cow there she said.

The court house basement is nearly finished and work is now being done on the roads both grading and rebuilding.

News Writing Contest Announced By Leaders

A 4-H club contest in news writing has been announced and regulations made for the county. Prize for this contest will be a scholarship to the summer school at Corvallis early in June.

This year it will be permissible for a contestant to write for only one club. Not over 250 words shall be written for each story and nothing but news of the writer's club will be acceptable. Notebooks must be kept and handed in at the end of the contest with clippings of all stories published. They shall be pasted as neatly as possible in the note book, 30 inches to the page with headlines and pictures included if desired by the contestant. Stories will be counted but once. The contest will close May 15 in order to permit the entrance of any of the contestants in the state prize if thought desirable.

The basis on which the awards will be made is as follows: amount 40 percent; quality, 40 percent; neatness of note book, 5 percent; and the form in which the material is sent to the paper, 15 percent. This latter regulation means that news stories should be type written on one side of the paper and double spaced.

TOWN RESURVEYED

W. H. Whyte, engineer for the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, was here two or three days this week looking over the town and its business houses for the purpose of re-rating it for insurance purposes. The results will not be known for several weeks but since the improvements of the past two years have been installed there is hope that some reduction will be in order when the final report is made.

PICKETT MAY RETURN

Fred Pickett has been in Moro again for several days and it is rumored that he may go into business here once more as he and his family like Moro better than they do Seattle.

Band Concert Pleases Patrons Of School

The band concert and vaudeville given by the Moro school was presented Wednesday night at the school auditorium before a large crowd of parents and admirers of the children. Seven numbers were given by the band under the leadership of Clyde Simpson and two baritone solos were given by Elgin Burns who aids the band occasionally.

The vaudeville part of the entertainment featured Melba Thorgerson as a tap dancer, Doris Thompson in an interpretative dance and a duet by Mrs. Helen Ruggles and Mary Pinkerton. A pantomime in which Betty Powell read Alfred Noyes, "Highwayman" while the action was given by a cast composed of Max Belshee, Marie McLeod, Melvin Baker, Lyle Nahouse, Robert Gilmore and Carl Peetz was presented. A one act play in which Russel Belshee, Lois Kenny, Vivian Fuller, Reatha Howard, Helen Strong, Louise Barzee, Winifred Belshee, Barbara Belshee, Dorothy Fraser and Norma Melzer acted was the concluding number on the favorably received program.

Smut Losses Are Large In County For Year

The losses from smut in this county for the past crop year were over \$4,500 according to a computation made lately. It shows that approximately 300,000 bushels of wheat graded smutty to some degree some only one half of one percent and a little as much as three and a half percent. The smut loss from each station was computed and added to show the total loss from smut. Wheat that was kept on the farms or hauled to points outside the county was not taken into consideration.

367 Farms Found In Sherman County

The preliminary report of the farm census enumerator, Ellis Edgington shows that there are 367 farms in Sherman county at the present time. This compares to 369 at the time the regular census was taken in April 1930. This number, of course, includes all farms that come under the federal class fiction which rates a 3 acre patch as a farm.

ACCIDENTS INCREASE

For every five persons killed in automobile accidents in the United States during 1933, six were killed during 1934, according to records compiled by the Oregon State Motor association, sponsor of the "Let's Quit Killing" safety campaign.

Items That Were News 39, 29 and 19 Years In The Past

From the Observer March 12, 1896

Miss Maggie Merrill has returned from a trip to Iowa. She is teaching the Jack's school.

Mrs. McDonald has traded her hotel building located at Murray Springs to E. O. McCoy for two houses at Grant. It is the intention to have the two houses connected and used as a hotel.

The 31 citizens summoned as the venire for the present term of circuit court are: Jas. Tomlin, E. H. Moore, J. M. Parry, James Woods, I. H. Maxwell, J. J. Thompson, Will Rose, Wm. Elliott, J. H. Elliott, A. Dillingler, Chas. D. Hainer, J. A. Thompson, A. M. Wright, O. P. Hulse, Hugh McIntyre, G. W. Ramey, John Sinknecht, P. M. Ruggles, D. E. Thompson, Ezra Sexton, M. L. Smith, J. A. Walter, Lyander Madden, Geo. Lamborn, J. D. Gibson, B. F. Medler, P. F. Peddicord, E. L. Davis, C. F. French, R. H. King, R. Bootin.

The Hay Canyon school with Miss Josie Spink as teacher, will close next week having been in session since last September. There will be a program for the public consisting of literary and musical numbers. To create the fund to purchase a dictionary a small admission will be charged, for men and boys above 12 years—15 cents and boys from 8 to 12 years, 10 cents; ladies and children free.

From the Observer March 9, 1906

H. O. Shugard is building a big barn for Dr. Goffin on the farm lately bought in Hay Canyon.

About \$12,000 has been paid by Sherman county farmers for imported stallions, within the year just past. This will enable the county to maintain its acquired reputation for having the best horses in the world. Cayuse stock is going to dust rapidly—it never was worth the grass consumed to keep it on its feet.

Mrs. Phoebe McCaleb was in the

Grass Valley Debaters Win Over Renmond

The debate squad of the Grass Valley High School won victories over the Redmond High School this week to give them a clear title to the championship of the 8th district of Oregon in this branch of forensics.

Tuesday night the negative team, Elton Eakin and Janet Wilcox debated in Redmond winning a close decision 2 to 1 and Wednesday night the affirmative team Marjorie Blake and Mildred Alley, won at Grass Valley, the judges deciding 3 to 0 that they were superior to their competitors.

Ruby White and Lee Allen were the Redmond affirmative team and Rose Allen and George Wakestraw were the negative team. The three judge system was used but the point system was not resorted to as Grass Valley won enough votes of the judges to assure them of victory.

Sherman County Basketters Fail To Click

Sherman county teams failed to achieve sufficient distinction at the district basketball meet to go on to Heppner next week although they made the competition hard for the teams that did enter the finals. Grass Valley played the first game against Wapinitia and lost. Rufus beat Maupin and later lost to Wapinitia. Wasco was defeated by Parkdale.

Critics of the tournament expressed the opinion that Rufus, Grass Valley, Wapinitia and Odell were the outstanding teams. Three of these were in the same bracket and while Wapinitia won over Grass Valley and Rufus it was by close scores and they were too tired to do their best against Odell and was defeated 53 to 21. Both Odell and Wapinitia are going to Heppner for the second tournament.

Earl Williams of Rufus was chosen as a guard on the mythical all star team which is annually picked by the coaches of the teams participating in the tournament.

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county this week renewing old acquaintances.

Roy Powell lost the tip of the little finger of his right hand this week, having caught it between the brake block and wagon tire.

Colonists rates are on again and eastern people are beginning to pour into Oregon by the train loads. The traffic is heavier than it was last year and may continue to increase. The rate from Baltimore, Md. is but \$49.72 and from St. Louis it is \$30.00 only to Biggs. Now if the E. O. L. Co. could be persuaded to "let go" we might get a few hundred more good citizens in Sherman county.

From the Observer March 10, 1916

Anna Fulton Chapter O. E. S., was instituted at Wasco Saturday evening March 4, by A. E. Pierce, worthy grand patron of the order of the Eastern Star of Oregon, assisted by May Barnum, grand marshal of Moro Bethlehem chapter, and Miss Grace Gill, grand secretary both these sisters being past grand marshalls of the Grand Chapter. Officers elected and appointed were Mrs. Mulliken, worthy matron; C. M. Huddleston, worthy patron; Mrs. C. M. Huddleston, assistant matron; Mrs. D. W. Wade, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Harper, treasurer; Mrs. Mae Beers, conductress; Mrs. Ethel Van Gilder, ass't conductress; Mrs. J. R. Howell, Chaplain; Mr. J. O. Russell, organist; Mrs. Emma Lucas, marshal; Mrs. V. C. Anderson, Ada; Mrs. Sisco, Ruth; Mrs. Cordelia Johnson, Esther; Mrs. Herbert Root, Martha; Mrs. Evelyn Kaseberg, Electa; Mrs. W. A. May, warden; J. R. Howell, sentinel.

Mrs. E. H. Moore and Mrs. C. L. Foley entertained the ladies of Moro Thursday afternoon at 500 at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore.

Moro flood waters Tuesday afternoon finished the concrete flume that had been undermined by the previous floods.

E.O. WHEAT LEAGUE AIDING WEED FIGHT

Wheat Farm Organization Asks For Cooperation

GRAVE DANGER REALIZED

Weeds Reduce Yields and Value of Land's Greatly

In 1929 the Oregon State Agricultural college published a bulletin containing the following statement:

"The weed problem is not an individual problem alone. It soon becomes a community problem and interest in and concern regarding it may extend to the state and nation."

This report deals with a condition which has become of concern to the state and nation. Weeds are a continual menace in villages, cities, along the highways, as well as on the farms. They damage crops enormously, reducing yields to the amount of several million dollars annually in the state of Oregon. At this point it seems proper to indicate some of the ways in which weeds are injurious to man:

1. They crowd out the growing crop.
2. They consume the moisture necessary for a crop.
3. They consume the mineral or other food elements essential to a crop.
4. They pull down crops.
5. They are injurious because the seeds are difficult to remove.
6. They are injurious because they harbor insects.
7. They are injurious because they harbor parasitic fungi.
8. They prevent the proper cultivation of the soil.

Careful determinations of areas infested by perennial noxious weeds reveal the astounding conclusion that there are between twenty five and thirty thousands of acres of such lands in the eleven counties of Eastern Oregon included in the activities of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League. Further investigation shows that prior to the depression farmers had used 750,000 pounds of weed killing chemicals of one kind and another. When prices for agricultural commodities became substantially lowered, it was impossible for these purchases to be maintained with a view to destroying weeds. The result has been a fairly rapid expansion of areas of farm lands infested by noxious perennial weeds.

This has brought about a situation serious not only to land owners and operators, but to the entire population of the areas involved. There has been some talk of the organization of weed control districts to force farmers to destroy noxious weeds. It should be pointed out, however, that the cost in very many cases would be more than the value of the farm. This would force abandonment by farmers, with the result that county governments would be required to take over such lands. The inevitable result, should this process continue, would be the bankruptcy of those counties. This weed control problem is one that is too large to be solved by counties acting individually.

The weeds causing most of the difficulty are as a rule deep rooted and exhibit extreme persistence. Being of a perennial nature, they cannot be destroyed by ordinary tillage operations upon a practical basis. Many of these weeds are characterized by creeping, underground stems or root stocks which spread through the soil in all directions, sprouting vigorously at the joints, and resisting all but the most persistent efforts of extermination.

Recognition of the facts set out above led the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at its meeting held December 7 and 8, 1934, to the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Federal Employment Relief Agency and the Civilian Conservation Corps are employing large numbers of men on various projects for the good of the general public, and

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