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State House Gossip

A column of chatter about Legislation and Legislators

By Ernest L. Gray

The State of Oregon heaved a sigh of relief at 12:12 a. m. Thursday when the 38th legislative assembly, the second longest in the history and the most expensive, adjourned sine die (without a date). Records will show the legislature adjourned at 11 p. m. Wednesday, March 13, because that was the wording of the resolution and the clocks were stopped at that hour.

The Senate quit just a half hour earlier, but the house almost pulled a "boner" when it tried to quit a short time after. But Speaker John Cooter, for once at least, was on the job, and recessed the house for five minutes. Everyone wondered why—but it was because the house had not adopted a per diem report, which paid the help and the representatives mileage. It was almost a tragedy, particularly to the legislative help.

But with this almost slip-up the 1935 regular session adjourned in an orderly manner even though earlier in the evening riot almost took control of the house and galleries were almost cleared because of noise and disturbance. Things adjusted themselves however, and to the tunes of Auld Lang Syne the session adjourned. A dance orchestra, the courtesy of Governor Martin, furnished entertainment in the lobby for several hours later.

It will take several months for the state to realize what the session has accomplished. For one thing, it can be complimented for what it didn't do to the many radical measures proposed before them. The session did not pass any radical legislation, which in itself is worthy of note in these times of unrest.

As far as the Governor was concerned, the session was not over until Tuesday night of this week, which was the allotted time to either veto, sign or file with the Secretary of State without his signature, and the past few days at the time of the present writing he has wielded the axe with surprised dexterity.

The legislative halls look dreary after the session. It was estimated that daily during the 59 days there were at least 2,000 people either present or passed through the halls. The staff of help totaled 200 persons in addition to regular official workers. It was an interesting two months.

Little stock was placed in the suggested referendum on the closing of the Rogue river, which was signed by the Governor late Saturday. The old opposition—Roderick L. McCleay—was conspicuous by his absence. Little fight was put up to continue permitting commercial fishing in this great stream.

While the Rogue fight was on a debate arose which was the great stream the Rogue or the Umpqua. And to the surprise of many it was found the Umpqua was slightly the larger and covered more territory. Both are perhaps the most beautiful and wild streams in the state, and both are in southwestern Oregon.

Perhaps by the time this column appears in print, the committee of three to investigate the activities of the state relief committee will be appointed. At first it was proposed to have Former Governor Oswald West do the investigating, but following the conference here Saturday, it was decided to name a committee of three, of which it was anticipated West would be one.

Charges made by persons on relief, banded together under the title of the National Economic Welfare federation, that a "million dollars seems to have disappeared," were not taken seriously by the Governor, but a thorough investigation will be made. As far as Elmer Goudy, state administrator, was concerned, national officials declare he was among the most efficient.

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Women Go To Grass Valley For Club Meeting

The Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poley in Grass Valley. The program was opened by singing "America The Beautiful."

Robert Schilling played "Hanging Gardens," Robert Johnson, "Dance of the Frenks," and Betty Olds two pieces, "Narcissus" and "Waltz Episode." A paper on Public Welfare was read by Mrs. Irving Morris. Mrs. L. V. Moore gave one on Child Welfare.

The program was concluded with a tap dance by Doris Morrison and the song "Don't Forget" sang by Marjorie Blake and Edwin Peters. The next club meeting will be held April 5, at the home of Mrs. Lewis Cope in Moro.

Petition For Heppner Flood Suffers Found

While cleaning and rearranging forgotten pigeon holes in the clerk's office this week, Miss Viola Hansen, deputy clerk, discovered some old papers of about 30 years ago. One of these was the original petition asking the county court to appropriate \$1000 for the relief of victims of the Heppner flood nearly 30 years ago. Names of county's citizens of that day are much different than would be found on a similar list in 1935. E. S. Catron, R. C. Atwood, L. Barnum, Miles Biggerstaff, C. W. Moore and A. Scott were among the many signers of the petition.

City Dads Invest In Bundle of Noise

The Moro city council decided Thursday of last week to buy the fire siren that had been demonstrated for several hours previous and it will be installed in some central place within a few days to warn people for miles around that there is a fire. Present plans are to have it sounded every day at exact-nom. Hereafter the sound of the siren will be signal for fire and persons who have jumped out of bed in the cold gray dawn at the sound of the train bell may sleep in content in the future.

No Word Received On Wheat Restriction

No word was received by the county agent or the wheat production control office up to Thursday regarding the press report that the government had lifted the ban on increase of wheat acreage for this crop year.

At the present time farmers are permitted to sow wheat on a part of their contracted acreage, but must plant another portion of it to feed grains or let it lie idle. If the report is correct it is probable that farmers will be permitted to plant wheat for harvest instead of being required to cut it for hay before it matures. The season is getting a bit late for any extensive wheat planting but the wheat already planted might be harvested.

Miss Maxine Henrichs returned Sunday from her school work at Oregon State college for a spring vacation.

Old Atlas of County Shows Location of Early Day Roads

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The first roads in the county are mapped on this old atlas, the Walla Walla road, also called (on different township maps) the Umatilla. The Dalles road and the Emigrant trail. It crossed the Deschutes at Miller's, came up the Columbia to Fulton Canyon, crossed Spanish Hollow below Wasco and ran easterly to Emigrant Springs and south easterly to the John Day river. The Warm Springs road, which connected with the Grass Valley Tygh Valley road ran south from its connection with the Walla Walla road to Moro, thence to Grass Valley canyon and another Emigrant road, to Grass Valley and to Shearer's bridge in an almost direct line, except for the turns

Wheat Imports Total \$12,000,000 Bushels

From the state department of agriculture bulletin for March we find the following imports of grains into the United States listed: Baltimore 16,000 bushels of corn from South Africa, Boston 108,000 bushels of oats from Poland, corn from Argentina, during January 4,000,000 bushels, to Poland 1,500 tons of corn from Argentina, 3,000,000 bushels of oats from Argentina contracted for 58,000 bags of bran sent to Boston from Argentina. Wheat imported into the United States during the last half of 1934 totaled 12,939,000 bushels part of which was called unfit for human consumption (2,692,000 bushels).

Over 404,000 bushels of corn has been shipped into Portland in the past few months, mostly from Argentina. At 34 bushels per acre this would provide a job for 11,893 acres of Oregon land, according to the bulletin. Oregon corn acreage was reduced 9,000 acres last year.

The Dalles Legionnaires Plan For Convention

Organization of The Dalles for the entertainment of the Legionnaires next August 15-16-17 was completed last week and work has been begun on plans for the big event in the lives of ex-service men of the state and nearby Washington points.

A convention committee of 7 has been chosen to direct the work and committees are working on all phases of the job. It is planned to build the convention around the Old Fort Dalles, a show that has been put on for several years. In The Dalles. The historical and romantic features of the mid-Columbia city will be given prominent place in the convention plans.

Wheat League Will Protest AAA Division

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League directorate will meet in Arlington the last of this month to discuss the proposal that the AAA be divided into districts. It is felt by wheat growers that such a method of dividing the farmers of the United States would work a hardship on the northwest and place it in a most disadvantageous position. Those districts nearer to the primary markets would be able to command a fair price for their wheat, but the northwest, with its scanty population and large wheat surplus would be practically read out of the nation as for economic benefits would be concerned.

STUDENTS VISIT SESSION

Twenty eight boys from Oregon State college were at the experiment station Wednesday afternoon for an inspection tour. Fourteen of them were from W. L. Power's class in erosion control and fourteen were from the agricultural engineering class under Walker. George Hennagin was among the latter group which spent the night at the Hennagin home.

These boys are spending a part of their spring vacation going about the state visiting the experiment stations to learn what is being done in their chosen line of work.

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The map was made last week for mere curiosity but if any of the writers of Sherman county history are interested in tracing the old roads, the map may be found at the office of the Sherman County Journal.

TAXES COLLECTED TOTAL \$91,510.77

Current and Delinquent Payments Come In First Quarter

MANY UTILITIES PAY IN FULL

Thirty Five Percent of Current Roll Collected

Taxes collected up to Wednesday by Sheriff Hugh Chrisman totaled 35 per cent of the total roll for 1935. In addition to this sum delinquent taxes amounting to \$20,475.83 have been collected making the total taxes to be turned over to the treasurer \$91,510.77. Rebate allowed on these current taxes amounted to \$1622.80, this being the 3 per cent allowed to those who paid their total tax or the 2 per cent given for paying the May quarter in advance.

The total roll to be collected during 1935 is \$208,360.00 since some prepayments have been made and the \$91,500 already collected in the first quarter makes a good start toward another year of collecting more than the total roll in current and delinquent taxes.

(Distribution of the taxes will result in allocation of \$5450.49 in current taxes and \$318.90 in delinquent taxes to school district 3 at Rufus. It will give \$3683.00 and \$1228.13 to district 7 at Wasco. \$1189.81 and \$1207.70 to district 9 at Kent, \$3337.87 and \$819.10 to district 17 at Moro, and \$1888.73 and \$278.74 to district 23 at Grass Valley.)

The non-high school district of the county will be enriched by current taxes to the tune of \$4142.90 and by delinquent taxes of \$1116.85 which will be distributed to the school districts holding high schools and to rural districts that transport children to high schools.

The non-high school deficit fund, which is making up the cost of high schools in years past, will receive \$1158.91 and \$61.48, which will go to take up old warrants.

The road fund of district 1, now inclusive of the entire county except the incorporated cities, will receive \$3676.70 in current taxes and \$1013.29 in back taxes.

Payment of taxes has been more general than has been the case for several years. The utilities have paid their entire tax with the exception of the railroad which always pays a half at a time and this has increased the income for the March quarter as the utilities pay about a quarter of the taxes of the county.

Baseball In The Air; Meeting Called

Regardless of the location of long lost prosperity the baseball season is just around the corner. It was announced this week that a meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at the county school superintendent's office to discuss plans for baseball this spring. All managers of teams in the Sherman county league last year are requested to be on hand to help make up a schedule and discuss plans.

WARRANT CALL

All warrants written against the Non-High School District of Sherman county will be paid on presentation to the county school superintendent. Interest stops after this date, March 22, 1935.

Wily W. Knighten.

Read the ads in the Journal

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 20

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAR. 14.....	58	37	.00
" 15.....	46	29	.00
" 16.....	54	28	.00
" 17.....	48	31	.00
" 18.....	48	26	.00
" 19.....	50	25	.03
" 20.....	46	25	.00
Total for week.....			.03

Mrs. Chin Charms Moro Listeners

Mrs. Stanley Chin, Chinese woman from Portland, who has been interested in increasing the fellowship between the home of her birth and the home of her ancestors, spoke before an interested group at the Community church Sunday night, illustrating her talk with pictures of the summer palace of the last of the Manchu rulers.

Mrs. Chin's talk was sponsored by the Keystone class that has been studying problems of the orient for the past few months. She toured in China last summer and visited most of the large cities and points of interest. She was born in Vancouver, Washington, and has lived in Portland for 23 years.

The charming manner of the speaker attracted all of her listeners and during the entire evening she was surrounded by men asking about the possibility of exporting wheat to China in greater quantities, by women interested in the struggles of Chinese women and by children who wanted to be near her because she was pleasant.

February County Court Meeting Chronicled

County Court Proceedings of the March Term of Court, 1935.

County Treasurer's trial balance for month ending January 31st, filed and accepted.

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Lease covering land owned by Sherman County in Gilliam County, approved by County Court and said lease was ordered placed of record in Gilliam County.

Petition to have county construct and maintain cattle crossing or guard on public highway in Section 17, Patiens land, held for further investigation.

Court adjourned until April 3, 1935, at 10 a. m.

Claims Presented and Allowed Against the General Fund at the March Term of County Court.

Mrs. Mary Jane Young, old age pension \$10.00

Julius Rubburg, old age pension 15.00

Ella Vanlandingham, old age pension 15.00

Mrs. Albertine Whiting, old age pension 10.00

John Hood Henderson, old age pension 10.00

David Aaron Fields, old age pension 15.00

Mrs. Flor Belle Eakin, old age pension 15.00

W. J. Brownlee, old age pension 15.00

William S. Hall, old age pension 15.00

David McKelvey, old age pension 15.00

W. C. Rutledge, old age pension 10.00

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

From the Observer March 26, 1896

Ah, ha! Now we know why Post master Wm. Hoggard of Grant made that flying trip to Moro last week "on legal business." Married.

Sunday March 22nd, by Rev. Baker Wm. Hoggard and Miss Emma M. Hull, both of Grant.

A fine time is reported from the entertainment held at the close of Miss Josie Spink's term of school at Harmony school house last Friday night. Miss Spink is now at Lower Hay Canyon for a term of school; the worthy teacher is always in demand.

W. H. Morehouse is putting on the finishing touches in wood work, and now Mr. Peabody is painting Moore Bros. new banking building. Clifford Fridley was injured in his Bigelow field last week by his team running away turning a plow bottom side up over him.

From the Observer March 23, 1906

Miss Julia Woods has returned from a fall and winter sojourn with Western Oregon and Puget Sound friends.

Miss Gussie Bottemiller, the favorite in Sherman county for the Oregonian Yellow Stone trip, is now 15.561 in lead of the next highest. Save all your coupons for Miss Gussie.

We give it up. That blizzard of the 10th, 11th, 12th, and subsequent outlaws of the weather, has badly frozen the wheat. Many farmers in Sherman county will be compelled to reseed.

E. G. Barzee has sold his 84 acres near Moro to Mr. McClintock of Landry.

Wasco High School Funnymen, Band Show

By Geraldine Funk
Members of the Wasco High school presented their Annual Vodvil in their usual semi-professional manner March 14 before a crowded auditorium in the Wasco high school. The program which lasted two hours and twenty five minutes was composed of music, black face, dancing, mystery, and the usual hokum which accompanies this annual affair. Stage direction and arrangements were under the guidance of Principal McCulloch who was assisted by Ted Proudfoot, Arthur Van Gilder, Donald McDermid and Eugene Spencer as stage hands.

Of the ten acts presented, Norman Fields in an act of slight-of-hand drew many favorable comments, as did a black-face farce which was presented by five high school students. "A Heavy Bit of Dramar" and an old time musical organization billed as "Sherman County Dusties" also drew much applause and many laughs from their audience.

From the standpoint of colorful presentation, the high school orchestra had a most pleasing act. In appropriate setting, the sixteen piece orchestra dressed in white caps and sailor uniforms did their bit on the bill as "The Gobs of Melody." Misses Funk, Walsh, and Patterson did an appropriate song and dance as a bit in this act. Other acts were "Just a Working Gail," Tap Dance, A Bit of Ireland, and a few selections from the High School Band.

The net proceeds of this performance will be used to pay old accounts, since both football and basketball seasons ran a deficit in the Wasco High school this year.

Principals Want Honor Society In Oregon

Principals of Sherman county schools met at Rufus Saturday morning for a conference to decide on dates for coming school events. They decided that the Declamatory contest will be held at Rufus April 6 and that the admission will be 25-15-10 cents; that the typing contest will be held at Moro April 26 at 2 p. m. and that the Music Festival and Band Concert will be held in Moro May 11.

Discussion of means of honoring those students who achieve distinction in grades resulted in a resolution favoring the formation of an honor system in and for the state of Oregon.

It was argued that seven man football should be played next fall instead of the eleven man variety in order to give the smaller schools a chance to compete.

Harold Thogerson returned home for a brief visit Friday night from the CCC camp where he is working.

FARMERS ASK FOR EXPORT AID AGAIN

Need For Surplus Removal Shown At Hearing

FOREIGN EXPORT HELD NEEDED

Domestic Shipments Believed Sure By Observers

A strong plea to resume subsidized wheat exports from Portland by the North Pacific Emergency Export association, as well as to reduce surplus by domestic shipments of feed wheat, is now before the AAA officials at Washington, backed unanimously by producers, dealers, millers and exporters of the Pacific Northwest.

Testimony relative to the immediate urgency of the surplus situation and the likelihood of its recurrence, year after year was given in Portland before the board in charge of a formal hearing on an amended marketing agreement which would permit the export association to handle the proposed shipments of cracked wheat to mid-west drouth areas.

The hearing was held before Rees H. Barkalow of Washington D. C., assisted by William Clohesy wheat specialist and agent of the secretary of agriculture on the board of directors of the emergency export association at Portland. Directing presentation of evidence was Orris Dorman, Spokane, president of that association.

Approval of amendments to permit the export association to engage in domestic shipment of wheat is considered assured, as that is the plan the government has in mind to handle the emergency movement, but what will be the official attitude on resumption of export activities is highly uncertain. It was urged at the hearing that subsidized exports under the AAA be resumed not later than August 1 of this year, when harvest of what promises to be a bumper wheat crop will be under way.

In advocating a permanent export association, producers and others pointed to the fact that the Inland Empire is a natural wheat country, that much of the land will grow nothing else economically, that unless outside markets are kept 40 per cent of the wheat land would have to be abandoned, and that failure to care for the surplus will result in crowding distress wheat on the domestic market with resultant demoralization of the national price structure.

Ready markets are waiting capable of handling all northwest surplus, it was testified, but to meet world prices unaided would mean 35 cent wheat to farmers. The subsidy does not come from the treasury, it was argued, but from the processing tax on wheat.

Responsibility for making the detailed changes in the marketing agreement was placed with the executive committee of the export association. No announcement was made regarding the exact method of handling the drouth shipments, but it was agreed that utmost speed will be necessary to get results before expiration of the lower freight rates.

Leaders were inclined to rate these emergency feed shipments much as did G. R. Hyslop, plant industries division chief at OSC, who said every such movement helps just that much, but that the only adequate "cure" is resumption of exports.

CITY OFFICIALS INVITED

Officers of cities of Sherman county along with those from other cities in the state have been invited to attend a conference in Eugene March 25 and 26. Speakers will be from eastern cities and universities and from state offices. Earl Snell, secretary of state, being one of the speakers. The following week end city officials and police chiefs are invited to a crime conference in Portland which is given under the sponsorship of the federal attorney for Oregon and Governor Martin.