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State House Gossip

A column of chatter about Policies and Personalities at Salem

By Ernest L. Gray.

Harry L. Corbett, president of the Senate, set up a new record in Oregon the past week. He became Governor when Martin left the state to visit his daughter in Bremerton. Washington, but did not serve. It was not the first time for him, though. He was Governor back in 1928 when Patterson went back east. Now again as president of the Senate, he has been the acting executive almost eight years after his former experience.

Urgent interests took the Governor to Bremerton. His son-in-law and daughter, Lieutenant and Mrs. Pyne, were expected to present the Oregon Governor with another grandchild. They have a boy now, so the thrill will be the second for the Governor.

While Corbett did become acting Governor, he could not officiate since he likewise was out of the state. Therefore the actual acting Governor was John E. Cooper, speaker of the house, the next in line for the position. Back in 1928 Ralph Hamilton, speaker of the house, was governor under the same conditions—Corbett left for Europe before Patterson returned to the state.

Since Corbett was last time Governor, there have been eight men sitting in the executive chair. After Corbett and Hamilton there were of course, Patterson, A. W. Norblad, Julius Meier, Willard Marks, Frank Lonerger, Fred E. Kiddle and Martin.

A survey for the purpose of standardizing state salaries of workers doing the same type of work has brought out some interesting facts in various departments. Carl Cover who worked so hard for the 20 mill tax limitation bill at the last election, as a representative of the Eastside Tax Payers League, is in charge of the work.

Among other things, Cover reported, he has found many married women working who have husbands earning good salaries elsewhere. Several instances have been found where both man and woman are working for the state in different departments. It looks bad for these married women as the recommendation will be made that they be dropped from the payroll.

And speaking of payrolls, it was no wonder there were gasps of surprise when an attempt was made by the Young Democrats last Saturday to reap a percentage of pay from all those who have secured jobs under the democratic regime, in other words to make the organization a patronage dispenser for those who wish to buy.

The meeting in Portland was far more interesting than reports have indicated. There was an undercurrent of feeling which at times did come out onto the surface in one way or another. This feeling indicated factional groups were being developed, and further that an attempt will be made to clean out the state house of all republicans and replace them with democrats.

In fact a survey was being made by young democrats to ascertain the politics of every worker in the state, no matter what other qualifications he may have. They even went so far as to have worked a day in the secretary of state's office before they realized that the Governor could not name workers in this department, and that Earl Snell is a republican. The situation promises to be interesting. We fear they will have their first great obstacle in this pretty picture in Governor Martin himself. Indications are that he will put the league in its place very soon, if more ambition along the line of dictating his program is evidenced.

While actual events at the capitol (Continued on page four)

Doctor, Nurse Beat Stork In Distance Race

Dr. Poley and Nurse Cassie Holmes are claiming a record for hurry-up doctor's calls. Monday afternoon a call came from Wasco for the doctor urging haste. He called Miss Holmes from a cooking school and left at a quarter until three. They drove to Klondike, to Bill Walker's ranch and east down the old McDonald grade, up the river, across in a row boat, and delivered a child at four o'clock sharp. The distance is about 40 miles and the road is pretty bad in spots. The new baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thompson, who are recent arrivals at the home on the Gilliam side of the John Day river.

FARMERS TO VOTE ON CONTINUANCE OF AAA

Referendum To Be Held May 25 On Grain Reduction

A national referendum on May 25 among wheat growers will precede offering of new wheat acreage control contracts. Oregon State college officials have been notified from Washington. A regional conference of extension men to arrange for the vote in the northwest states has been called to meet in Walla Walla Saturday, April 20, with Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld of O. S. C. designated as chairman.

First announcement of proposed provisions of the new wheat contracts came in the call for the referendum. As present contracts expire with this crop year, it is proposed that the new agreements start with 1936 and continue four years through 1939.

In all fundamental features the new program follows the old which has been generally acclaimed as among the most satisfactory of the adjustment efforts. It holds out additional inducements to shift land from wheat to corn in drouth and dust storm areas, and permits minor adjustments on individual farms to improve rotation or other proved farm practices.

As in the past, the amount of adjustment with rate and condition of benefit payments would be determined from year to year, but extent of required curtailment is limited to 25 per cent of base acreage.

Base periods are continued the same as at present in the new contracts, and local administration is continued through the county control associations. The agreement would continue to be entirely voluntary.

The plan for referendum on the continuance of the program is in line with the policy adopted by the AAA in not promoting any plan which is not urged by a substantial majority of any industry. The same plan was followed in advance of launching the 1935 corn-hog program.

The objective sought in the new wheat control program is to keep in line with consumption needs plus probable export demand and the safety carryover needed to guard against emergency conditions.

Literary Club Gives Three Successful Plays

The three one-act plays given by the Literary Club of Grass Valley were acclaimed as successful by the comparatively small audience that saw them. The cast was all taken from the high school with the exception of Clifford Rowe in one part and he and Mr. Hughes substituting for Lawrence Todd in two others. Lawrence was down with the lumps and the plays had to go on.

The cast of "Meet the Countess" was Isabel Fortner, Vere Pike, Cora Bayer, Dorothy Fairchild, Charlotte Beardsley.

"Thank-you, Doctor" was put on by Janet Wilcox, Cathryn Burton, Ferd Stark, Jimmy Blagg and Clifford Rowe.

"The Valiant" cast was composed of Elton Eakin, Henry Roth, Jimmy Blagg, Mr. Rowe and Harold Hughes.

The girls' glee club sang several songs. Mildred Alley announced, and Bob Rolfe pleased with an oration.

LESS MOISTURE IN SOIL THAN USUAL

Results Of Tests Show Lower Three Feet Dry

NORTH END FOUND WETTER

Frequent Rains Needed To Bring Average Crop

Moisture conditions in the county are generally less hopeful than the general opinion. At the station the percentage of moisture in the lower three feet of soil is 8.3 which is about the same as the soil contained in the spring of 1929. The average in the entire six feet of soil used by the wheat plant is between 10.5 and 11 on different plots. According to yearly records this makes a forecast of 15 to 16 bushels to the acre possible, as three bushels is the average crop from an inch of useable moisture (five percent of the moisture cannot be taken by the crop).

Moisture Below Normal
The normal amount of moisture in the soil for many years at the beginning of spring work was 14 percent. Due to several dry years this has now dropped to 13 percent. This is considerably better than the moisture percent this year of 10.5 to 11.

In the north end of the county where moisture tests were made on the A. C. Kaseberg ranch the moisture is considerably better, averaging 12.4 percent with 11 percent in the lower three feet. With normal conditions a fair crop may be expected in that section.

Future Rains Necessary
Only one place at Grass Valley was tested and that to a depth of four feet. The average was 14.4 percent. This was on the Bud Coon place south of town. This is more moisture than expected in this section as reports are to the effect that the soil was dry.

Near Wilcox the moisture averaged 12.3 in the three top feet of soil. Of course a large amount of rainfall between now and harvest will materially increase the yield, but through many years it is found that the condition of the moisture in the lower three feet is indicative of the amount of wheat which will be harvested. Exceptions to this rule are few and are caused by heavy rains at the crucial time.

Tractors Demonstrated On Potter Farm

A tractor demonstration caused several farmers and others to brave the chilling wind Tuesday afternoon and view two competing machines struggle around the field dragging plows that were set down deep in the soil to test the abilities of the tractors. The test was held on the Potter farm adjoining Klondike. The McCormick-Deering Twenty and the Model M Allis-Chalmers were the machines in the field.

PACIFIC PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dr. John F. Dobbs, president of Pacific University, will be guest speaker on the radio program of the Voice of Experience over the Columbia network Friday, April 19, at 12 noon Eastern Standard Time.

Voice of Experience is the radio name of M. S. Taylor, a graduate of Pacific University and former president of the Oregon Hospitality Club.

BONDS CALLED

This is to notify holders of bonds Nos. 7 and 10 on School district No. 7, Wasco, Sherman county, Oregon, that said bonds have been called by that district and will be paid at the office of the county treasurer on presentation.

Signed this 12th day of April, 1935.
Naomi VanGilder, treasurer

News Story Causes Protest Meeting

An item appeared in the Oregon Journal last week informing the world at large that the Sherman county relief administration, through George Wilcox, chairman, had offered to lend \$3000 to the state relief works until its quota from the federal government was received. The item caused something of a stir in parts of the county where it was held that relief had been inadequate.

A meeting was called Friday night in Moro which was attended by members of the councils of the three towns. Charges were made and an answer was given by relief chairman Wilcox. No action was taken by the meeting and the situation remains exactly as it was before with the exception that town officials are requested to inform the relief administration of the county of cases that need attention.

SOIL BLOWING CAUSED BY LACK OF HUMUS

Organic Matter Needed By Soil To Increase Stability

PULLMAN, APRIL 18-- Serious blowing of soil occurred only a few hours after a heavy rain fell on land which last year produced 50 bushels of wheat per acre in the reliable wheat belt of the northwest, according to a report just received at the office of the soil erosion service.

If water holding organic materials, such as roots, turned stubble, green manure, or other plant residues had been present, the water would have remained in the ground and blowing could not have occurred until evaporation, penetration into the earth, or consumption by plant growth had dissipated it. Continued intensive cultivation will make blow land of the very best soil in the Pacific northwest by removing the organic matter which absorbs and retains water. Depletion of this organic matter necessarily results in increased water loss.

Farmers in the district are plowing furrows in these fields of recent high yields, the report stated, in a desperate attempt to check this destructive blowing. Such mechanical control measures can be temporary only; if farmers expect to stop soil blowing, or prevent it before it starts, they must increase the organic material in the soil by use of a good vegetative cover.

Constant blowing of soil in Kansas during the past six weeks with destruction running into millions of dollars shows how impossible it is to control wind erosion. If the fertile soils of the northwest are to be kept from blowing into such a state of wasted desolation, farmers must establish a vegetative cover and take immediate steps toward restoring and fortifying the organic materials in the soil.

MARTIN REAPPOINTS DEBT ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEES

Expressing hearty approval of the work accomplished during the past two years and a desire for the continuance of farm-debt adjustment work through the voluntary committee plan, Governor Martin has appointed committees in each county in Oregon.

The committee for Sherman county consists of D. E. Stephens and H. B. Pinkerton, Moro; J. L. Davis, Kent; Fred Krukowski, Grass Valley, and C. A. Tom, Rufus. All these men have served on the committee previously.

The Governor also has appointed a state farm-debt adjustment committee which will continue to assist the county committees as in the past.

Oregon farm leaders were among the first in the country to put into effect the voluntary farm-debt (Continued on Page two)

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
APR. 11	67	34	.00
" 12	69	37	.15
" 13	64	38	.00
" 14	60	31	.00
" 15	55	28	.02
" 16	52	33	.00
" 17	61	29	.00
Total for week			.17

FAMILY LIVING CONFERENCE HELD

Recreational Games Played And Instruction Given

HOUSING-MISS NYE'S TOPIC

Committee Appointed To Carry On Work In County

A comparatively small group of women attended the conference on family living held at the court house Tuesday under the direction of Miss Claribel Nye and Miss Gertrude Skow, extension specialists from Oregon State college. Numerous cases of mumps and measles and a misunderstanding about the date may be given as reasons.

In the morning after registration was over Miss Skow, who specializes in recreational activities, led group singing and taught several games that caused attention and are easily made at home. Women for the first time were amused by baseball.

Luncheon was served at noon by the women of the Dorcas society at the Community church and quite a number of townspeople attended, as well as those who were at the conference.

Miss Nye Speaks

The afternoon session was given over to Miss Nye who spoke on housing matters. The possibilities under the Federal Housing act for home building and home improvement were explained and several plans for complete houses were shown. In addition to this plans for different rooms and methods of changing the furniture about in a room to bring pleasing results were shown. A booklet written from the results of a survey of Willamette valley farms was given to those interested and new features of modern houses were discussed at length.

At the end of the session eight women were appointed as a county home economics committee to carry on the work started at the conference. They were: Mrs. Chas. Guyton, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. G. H. Root, Mrs. S. J. Brock, Mrs. Chas. Adlard, Mrs. O. K. Eaton, Mrs. D. E. Stephens, and the chairman of the newly formed grange home economics committee at Rufus.

Miss Imogene Johnson remained in Silverton for a short visit after going to Eugene with the band.

Old Time News For Those Who Remember-and Those Who Don't

From the Observer April 23, 1896
The heavy frost last week that was a light snow in places, did no particular damage to fruit. Orchards in this vicinity were not injured.

Coyote scalps are coming in plentifully. C. K. Huff brought several young coyotes in alive on the 17th which were properly executed in the presence of the clerk.

The following ladies from the Moro W.C.T.U. were elected delegates to the state convention at Newberg: Mrs. S. S. Hayes, Mrs. C. B. Ginn and Mrs. Jas. Woods. Moore and Moore at Grass Valley made such a success of pork packing this year they will continue in it. A sample of their ham bacon and lard is evidence of superiority.

A four horse load of jolly young people from Fairfield: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Allen, Miss Lizzie Richards, Miss Lida Johnson, Miss Hattie Allen, Douglas Allen and wife, Levi Evans, Harry Richards, and Harvey Allen, accompanied Robert McIntosh to Moro Saturday remaining over night. Had notice been given of their visit they would have been better entertained.

From the Observer April 20, 1906
Miss Lois Ruggles was up from the John Day gardens Saturday with fine fresh table onions.

Father J. B. Wheat received some early Ohio seed potatoes this week and was distributing them around to growers who will

President Of O. S. C. Will Be Here April 27

George W. Peavy, president of Oregon State college, will be in Moro the 27th of this month while on a trip through Eastern Oregon to visit the experiment stations under his supervision. Deen Peavy, as he is known through his leadership of the forestry school at the college, is comparatively new as president of the college although he has served for many years in the forestry department in which he still teaches some classes.

A public meeting and probably a dinner will be given in his honor when he visits Moro, according to present plans.

COUNTY COURT STOP CATTLE CROSSING

Bills For Road and General Fund Are Paid

Claims Presented and Allowed Against the General Fund at the April 3 Term of County Court:

Hal R. White, county engineer, work on courthouse basement	\$20.00
Mrs. Chas. Gollhofer, county poor (March)	15.00
Hon. Earl Snell, Sec. biological survey, partial payment	150.00
Mrs. R. G. Garrett, county needy	20.00
Mrs. S. L. Coats, county charge	15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck, county charge	20.00
Mrs. Margaret E. Clark, county charge	8.00
Mrs. Chas. Gollhofer, county charge	20.00
Mary Jane Young, Wasco, old age pension	10.00
Julius Ruhburg, old age pension	15.00
Ella Vanlandingham, old age pension	15.00
Mary Albertine Whiting, old age pension	10.00
John H. Henderson, old age pension	10.00
David Aaron Fields, old age pension	15.00
Mrs. Flora 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
Abraham L. Alsop, old age pension	10.00
F. D. Antrim, sealer of weights and measures	2.75
L. R. Conlee, courthouse supplies	1.10
D. J. Butcher, re-employ-	

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EXCESS OF RUNS FEATURES GAME

Moro Team Stage Runfest At Wasco Expense

GRASS VALLEY BEATS RUFUS

Next Sunday To See Moro And Grass Valley Vie

In a chilly spring wind the baseball teams of Moro and Wasco struggled through nine innings of what was scheduled as baseball. The final score was 27 to 1 in favor of Moro.

Walker and Belshe had all kinds of luck on the mound, either being unhittable or holding the Wascoites to harmless taps. Spencer and Brock were just the reverse, both having very bad luck holding the Moro hitters. Fourteen errors, ten for Wasco and four for Moro, aided the scoring. Twenty three hits are credited to Moro and six to Wasco. Foss and Schilling were umpires.

Moro Team Better

The Moro team seems stronger than last year with the addition of the two Dunlaps, Goddard, Bob Belshe and Pierson. Hitting is better balanced through the lineup and the fielding is better. Belshe is showing well as third baseman and as relief pitcher. Goddard and Pierson strengthen the field and the Dunlap boys fill out the infield in good shape.

Grass Valley Wins

For the two games played this year K. Dunlap has batted 545, Rice 533, Belshe 506, Fraser 400, and the remainder of the team under the 300 mark for a team average of 356, which is entirely too much heavy slugging to last many games of close baseball.

Grass Valley defeated Rufus 15 to 3 Sunday at Grass Valley to start the season for all teams. Next Sunday Moro will entertain Grass Valley at the fair grounds and Rufus and Wasco will tangle.

Ex-Service Group Invited To Goldendale

Legionnaires and their ladies are invited to attend the district conference at Goldendale April 27 Saturday. A good time is promised by the Washington ex-fighting men who have sent many sheets of publicity announcing the affair. Guest speakers from Oregon will be Mayor Carson of Portland and Earl Snell, secretary of state for Oregon.

There will be a business session at 4, a banquet at 6:30, followed by a torch light parade. A big dance will wind up the 'doins'. It is the conference of the sixth district of Washington and Goldendale is making it an interstate party.

COURT TO PORTLAND

County Judge Potter and Commissioner Dunlap attended the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland last Thursday and Friday in behalf of the Sherman highway section south of Kent. The commission made no promises that the road would be repaired immediately but did express themselves as aware of the unsatisfactory condition of the road and desirous of remedying it as soon as it was possible to do so.

GOOD HORSES BRING PRICE

For anyone who doubts the statement that horses are coming back, the sale of three horses for \$200 apiece will be convincing news. Charley Forrester of Grass Valley made such a sale this week when the brothers Duyck of Forest Grove picked his bunch of horses and took three at the price mentioned. L. K. Smith of Grass Valley sold a team for \$500 this week also, but had not delivered them to date. No wonder there are more colts in every field these days.