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State House Gossip

By Ernest L. Gray.
A feeling of deep sadness comes over one as he gazes upon the shell of what last week was Oregon's beautiful and historical capitol building. The monetary loss of the great fire—set at \$1,500,000—is negligible compared to the sentimental loss and that of the valuable historical features.

Oregon for some time has needed a new and larger capitol building, but none had wished a new structure to be obtained in this manner. A new building program is inevitable, but it will be at least two years before a new structure can be erected. A five million dollar project was the figure set in most conversations.

Newspapermen attempting to cover the capitol officials now must either get bicycles or roller skates. Officers have been scattered over the business district of the city and it is almost necessary to employ guides to direct the people of the state to the offices they wish to visit.

Some offices are in private homes, the postoffice, the Elks Temple and the postoffice, the Elks Temple and ers have been crowded into the state office building, the supreme court and the agricultural building. And these quarters are being obtained for two years or longer. It will be all of that.

The governor's office, which is considered the official state house, is located on the second floor of the supreme court building, just off the law library. Three desks and private documents were rescued from the executive's quarters during the early part of the fire. The governor has fine quarters already set up.

Governor Martin to date has shunned the idea of calling a special session of the legislature to cope with the emergency. But it appears inevitable. Before any funds can be appropriated from the state for a new building, it will require legislative action. Then should it authorize sale of bonds the matter must go before the people.

PWA funds were expected to aid materially in the financing of a new structure. A thirty per cent grant and perhaps a loan of the balance could be secured. Within the next month definite plans will be outlined by the planning board to be used as a basis, and Oregon architects have been invited to compete in drafting designs.

Should a special session be called, perhaps within six weeks, it will be another problem to house it and to give it working facilities. Perhaps the session could be held in the armory, the house of representatives at least, while the senate could meet in the Elks temple or in the dining room of the Marion hotel.

Governor Martin was not at the capitol city when the state house burned. He was giving an address at the Medford Chamber of Commerce during the heat of the fire, and was not apprized of the disaster until he had completed his talk. He cancelled the rest of his trip came back the next day and started to work at once.

The state treasurer's office, which did not lose anything outside office equipment, is scattered in three different places. Holman has his office opposite the governor's in the supreme court building, his cash and accounting staff are at the Ladd & Bush bank where securities are also kept in that vault, and the inheritance tax division is in the home of Senator Charles Spaulding across the street from the burned capitol.

Thousands of people visited the capitol during the fire and since. Last Sunday the grounds were crowded with spectators and souvenir hunters. Guards have been stationed around the building, since there are still many valuables in the structure. Razing will be started at once.

Those who witnessed the flames will never forget the spectacular picture, particularly shortly before the old copper dome nodded its head in farewell and disappeared into the grasping arms of the

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Typing Victory Goes To North End Schools

Rufus and Wasco Girls Take Honors in Typing Contest

Results of the typing contest held at the Moro school last Friday afternoon have been given out by county superintendent Willy Knighten. In the novice division composed of those who are finishing their first year of typing Marie Mathieson of Rufus won first with 49.2 words per minute, Janet Wilcox of Grass Valley was second with 44.3 words and Isabelle Fortner was third with 40.5 words per minute.

In the amateur division which is made up of second year students Margaret Johnson of Wasco was first with 56.4 words per minute as an average, Geraldine Funk of Wasco was second with 55.3 words and Evelyn Davis of Kent was third with 45.3 words per minute. Moro and Wasco did not enter the novice division and Rufus and Grass Valley did not enter the amateur division.

Erosion Takes 50,000,000 A.

More Land Approaching Uselessness Every Year

Pullman, Washington, April 25. "More than 50 million acres of land in the United States has been destroyed for crop production by erosion," according to an announcement from the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. "Another 125 million acres of land new in crops has lost all or most of its top soil. About 100 million acres is rapidly approaching that condition. At least three fourths of the farm land of the United States used for clean tilled crops is subject in varying degrees to erosion, the damage from which to farm land, roads, reservoirs, ir-

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Clean Up Campaign Due To End Monday

Residents Are Asked To Clean-up Homes Before May 6

Next Monday the clean up campaign will be under way in Moro and crews will patrol the streets and alleys, especially in the downtown section to rake and scrape the accumulations of a year or more into trucks so it can be hauled away to no longer mar the appearance of the city. The city park will also be subject to some of the spring clean-up influence to put it in readiness for the gala day to come.

All home owners and requested and expected to have their own trash hauled away before the day of the clean up in order that when that day is over the city will present a pleasing appearance for visitors. Trees will be whitewashed and perhaps the fire hydrants will be given a coating of brighter colored paint than now decorates them.

Junior Prom Pleases

Wasco High Prom Gala Event Of Last Saturday

The ninth Annual Prom given by the Junior class of Wasco High School last Saturday evening at the school gym was pronounced a huge success by all who attended. There were seventy five couples attending besides all members of the Junior and Senior classes.

The decoration motif was that of a ship. Life preservers and port-holes were hung around the walls of the gym, which had a canopy ceiling of blue and white. Numerous colored lights and ship pennants strung about added color to the occasion, and beyond the orchestra could be seen the billowy deep. Entrance was made to the "Promenade Deck" by way of a customary gangplank.

The feature of the evening was provided by Sharron Rae Hennagin and Jean McIntyre, who sang "On The Good Ship Lollipop," accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin. Another feature of the evening, not to be omitted, was a huge searchlight mounted on the school building which provided light for the ship's visitors on certain occasions during the evening.

Wasco Bank To Pay Fifth Time To Depositors

Liquidator To Mail Checks Next Week To Make Full Half Of Claims Paid

Bills Payable Now Settled

Remaining Assets More Than Twice The Deposit Liability That Remains Unpaid

Depositors in the Bank of Commerce will receive the entire first half of their claims against that bank next week when the fifth ten per cent dividend is distributed by H. M. Stephens, liquidator for the banking department, who is in charge of the closed bank. The payment will put \$15,619.91 in circulation among the depositors of the bank.

A survey of the statement that will accompany each dividend check shows that there remains \$164,087.61 of loans and discounts still available with which to pay future dividends, which may total \$78,099.59.

Bills Payable Nearly Paid.

The bills payable of the bank have all been paid except \$94.27, a decidedly minor sum compared to the \$101,170.00 first charged against the bank.

During the liquidation of the bank interest to the amount of \$37,593.04 has been received. The expense during this time has been \$13,485.69 which includes interest paid out by the liquidation. The net earnings of the liquidation have been \$24,107.35 to April 20, when the report was made.

Payment of half the claims against this bank in a period of rather poorer than average crops has given impetus to the thought that should a good crop and reasonable price come to the north end of the county the entire deposit claim would be liquidated.

Indians Coming On War Path May 11th

Indians Make Lively Game, Win Lose or Draw

Saturday, May 11, the Warm Springs Indians are scheduled to appear on the local ball diamond with all their usual amount of pep and vinegar ready to do battle for supremacy over the Moro team of the Sherman county league. These Indians do play baseball. They practice it nearly every day, they think it and go at it like it was a part of a long awaited vacation. Win, lose or draw they put on an exhibition that is worth watching. Many of them have played with college teams or with professional teams.

Last Sunday the Rufus team spent the afternoon at the fair grounds. Walker was in good form and the game went to Moro 7 to 0 for the first shut-out of the season in the league.

Grass Valley defeated Wasco at Wasco by a score of 18 to 7. The teams are getting a little better as the season grows and better games may be expected from now on.

RAINS COMING BETTER

Eastern Oregon is Wetter Says E. R. Jackman

"Moisture conditions in most of the eastern Oregon counties have been vastly improved in recent weeks, according to E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist, and Arthur King, extension soils specialist, after a ten day trip through the region.

"Areas of the Columbia river basin where farmers were plowing up dry soil two weeks ago, and where there seemed to be little hope of a crop, now have moisture two feet deep or more and a fair wheat crop seems assured," said Jackman on his return. "Parts of Morrow, Gilliam, and Sherman counties were still too dry for good crop prospects at that time."

A better water supply for irrigation seems assured this year than was the case in 1933 and 1934, and farmers and stockmen are more optimistic than they were two weeks ago, Jackman added.

Albert Hill Fined \$50. In Justice Stow's Court

Wasco County Sheepman Pays Fine For Pointing Gun

Albert Hill, a resident of Wasco county, was tried in justice court in Grass Valley last week and found guilty of pointing a gun at Patrick Gibbons, a sheep herder employed by John Conroy of Grass Valley. Justice Stow levied a fine of \$50 which was paid by the defendant. The trouble was caused by a row over sheep and sheep pasture on reclamation land along the Deschutes river.

Court Finds Small Job For Regular May Term

County Court Does Little; Goes To View Roads, Bridges

Two members of the county court, Judge George Potter and A. A. Dunlap met in serious session Wednesday with P. C. Axtell absent from the county and unable to attend. No business of importance was brought before the court and early adjournment was taken to view some of the roads of the county, both ends of the county being visited during the afternoon by the court.

The road bills and payrolls were audited in the morning and discussion was held on the advisability of allowing the Fairview school board to receive its state school fund because of its small attendance. According to law a school having an average daily attendance of less than six pupils must petition the county boundary board for favorable action on this matter. Fairview has an average attendance of about five.

Drouth Relief May Be Asked

Danger From Dry Period Still Held Possible

Federal departments concerned have been informed officially that drouth conditions of last year in eastern Oregon are not yet a thing of the past and that unless good rains and favorable growing conditions occur over the range country in late spring, serious problems are ahead for late summer and fall.

An official 40-page mimeographed report embodying the best opinions of representatives of 12 public agencies has been compiled by Wm. A. Schoenfeld, state drouth director, and forwarded to Washington, reporting on conditions up to April 13. The report is the outgrowth of a conference of all these agencies such as the state department of agriculture, U. S. Weather bureau, U. S. Forest service, Oregon State engineer's office, Oregon State college and others.

Actual drouth conditions existed at that time over more than half of the area of eastern Oregon, the report stated. Since that date some beneficial rains have occurred east of the mountains which coupled with warmer growing weather, are expected to improve the spring ranges materially, the nothing has occurred to better late summer and fall prospects.

The hay supply outlook is serious in many sections, as generally speaking there are no hay reserves of importance remaining in the 1934 drouth areas. The report sets out. Subnormal precipitation in the first three months of 1935, damaged hay stands in meadows poorly irrigated last year and shortage of irrigation water on some projects are factors in the hay situation.

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Thief Robs Cream Station Tuesday Noon

Cream Station Bandit Gets \$70 From Cody

Some one is \$70.10 richer and Bill Cody, Swift & Co., cream station operator is that much poorer since Tuesday noon when yet unidentified thief opened the till in the station and removed that amount of good hard United States money. Mr. Cody was in Portland at the time and Clarence Huls was in charge of the station. He was at lunch when the robbery occurred.

Band Festival Plans Executed With Dispatch

Band Stand Erected And Banner Hung Across Main Street; More Pennants Ready

Dozen Bands Are Expected

Ball Game Scheduled For Afternoon Between Indians and Moro Team of County League

The committees appointed to work on various features of the band festival to be held here May 11 have made progress during the ten days they have been at work and report many of the arrangements already completed.

The band stand was erected in the park Sunday under the direction of Clyde Gillmor and his committee. It is already for the first band to march up the gang plank and begin the music festival. The decorations committee has superintended the construction of a large cloth sign and stretched it across the street. It informs the world that it is welcome to the band festival here May 11. It was erected Monday night in time to undergo Tuesday's wind storm and it emerged from that ordeal still intact.

City, School District Contribute

The city and the school district each contributed \$25 and this has been used, or will be used for expenses of the committees. Decorations have been bought to enliven the streets for a few days before and during the festive day.

Probably over a dozen bands will be here, including the eleven school bands and some city bands from town near to this county.

The morning of the 11th will be spent in the park where the several bands will give selections. Luncheon will be eaten on the grass there by those who bring lunch although facilities to purchase food will be made available for those who come unprepared.

Ball Game Scheduled

In the afternoon there will be a glee club contest at the school house or in the hall and a dance for the younger people will fill out the day. A sports program featuring a ball game between the Warm Springs Indians and the Moro team will be an event of the late afternoon.

In the evening a social dance will be given at the Legion hall which will probably be attended by many of the bandmen from other towns as well as a large group of Sherman countians.

Harry Ragsdale was operated on in a Portland hospital the first of the week. This is the second and last of two sinus operations. Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale is down to the city with him.

Oregon Products Campaigns Prosper Through Advertising

Over two hundred salesmen, representative of the various manufacturing and producing industries of Oregon, responded to the call of the Oregon Manufacturers Association for a kickoff meeting to the third state-wide campaign of "Let's Sell Oregon To Ourselves."

Will R. Lewis, Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Company, presided as chairman, introducing Mac Wilkins, in charge of the advertising campaign.

"When we talk about Oregon Industries, we talk about generalities, said Wilkins. "Oregon does not appreciate those things which are her own. Often I have heard the question, what is the matter with us. What is the matter with Oregon? The answer is that we have everything. Our fields, our streams, and our rugged mountains are filled to abundance with the finest on this earth. It is only a matter of our selling Oregon to ourselves. Here is one place where we can get together. We can sell the state to all of the state. The only thing that is wrong is that we do not appreciate what we have."

"Another trouble is that we did not see the value of advertising. In our two campaigns we found that as we expanded in our adver-

Mothers-Daughters To Banquet at Wasco

Wasco Mothers Are Arranging To Honor Daughters

The mothers of the Wasco community have set the date of Wednesday, May 8 for the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. This Annual Mother Daughter affair will be held at Fraternity Hall and an interesting program for the evening is being arranged. Mrs. Harry Van Gilder will act as toast-mistress for the affair. A quartette from the Wasco Civic Singers will render several selections and talks by mothers and daughters have been scheduled. The net proceeds of this dinner will be turned over to the local camp fire group. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Wasco Woman's Study Club are backing this movement, and the camp fire girls are selling tickets. One hundred mothers and daughters are expected to be present for this occasion, while the Dads will do the serving and dishwashing for the evening.

Pres. Peavy of OSC Speaks Here

Dinner For "Dean" Is Well Attended

George W. Peavy, president of Oregon State College and known throughout the state as "Dean Peavy" because of his long leadership of the forestry department of the college spoke here before the members and guests of the Commercial Club Saturday night and pleased his hearers with his simplicity and informality of appearance.

President Peavy had spent a part of the day visiting a 4-H live stock club and used this as a topic to speak on club work in general and the good it did to interest and instruct children regarding agriculture and allied subjects.

Visits Tree Nurseries

He spoke on the danger existing nowadays in governmental affairs in as much as the tendency toward facism is growing in some parts of the country. A knowledge of the country's history and its aims will hold this tendency to a minimum it is believed.

Mr. Peavy remained here until Sunday afternoon and inspected the experiment farm and looked over some of the tree nurseries now being developed throughout the county.

Nearly sixty people were seated about the tables to hear the speaker and nearly every part of the county was represented.

LELAND SMITH DIES

Arthur Leland Smith, 27 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Smith of Wasco county died in a hospital there Monday night after a few hours illness with tonsillitis. The young man was a nephew of Clyde Smith and Arthur Smith and is known here to many friends of the family.

Farmers Voting On Continuance Of AAA Plans

Each District To Have Meeting Discuss Conditions and Contract And Vote On Plan

Committeemen Elected Too

Goverment Wants Informed And Representative Vote Of All Cooperating Farmers

Beginning with the community meeting at Locust Grove Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and continuing with one each day at the same hour the county agent has held gatherings to inform the farmers and contract holders about the vote for continued wheat allotment program. E. R. Jackman aided at the first meeting.

Thursday afternoon a meeting was held at Wasco. Friday one will be held at the Klondike grange hall and Saturday, May 4, there will be one at the courthouse in Moro for that wheat allotment district. Monday, May 6, the meeting will be held for the Harmony district at the grange hall, Tuesday May 7 at the auditorium in Grass Valley and Wednesday May 8, at Kent the final meeting will be held in the grange hall there.

Question Stated

At these meetings there is a discussion of the present wheat situation, a discussion of the proposed wheat program, a vote on the question "Are you in favor of a wheat adjustment program to follow the present one which expires with the 1935 crop year?" and an election of a community committeeman for the coming year.

The original plan called for all of the vote to be taken on May 25 at actual polling places arranged by the county wheat control associations. Arrangements have been made in Oregon, however, so that any who attend the community meetings may cast their ballots there. As a complete list of contract signers is available, those who have not voted by that time will have ballots mailed to them, which must be returned by May 25 in order to be counted. Landlords residing out of the state are being mailed ballots immediately.

Informed Vote Wanted

The wheat section wants an informed vote, a fair and secret ballot free from coercion, and adequate in numbers. Dr. Edward Bell of Washington, D. C. informed state officials while he was in the west. In view of the questions raised concerning AAA programs, such a vote is expected to have a far-reaching effect upon the future of agricultural cooperation between growers and the government.

Wheat control associations are now operating in 1758 counties, maintaining a check on 75 per cent of the nation's production. Not only contract owners but any other wheat grower who can show that he is eligible to sign a contract may cast a ballot.

The government desires to have as large vote as possible on this question for a small majority or a small vote will be a sign that farmers are but little interested in the continuance of the program.

Wasco High School Names Honor Students

Miss Geraldine Funk Makes Highest Grades

Announcement was made Thursday of the honor students in the Wasco Senior class. Miss Geraldine Funk secured the highest honors, having a four year average of 1.1. Leon Smith and Marvin Thomas ran each other a very close race for second highest average for the four years. Smith received 1.7 and Thomas 2. Fourteen Seniors will graduate from Wasco, May 17. The average for the entire class over a four year period is 2.7. The Seniors will give their Class Night Exercises May 10 and in all probability the honor students of the class will each give a short address the evening of graduation.