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State House Gossip

By Ernest L. Gray.

While the burning of the state capitol and its effects still constitute the subject of most conversations another fire was being watched with a great deal of interest, a fire malcontents of the present administration have set under the governor, and one which will burst out in flame about the middle of July, but it will not burn with as pretty a color as that which destroyed the capitol.

Just how far the recall threat against Governor Martin will go could not be foreseen, but petitions will require more than 50,000 bona fide signatures, a goodly number when no paid circulators can be employed—the new law to that effect becoming operative a month from now. A recall cannot be started against the governor until he has been in office six months or after July 14.

The unrest and the agitation, echoes of which have been heard at the capitol, have been noted by the Governor, but he evidently likes a good fight and has not let down in his determined policy of going ahead in state government according to his own views. Right or wrong, the Governor will not retract—it is not in his make-up.

Business of the state, although delayed in some instances by the disastrous fire of two weeks ago, was now operating in full swing and those departments which have been burned out, were getting equipment and had supplies to operate. Conditions were crowded, of course, but it is the hope temporary situations would not continue for more than two years.

Razing of the old structure was in progress, the work being done by SERRA workers behind a board fence which has been constructed around the ruins as a safety precaution. It was estimated it would require about six months to tear down the building, by which time plans will have been considered for a new structure.

Relics of the old structure will consist mostly of ash trays and other materials made from the copper which covered the famous old dome. Many of those working for the state have been able to salvage some of the copper and were having it made into trays. Souvenir hunters have been causing plenty of work for those guarding the structure.

The inevitable session of the state legislature may not be called until September it was understood, after some definite proposals for a new capitol building can be presented and upon what terms thru federal aid such a building could be financed. But there will be a session some time this year, of that one may be certain.

The makeup of a new session likewise will be an interesting one, there will be new faces and possibly new leaders. The attorney general, at the time of this writing had not yet handed down his opinion concerning the eligibility of those who have accepted other state and federal jobs, but his opinion will state, it has been learned that those accepting such jobs now are ineligible. That throws out four house members and two senators, all democrats, including the speaker.

Those without seats therefore will be Speaker John Cooter, Representatives Wallace and Johnson of Multnomah and Henry Semor of Klamath, and Senators Ashby, Dickson of Multnomah and Walter Fisher of Roseburg. Cooter and Semor are also on the legislative emergency board. Will they be permitted to retain their positions on that board? That too must be decided.

And with this ruling there will be a battle for the post of speaker in this important extraordinary session, a fine chance for some good legislation to make a record. The battle appears to be between Moore Hamilton, a young member from Medford but one who proved his worth at the regular session and William Graham of Portland. Graham is an older head but the speakership may still be fought

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Clean-Up Day Gives Trees White Trunks

More Work Promised On Other Parts of Town Later

The Moro clean up day was not as universally observed as such days have been previously but nevertheless the city's appearance was somewhat improved by the work done on it. Principal change in the looks of the town was brought about by the whitewashing of the tree trunks along the main street giving them a dressed up and white collar bearing resemblance an Easter morning parade.

Friday, just before the gathering of the band members from this area the streets will be washed down with the fire hose to give a fresher look to the city and to clean them a bit more.

Hauling of debris from private property is a matter of personal pride and will depend on that alone. The firemen have the power to enforce the clean-up of streets and alleys of fire hazard material and it is thought this will be done.

Baseball Games End Unevenly

Moro Team To Have Aid In Indian Game

Moro retained its record for straight wins in baseball Sunday by winning from Wasco by a score of 18 to 5. It was the second effort of Paul Goddard as pitcher and he held the neighboring towners to no score up to the fifth inning and lasted until the seventh inning when he was relieved by Walker who finished. Vacancies in the Moro line-up caused several of the once retired old timers to don gloves again.

The Moro team expects to be strengthened for the Indians Saturday as Vinton is expected home from school for that day and will bring two brothers, Zimmerman, one of whom has played here before, to aid the team. One is a pitcher and one is an outfielder. An effort is also being made to bring Squires, the lengthy Grass Valley first baseman down for the game. Otherwise Walker will take that position.

Grass Valley defeated Rufus by a score of 22 to 5 Sunday. Next Sunday Grass Valley will be the scene of the battle royal when Moro goes there to meet that team to decide the league leadership. It is sure to be a reasonably close game.

FARMER ESCAPES INJURY

Homor Belshee barely escaped death one morning last week while he was sharpening plow shears, when the emery wheel flew to pieces, narrowly missing his head. His foot was slightly injured by a glancing blow from a piece of the wheel and other pieces went out through the shop, landing in the field.

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Mrs. S. L. Coats, county 15.00
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Farmers Attend Meetings In Good Number To Vote

Seven Meetings Bring Nearly All Contract Signers Out

Committeemen Are Elected

Several New Men Elected To Local and County Boards As Old Officers Decline

After seven well attended meetings in which all contract signers present were permitted to vote on the continuance of the wheat program the question as to how big a majority the farmers of this county is as much a mystery as ever. For no one is permitted to read or count the ballots until May 25.

There have been stories that this district or that one has voted unanimously for the plan or that someplace else the vote was almost even, but these stories are mere conjecture. It is known that 296 people voted in the elections, but the voting was secret. Ballots will be sent out to those who have not voted and they will have the privilege of voting by mail.

All Will Have Vote
Already, in fact, ballots have been sent to all those contract holders living outside the state. A record was kept of those who cast their votes at the meetings and only the non-voters will be given a by mail ballot. On Saturday May 25 there will be a count and everyone will know the percentage of farmers who favor the allotment plan.

Committeemen Elected
At the same time county committeemen and community chairman, a dual job, and two community committeemen were elected in each of the seven districts. Some changes were made in the personnel

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"Buy Poppy" Will Be Heard Saturday

Auxiliary Will Sell Emblems of War's Cruelty This Week End

The ladies of the American Legion will hold the annual poppy sale this Saturday, May 11. This event is an opportunity for each individual to aid in giving comfort to those still in hospitals because of war injuries—those for whom the war will never end.

The campfire girls will do the selling, as usual, under the leadership of the committee in charge of the work for the auxiliary. Mrs. Florence Martin is chairman of the committee. Poppies are made by veterans in the hospitals and the proceeds are used to bring to them the necessities of comfort.

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4-H Club Leaders To Hold Fair July 3

Wasco Will Be The Scene Of Contest This Year

The announced meeting of the 4-H club leaders of the county at Grass Valley brought out a crowd of about 30 persons who discussed the problems they were having in their work, watched a series of moving pictures and dined enjoyably.

It was decided to have the try-outs for the county and state fair at Wasco on July 3, the first day of the celebration being held there this year. The decision was final as far as the domestic science contests were concerned and it is likely that the livestock contests will also be held at the same time. Miss Helen Cowgill will be in the county to judge the events.

Moro School Play Presented Well

Fifteen Students Take Part In Final Dramatic Event of School Year

Folks used to read about what happened when an American girl married a duke or lord and went to live in Europe, but no one has ever given much thought to what happened when she returned home with her fortune spent. The play "Once There Was A Princess," given by the Moro High School Saturday night gave adequate explanation of such a scene.

Doris Thompson, as the princess, was returning to her former Indiana home where she was eagerly awaited by friends who expected her to do the regal airs they had read about and imagined. The family of the Boyds, Joe, the father (Russell Belshee), Mrs. Boyd (Dorothy Fraser) Ruby (Gayle Amidon), Hazel (Vivian Fuller) and the unwanted and unwanted aunt, (Mary Pinkerton) all awaited her as did Phil Lennox (Lyle Nahouse) and Milton D'Arcy (Gordon Fraser), but only Joe and the former childhood friend, Ethel, recognized her when she did arrive, meekly dressed and broke. She left and then returned to give them their show of royalty.

Minor parts were taken by Harold Belshee, Melba Thogerson, Lois Kenny, Freida Rice, Reitha Howard, Louise Barzee, Betty Powell, Glen Kenny and Lloyd Henrichs were stage managers and Wayne Thompson was director of properties.

Miss Kathleen Radtke directed the play which was acclaimed as one of the best presented here within recent years.

WENDELL BALSIGER GOES TO FATHER'S FUNERAL

Wendell Balsiger and wife left Wednesday morning for Galvin, Washington, to attend the funeral of Mr. Balsiger's father who died their last week. He was postmaster and store keeper of the town. The elder Balsiger was only 56. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Elva Nathan of Galvin, Wendell and three brothers.

EXAMINER COMING

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Moro Friday May 17, at the Court house between the hours of 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley during these hours.

FLOWERS AND THRILLS

Six girls, Agnes Simon, Vera Pike, Janet Wilcox, Isabell Fortner, Marjorie Blake and Charlotte Beardsley breaked around the breaks of Mack's canyon last Saturday and found plenty of flowers and snakes and much weariness.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY 2	67	40	.00
" 3	72	35	.00
" 4	79	38	.00
" 5	75	50	.00
" 6	63	38	.00
" 7	68	35	.00
" 8	75	33	.00
Total for week			.00

Everything Set For Band, Music Festival May 11

Cars To Be Kept From Park During Concert To Protect Children

11 School Bands Are Due

Registration Booth Set Up In The Ellsworth Building Near Park; Convenient Location

If the plans of the band festival committee work out as formulated the air will be filled with music in the vicinity of the city park block promptly at 9:15 Saturday morning when the first band on the program seats itself in the already prepared band stand and takes up its instruments. This comparatively early start is made necessary because of the large number of bands to appear on that day. At least a dozen school and civic bands are expected to be present and give recitals.

Vocal Program Scheduled

In the afternoon, after the bands have all had their turns at making music, there will be a vocal program at the school auditorium with school children competing in songs in groups and in smaller numbers. This will be followed by a matinee dance given for the entertainment of the band members and other high school students. At 2:45 the lovers of sporting events will have an inning when the Moro ball club will meet the Warm Springs Indians on the diamond at the Fair Grounds.

In order that all children will be perfectly safe it has been decided that no cars will be allowed in the park during the band festival. Parking will be permitted around the park, leaving the inside for the exclusive use of the spectators. All the announcements will be made through a sound car assuring everyone of a chance to hear.

Table Space Provided

For those visitors who bring their lunch the management has made an effort to provide plenty of facilities for comfortable eating. Tables will be set up so that visitors may enjoy their picnic lunch under the trees. Chairs will be furnished.

An address of welcome will be made by an official of the city or the school district before the band festival proper begins. In the evening a band concert, participated in by chosen musicians of the bands present will be given on the streets of the city and it is hoped that the American Legion drum corps of The Dalles will appear for a short concert as well.

The day will be ended by a public dance at the Legion hall in the evening which will be attended by many of the visiting bandmen who will remain for this event and by Sherman countians from all parts of the county.

MOTHER'S ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Rose Amidon of Moro, Mrs. Etha Schilling of Grass Valley, left Thursday morning for Eugene where they will be entertained by their daughters over Mother's Day. Miss Rachael Polley accompanied them to the University city.

Thirty Six Will Graduate From Sherman County High Schools

Thirty six Sherman county high school students will march up to a school official before the month has passed and receive the diplomas that will signify that their secondary school work is satisfactorily finished.

Graduation exercises will be held at Rufus and Wasco on the 17th, at Moro the 22nd, at Grass Valley the 23rd and at Kent on the 24th. Wasco has the largest class, fourteen students being in the Senior class there. Anna Beletski, Norman Fields, Thomas Fields, Geraldine Funk, Donald McDermid, Dana Jean McMillin, Nerine Patterson, Leon Smith, Eugene Spenterson, Marvin Thomas, Arthur Van Gilder, Cleone Walsh, and Francis Watkins make up the class.

Grass Valley will graduate the second largest class with nine on

Jury List For May Court Term Drawn

Several Cases Due To Come To Trial This Month

County Court meets May 20 for the May term for Sherman county and both civil and criminal cases will be tried before the court unless last minute changes are made. The jury list has been drawn and the following men were chosen: Kent: R. Abell, Geo. McKay
Grass Valley: S. B. Holmes, Chas. Engel, J. B. Coon, Alva Eakin, O. K. Eaton, William Brinkert, T. M. Rolfe, V. B. Eakin.

Moro: L. L. Peetz, George Hennagin, H. B. Belshee, Chester Smith, F. L. Burnet, A. W. McLeod, H. H. Nichols, Harry Pinkerton.

Wasco: Carl Everett, Vernon Van Gilder, Dan McDermid, J. F. Royse, R. W. McPherson, E. T. Olson, W. H. Andrews, H. D. Proudfoot, Arvid Anderson.

Klondike: S. P. Boyce, C. W. Johnson.

Rufus: H. R. Herin, R. N. Guilford.

All are farmers or retired farmers except Mr. Abell who is a ware house man.

Oregon Farmers May Raise Seed

Erosion Service Will Need Many Pounds Of Seed For Work

Farmers of eastern Oregon will be given an opportunity to produce seed of plants which are badly needed in the drouth areas of the Rocky mountains, the middle western and southwestern states, according to E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist of Oregon State college.

Last summer the soil erosion service gathered seed of all the promising native forage plants and grasses which occur in the drouth areas to determine their suitability for preventing soil erosion and for forage production. While in Washington D. C. last fall, Jackman made arrangements whereby this state would receive from 5 to 60 pounds of seed of the best of these plants to test for seed production. Seeds of many of these plants do not set well in the middle west.

Much Seed Needed

If seed production is found possible, this state could easily develop an additional seed industry worth several hundred thousand dollars. Jackman believes. The grasses to be tried include the wild native wheat grasses, blue stem grasses, wild ryes, various types of alkali grass and many others.

Seed of these plants is desired to the extent of millions of pounds by the soil erosion service, national forest service, the division of the government purchasing marginal lands and the Taylor Grazing act administration. An abundant seed supply would be a boon to thousands of middle western farmers who would like to get part of their land back into grass, Jackman adds. Grass planting is encouraged to avert soil blowing and prevent the disastrous dust storms that have prevailed in the middle west this spring.

Read the ads in the Journal

W. A. Rockie Soil Erosion Expert To Speak May 17

Large Crowd Expected To Hear Talk On Live Subject

Rockie Pullman Head

Erosion Considered Most Important Farm Subject Before U. S. at Present Time

Word was received here Tuesday afternoon that W. A. Rockie, head of the northwest erosion station at Pullman, Washington, will speak in Moro Friday May 17, at the court house. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Moro Commercial Club which has been trying to get Mr. Rockie to come here for several weeks. Previous engagements have prevented his former appearances.

Mr. Rockie has an interesting subject to all land owners and farmers and all those who heard him at Arlington will attest that he has an interesting manner of presenting his information to his listeners. He will talk at 2:30 in the afternoon. At noon he will be the guest of citizens at luncheon.

Erosion Destructive

Since the dramatic wind storms of the middle west have been inflicted upon the hapless farmers of that territory erosion has come to be an every day topic in all of the arid and semi-arid countries of the United States for every where there is evidence that if the drouth continues and soil conditions are not changed the same fate may be meted out to the remainder of the country until the entire plains sections of the west resembles the Gobi desert of Asia which was once a fertile farming country although now streaked with gullies and barren of practically all forms of life.

Mr. Rockie's experiments in the northwest include both wind and water erosion, both of which are rapidly destroying the fertility of nearly all cultivated soils. The erosion service has stated that it is necessary to keep humus in the soil or it will become so light that it is subject to both kinds of erosion to a very marked extent, more to come.

Lula Meloy Johnson Dies In Pocatello

Former Moro Girl Succumbs To Influenza

Mrs. Lula Meloy Johnson, native daughter of Sherman county, died at her home in Pocatello, Idaho, May 4, after a short illness of pneumonia. Her illness was so short that word of her death came to relatives here before a letter announcing her sickness.

Mrs. Johnson was born to George Meloy and Mrs. Meloy, February 8, 1899 while they were living near Monkland. She attended school in this county and later went to Corvallis where she finished Oregon State college. She was married to C. B. Johnson March 8, 1921 at Corvallis. For several years she has been manager of the Link School of Business at Pocatello. The funeral was held there Monday afternoon and interment was made there.

Surviving her are her father George Meloy of Moro, her mother, Mrs. Nellie Meloy of Corvallis, a sister, Mrs. Kathleen Lachlin of Live Oak, Cal., a brother George Meloy Jr., of Moro and her widower and one son Pat, 12 years old.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL GIVING MYSTERY PLAY

Grass Valley School are presenting "The Call of the Banshee" tonight at the Civic Auditorium in that city and if anyone wishes to test his ability to unravel a mystery or to withstand spooky atmosphere this is the time. The play is one of those that make the young wish they were old and bald so the hair wouldn't stand up so bad.

The cast has been chosen from the high school and is directed by Clifford Rowe, instructor in English.