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State House Gossip

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Regardless of the outcome, which may be known by the time this column reaches the reader, there have been some definite adverse repercussions of the injunction suit brought by the Marion county Taxpayers League against the state board of control in an attempt to prevent raising of the walls of the burned state capitol building.

Had the effort been unique on the part of the taxpayers, leaving the matter would have been taken more judiciously, but reading the list of plaintiffs one can't help but wonder and the conclusion reached can be only one. The action has proved purely political and in some quarters even considered a move to embarrass the governor. The temporary restraining order was expected to be dissolved.

Henry Zorn, president of the Marion County Taxpayers League and one of the four plaintiffs in the suit, will be remembered as sponsor of the Zorn-MacPherson university moving bill of three years ago which was shown under by a vote of the people. Ed Jory, another of the plaintiffs is the man who sought to prevent Ex-governor Meier from collecting more than \$1500 salary a year.

Judging from these names many firmly believe the action against the board to prevent progress in construction of a new capitol is not sincere. Further, judging from past activities, these farmers from Marion county were believed only the tools in the hands of others who wish to hide behind them in their movements. The Salem Taxpayers League has condemned the county group—nevertheless it gives the capitol city bad marks and encourages movement of the capitol elsewhere.

Another fight which has grown during last week and which may have to be settled in the courts resulted when the attorney general, as predicted, ruled six members of the legislature ineligible to hold their seats because of acceptance of federal or state lucrative jobs or appointments. Before settled one or possible two more legislators may lose their places.

Looming always in the background of all these developments at the capitol is the probability of a special session of the legislature—and it creeps nearer as more problems are met in the continuance of state activities since the disastrous fire of April 25. The latest prediction for a special session was October, and this observer was skeptical. Some predict it may be called as soon as next month.

When it meets and the attorney general's ruling stands, there will be a change in the party set-up in both houses, but the control in the lower branch will still be held, even if slightly, by the democrats, while the senate will be in control of republicans. It may be necessary to elect a new speaker and probably a new senate president, if Harry Corbett likewise is declared ineligible. The attorney general had not yet ruled on him.

Should there be a new speaker predictions were the honors would go to Moore Hamilton, young democratic member of the house from Jackson county. Hamilton came to the last session marked as a radical, but by the end of the term he proved himself one of the most solid members. Senator Frank Franciscovich of Astoria probably would be named as president of the Senate if a vacancy should exist there. These are only probabilities as both Cooter and Corbett may be renamed to the legislature by their county courts.

Another controversy showed itself during the past week and this may also develop to add to the disputes now raging around the fallen copper dome of the once beautiful capitol. The elimination of the chancellor of the higher educational institutions is sought by University of Oregon mothers. A return back to the individual presidents was asked.

All institutions now have presidents who function under Chancellor W. J. Kerr, and he is the head

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Cooking School Will Be Given May 31

Mrs. Herington Coming Again To Instruct In Cooking

Mrs. Audrey Herington, well known home counselor, will be in Morr., May 31 to June 1 to conduct the Electric Homemaking Institute and Cooking School to be held at the Legion hall. Every moment of both days will be chock full of fun and facts. There will be interesting contests, free prizes and new recipes. Mrs. Herington also plans to show how easy homemaking can be. Among other things she will demonstrate how to get the most benefit from your electric appliances, what to consider when modernizing or designing your kitchen, and how to light your home correctly. The Pacific Power and Light Company, through whose aid this institute is being held, urges you to save these two afternoons for everyone is invited. Each session will begin promptly at 2:00 p. m.

Rattler Taken To City; Easy Life

Sherman County Snake Taken To Portland

Last week Baby Douma found a nice sized rattler snake and captured it as a present for Stanley Reavis, who kept it in a box at the light company office until it was announced one night and taken to the Bienville's construction. Reavis says he kept it in a box thinking that his rattling business would be able to take care of himself. When Charles Powell went to Portland Tuesday he took the snake along to show to friends in the city who have more curiosity about rattlesnakes than those who live near them. Portland papers announced Thursday that after a tour of the federal marshal's offices, where Loren Cochran is deputy, the snake was taken to the zoo where mice come in boxes instead of in holes in the ground.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS DINE

The annual Mother and Daughter banquet, sponsored by the Morr. Women's club, was held Thursday evening, May 2nd, in the dining room of the Presbyterian church, with about 90 mothers and daughters in attendance. The room and tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers and miniature may poles. The guests were welcomed by the club president, Mrs. E. H. Moore, who introduced Mrs. A. H. Barnum as toast mistress for the evening. The following program was greatly enjoyed:

Toast to the Daughters by Mrs. D. E. Stephens; Toast to the Mothers, Melba Thigerson; Two vocal duets by Mary Pinkerton and Genevieve Nahouse; Reading by Jane French; Address by Dr. Rickelshofer of Wasco; Reading by Delma Thompson; vocal solo by Verma Powell.

The club picnic for members and their families will be held in the Park Friday, May 17, at 12 o'clock.

66 PESTS KILLED

An announcement of the biological survey states that Alva Stone, Sherman county's coyote hunter, has found and killed 66 coyote pups during April.

Read the ads in the Journal

Grass Valley - 6 More - 5 Final Score Sunday

Closest Game of 1935 Season Is Won In Eighth Inning; Ninth Rally Stopped By Victors

Ford and Walker Pitchers

Old Timers Return To Game After Retirement and Captivity With Old Time Grace

Grass Valley succeeded in defeating the Morr. ball team Sunday afternoon on their home grounds by the closest score by which a game has been won this season in the Sherman county League. The final verdict of the score keeper was 6 to 5 in favor of the Grass Valleyites.

According to the score book the Morr. men were able to connect for seven safeties while the home boys were making eight hits. Ford pitched for Grass Valley and Walker for Morr. Seven Morr. men fanned the breeze and ten Grass Valley boys did likewise. John Rolfe did the umpiring and reports are favorable as to his ability at handling the indicator.

More Threatens In Ninth

Morr. scored in the third making three runs to put them even as Grass Valley already had three to their credit. Grass Valley added one in the fifth, one in the sixth and one in the eighth to win the game. The deciding score was made by Hill who doubled, advanced on Rowe's tap to the pitcher, and scored on Schilling's out to right field.

Morr. made one in the ninth and threatened to win the game all over again but two were out and Charles Dunlap was left on base when the winning score when Morr. went out on an infield blow. Morr. pitcher played first base for Grass Valley and held down the base in the proper manner in the 27 years practice at the home American game. Fritts, who retired from backstopping last year, was back in the pad and gave again although he has pitched in the outfield several times this year.

County Agents Meet In Pendleton For Conclave

Erosion Control Is Subject For County Agent Discussion

The county agents of eastern Oregon met in Pendleton Tuesday to hear more about the erosion control methods that are being tried and will be tried in the semi-arid regions of the northwest. While wind erosion was among the things discussed water erosion and control methods were the major topic of the meeting according to Perry Johnston, county agent who attended the meeting from Sherman county. Methods of damming small streams to prevent washing and the best means of seeding grasses to prevent soil erosion were explained by the leaders of the erosion service in the northwest.

DEBTS ADJUSTED

The Farm debt adjustment was so successful in Oregon the past year that the volume of mortgage business done in this state exceeded that of any other four Pacific northwest states, a report from the Farm Credit administration shows.

In Oregon the total new mortgage business exceeded \$22,000,000. In Idaho the figure was in excess of \$20,000,000; Washington above \$18,000,000 and Montana about \$14,000,000. Stated another way Oregon with 26 per cent of the farm valuations in the four states did 30 per cent of the mortgage business.

Close to two thirds of the Oregon business was thru the Farm Credit administration facilities. Not all but a considerable amount of this refinancing was accomplished through the direct or indirect aid of the voluntary farm debt adjustment committees, reports reveal.

Erosion Project Leader To Speak Here Today

W. A. Rockie Will Address Farmers On Important Topic

W. A. Rockie will be here today, Friday the 17th, to give a talk to the farmers of the county who are interested in the problems of erosion. He will speak at the court house this afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are invited and urged to attend as something of interest to every land owner and every farmer will be heard.

It is possible that several changes in the present methods of farming will be necessary in order to prevent destructive erosion. More stock may be kept on farms to utilize the grasses that are grown on steep lands and blow soil, timber lots and fence post plots may become a common sight, small dams and wind breaks may make their appearance in the country side if the lessons of the erosion service are listened to and adopted.

'Call of Banshee' Wierd, Wild Play

Grass Valley High School Gives Mystery Play With Ghostly Effects

No doubt people with straight hair enjoyed the high school play at Grass Valley Friday night but those whose hairdo adornment was curled must have done some worrying in the most scary parts of the play. Ghosts stalked the stage, wild cries echoed through the hall, strange and hideous animals were loosed and death was dealt to actors in most peculiar ways all before the eyes of the entranced spectators.

Members of the Adair family had been accustomed to dying when the Banshee called if the superstitious Mrs. Grimes (Mildred Alley) could be believed and it was not at all surprising when Peter Adair (Lawrence Todd) died after hearing the cry, but after a day of difficulties financial, emotional and ghostly it was peculiar that Neville Lacey (Ferd Stark) a cousin of Peter's should have died in the same manner.

Through the detective abilities of Dr. Markowitz (Edwin Peters) and Clem Durward (Elton Eakin) and some good fortune the villain of it all was discovered to be Yuru (John Roth) who was the Indian servant of the dead Lacey. Disappearances of Joan (Charlotte Fairchild) and Hilda (Dorothy Ruggles) and Tom (Jim Blagg) were explained when they reappeared, and Hazel (Ellen Cox), Peter's niece, and Clem were happy again after their interrupted engagement.

Other characters were Dorothy Olds and Charlotte Beardsley, a pair of negroes who furnished much of the needed comedy relief. Clarence Young and Ivan Blagg, the sheriff and deputy, who looked hard and found nothing, and Katherine Burton who married and protected her Tom. The play was directed by Clifford Rowe, English instructor, and was rated as the best high school play given within recent years.

OLD HOMESTEAD HOUSE BEING TORN DOWN

Collis Moore and Roscoe Moore are tearing down the house that was located across the road from the old Morr. residence south of town. The house now in process of dissolution was the homestead cabin of E. H. Moore when in his youth he settled on a part of his present farm near Grass Valley canyon. It is approximately fifty years old.

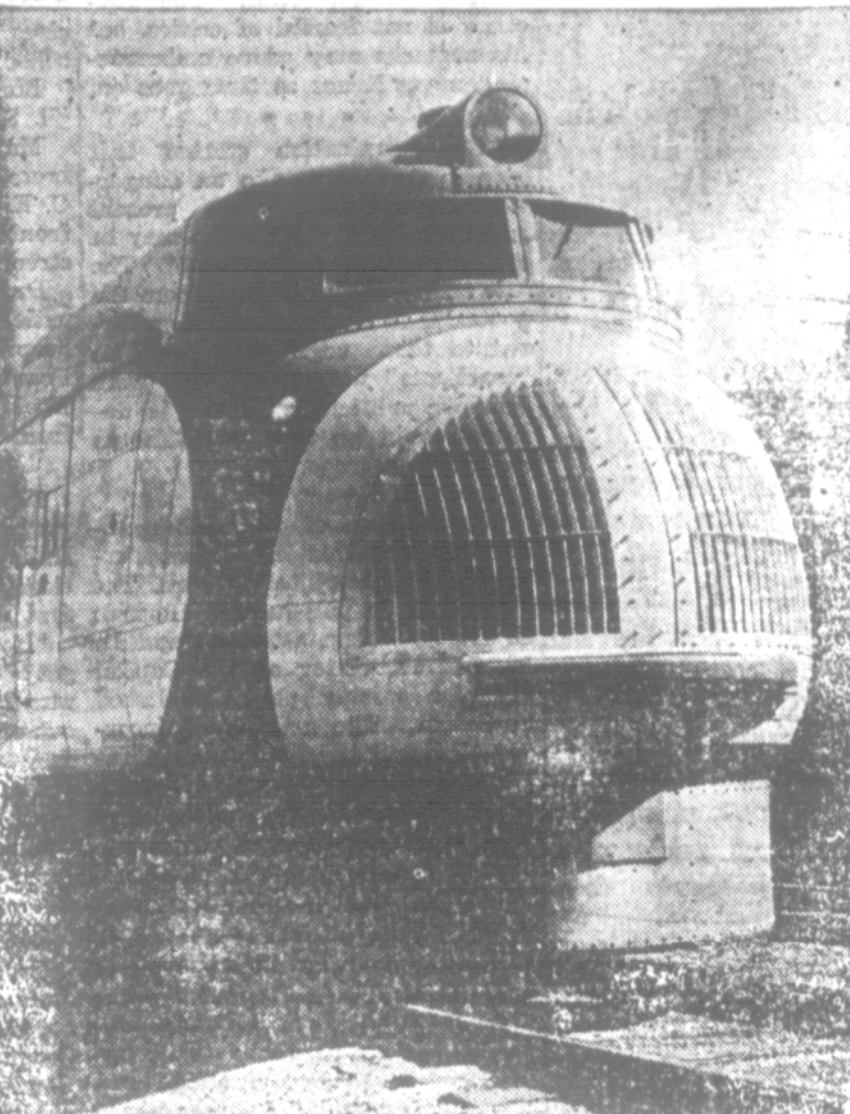
GARDENS PRETTY

Well kept gardens are a delight to the eye this time of year. The Strong yard is a riot of color since the tulips are blooming and other places are likewise beautiful although smaller space is given to flowers.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY. 9	70	43	.00
" 10	59	38	.00
" 11	60	38	.00
" 12	63	39	.00
" 13	74	37	.00
" 14	76	38	.00
" 15	71	45	.00
Total for week			.00

PORTLAND SERVICE GETS SECOND U. P. STREAMLINER



New train will run on main line of Union Pacific between Portland and Chicago, starting soon.

Historical Contest Ends; Many Topics Chosen

Historical Essay Contest Brings Out Latent Ability

The Sherman county historical essays have been handed in to the county superintendent and are awaiting the decision of the judges as to which one is the best of the divisions.

The average of the essays this year is much above the average of last year which was the first contest of this nature. Several of the present crop of historical essays are very good and really contribute some new knowledge to the subject of Sherman county history. This, of course, is but natural and improvement may be expected if the contests are continued for several years.

Perfect Spellers Win County Certificates

Twenty Four Pupils Spell Perfectly All Year

Twenty four pupils of the grade schools of the county were able to emerge from the spelling tests with perfect records. Of this number five were from Kent, five from Grass Valley, two from Morr. four from Wasco, two from Harmony and six from Rufus.

Each will be presented with a certificate by school superintendent Knighten as a memento of their achievement. They are: Kent: Annie Haynes, Aileen Gregg, Anita Dunlap, Luther Davis and Jackie von Borstel. Grass Valley: Donald Olds, Virginia Huhman, Bobby Zeigler, Jeanette Huhman, Betty Jean Barnett. Morr.: Kenneth Searcy, Audrey Baker. Wasco: Gladys Stone, Lavelle Guy, Lavilla Gosson, Margaret McDermid, Harmony: Mac Hall, Betty Belshe, Rufus: Shirley Juhnke, Patrick Macnab, Elton Medler, Betty Juhnke, Jimmie Coats, Anna Macnab.

AUSTIN FOSS WRECKS SELF AND NEW CAR

Austin Foss was bruised and some ribs cracked Sunday afternoon when he turned over the family car on the turn at the slaughter house. Young Foss had started to Grass Valley to the ball game and turned to shut a door while making the turn. The car straightened out the curve and rolled over several times near the entrance to the Johnson road. Damage to the car was several dents, a jammed fender, bent frame and bent wheel.

WASCO EIGHT GRADE PROMOTED TO HIGH SCHOOL

The eighth grade class of the Wasco high school finished its work Tuesday and the promotion exercises were held that evening at the school house. Beryl Sheets gave the valedictorian address and Lavilla Gosson the salutatorian speech. Other features on the program were given by Margaret McDermid, Lewis Bales, Paul Cook, Ingham, and Hazel Marie Watkins. County Superintendent Wily Knight spoke to the graduates and Principal Paul McCulloch presented the diplomas. The school orchestra provided music for the occasion.

Secretary Henry A. Wallace will speak over the NBC network during the regular National Farm and Home hour between 10 and 10:10 o'clock Thursday forenoon. Final day for voting in the referendum is Saturday, May 25.

George Bourhill is still in the hospital in The Dalles but is improving according to reports.

Band Festival Is Gala Day For School Children

Part Music, Singing and Drum Corp To Be Given Place in Valed Program

Morr. Wins Came 19 to 12

Seven School Bands To Play No. 1 On Program of County Band Festival Day

To those whose ear is attuned to music Saturday must have been a very pleasant day indeed for from the start of the program in the park in the morning until late at night there was music of one sort or another all day long. Eleven bands, Grass Valley, Dufur, Maupin, Rufus, Wasco, Stevenson, Wash. Arlington, Condon, Goldendale, Morr. and The Dalles, each played a few pieces from the band stand just as a sample of what they had been learning for the past year. The weather was not quite warm enough at this period of the day to make it the most enjoyable but a good crowd listened to the performance.

Singing Act Shown After noon a program of singing with Sherman county schools putting on the numbers was held at the school auditorium. Morr., Wasco and Rufus were the schools represented. The children of several grades of Morr. sang, several pleasing numbers from Rufus were given and the Wasco "dueties" and rhythm band were shown to advantage.

Immediately after this event the younger people and members of the different bands adjourned to the Legion Hall where a social dance was held for the remainder of the afternoon. Adults moved to the fair ground where the Indians bowed to the Morr. team in baseball by a decisive score of 19 to 12. The Indians started off with 6 runs in the first inning but could not hold their lead when their pitcher failed to stop the hard slugging men in Morr. uniforms.

Drum Corp Pleases That evening Morr.'s band assisted by several from other towns gave a recital on the streets for an hour. This was followed by a demonstration by the drum corp from The Dalles all resplendent in new uniforms and snappier than usual in anticipation of a good time. They attracted a good deal of attention.

The dance after the other festivities was well attended and proven an entertaining affair. It was the only part of the performance to which admission was charged and it proved equal to the occasion by returning sufficient funds to pay the expense.

Tests Show Moisture Deficiency; It Rained

Shortage of Moisture Relieved By Welcome Shower

Tests taken in wheat plots at the station show that there is an average of 6.5 percent moisture in the soil at the time the tests were taken—some time last week. As 5 percent of the moisture cannot be used by the crop it is apparent that on these plots there is not enough water to carry the grain much farther.

Observation over the county leads to the belief that a somewhat similar condition exists in many fields. Old timers, however, are not discouraged for as Frank Morrow says, "We always lose a crop two or three times before we finally get it anyway." There is time for rains to come and as everyone knows a few hours rain makes all the difference in the world to a wheat crop.

The above was true as of Wednesday afternoon. That night 20 of an inch of rain fell to relieve the situation for a week or so. Reports are that a smaller amount of rain fell in the south end of the county.