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State House Gossip

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The first plan or proposal relating to a new capitol building to be made in concrete form will be due this week. The sub-committee of the state planning board was ready to make its preliminary report and it should be the basis for actual preparations. In the meantime raising operations are continuing and the crews are about ready to bring down the dome and dynamite the walls.

As soon as some building plan is worked out, the social security act passed by congress, the governor was expected to call a special session of the legislature. Up to this week the special session loomed far in the distance, but two developments the past few days have advanced the date observers believe a session will be called.

First—the planning board has been working quietly on a basic capitol building plan and will have something ready soon. On the other hand the legal entanglements into which legislators got themselves by taking other state and federal jobs thereby endangering the functions of the emergency board as well, calls for a more immediate settlement of the picture to ascertain just who are legislators and who are not.

Of course the final say of who are eligible to seats will be left to the legislature, but public sentiment opposed to reselecting those whose seats have been declared vacant will have its influence upon the members and they will think twice before they will vote to reselect them while others have been appointed by county courts to take their places. A vote to reselect those who have been challenged may mean the defeat of the one who votes.

Representative Henry Semon of Klamath Falls has been reappointed, but has lost his place as chairman of the house ways and means committee unless he is reappointed, and therefore loses his place on the state emergency board, whose acts the past month have been declared illegal. John E. Cooter, who expects to be reappointed to the legislature from Lincoln County, has lost his position as speaker of the house. It will be necessary for him to be reelected speaker to serve again, and there has been some opposition to the move. Cooter may be a member but may not become speaker again for the special session.

Unusual activity has been noted among county courts of the 18 counties in which Oregon and California Land Grant timber is located. The executive committee, headed by Victor P. Moses, was in conference here the past week and met with the governor. It was understood the group has a definite plan for proposal for disposition of the timber lands which will mean a big thing to the state. Final plans have not yet been worked out and the proposal has been kept secret. When it is announced this column has been informed, it will be the best "story of the year."

Governor Martin has been receiving many plaudits in his summary action in the Washington county strike situation, and the state police and its superintendent Charles P. Pray, likewise have been lauded for their work in breaking up the mob. The executive was pleased he did not have to call out the national guard, but he was all prepared to do so and the proclamation for martial law was on his desk, and still is. The governor means business in the labor disturbances.

Oregon for a moment was in the national political spotlight last Saturday when it was learned Herbert Hoover, former president, was due in the state on business. He did contact W. C. Hawley, former congressman from this district and talked politics with him for an hour. Herbert Hoover the past few weeks has again become big news. He still carries lots of weight. Hawley was of the opinion the former president and Oregon resident was more interested in consolidating the republican party than the possibility of becoming a candidate himself.

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Farmers Vote Continuance Of AAA Plan

27 To 1 Vote Recorded Here By Wheat Growers Who Voted On Measure

Only Nineteen Are Opposed

Local Residents Vote 96.4 Percent For Plan; National Vote Is 6 To 1

The farmers of Sherman county voted about 27 to 1 in favor of the continuance of the wheat allotment plan in the nation wide poll taken May 25 and previously. The vote was 601 to 19. In the nation the vote was given as 10 to 1 and the state voted about 6 to 1.

In percentages 96.4 percent of the local farmers voted for the plan and 3.6 percent against it. Seventeen local owners or operators failed to vote on the plan at all. Of the eligible voters 91 percent voted in this county. Among the county residents 96% voted, and 78% of the absentees voted. The state vote was 4761 for and 782 against. Many of the residents of the smaller wheat counties of the Willamette valley did not favor the plan although it carried in every county.

The votes in this county were counted by the local board Saturday night after an intensive effort was made to have every local man cast a ballot.

District Vote Given

District	Yes	No	Total
Locust Grove	65	3	68
Wasco	75	1	76
Klondike	49	2	51
Moro	82	4	86
Harlandview	61	1	62
Kent	59	6	65
Grass Valley	110	2	112

Test of Soil Moisture Made In North End

Land Found Low In Moisture, But With Fair Crop

D. E. Stephens and Merrill Oveson of the experiment station took some soil samples in the north end of the county last week, making the test on land owned by Fred Blau and farmed by Leonard Maurus and on Fred Hennagin's land. On the former land 5.7 percent of moisture was found on the latter the test showed 6.1 percent. The wheat on this soil looks good and will apparently ripen a fair crop. It looked much wetter than the test indicated, according to Mr. Oveson, who made the computation.

VELMA POWELL TO RIDE

Miss Velma Powell has been selected as one of the queen's attendants at the Pendleton Round-Up this year and is beginning to train a horse for the various stunts required of rider and mount during that well known western exhibition. Attendants are chosen from different sections of the north west, but this is the first time that a girl from Sherman county has had the honor of appearing before the thousands of visitors as one of the west's representative cowgirls.

BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT

Two men held up the Dairymens State Bank at Redmond Wednesday at noon and took about \$2,000. Three employees were taken a short distance west of town and left, and the robbers drove on toward Bend where they were captured less than two hours after committing the deed. Word was received here to watch the roads but vigilance on the part of state police at Redmond ended the chase before it had fairly begun.

GRASS VALLEY WINS GAME

Grass Valley won the baseball game Sunday when the team from that town opposed a team from Maupin and Tygh Valley. The score was close enough to make even a seasoned score keeper watch it as the game ended 11 to 10.

Wasco Local Divides Profits For Past Year

Generous Returns Paid Farmers In Co-operative

The board of directors of the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers of Wasco met Monday and voted the annual dividend to members, and also set aside some returns for non-members if and when they decide to join the organization.

A sum of \$8,011.56 was sent out to the members of the co-operative which is 39.86 percent on the \$20,100 invested by the farmers who make up the local at Wasco. One cent a bushel on patronage was paid, a return of one half cent was given on sacks used last year and a dividend of 4 percent on stock owned by the member was paid. Non-members were allowed \$517.60 which was credited to their accounts. Many members have had their entire investment, except the first payment paid by their dividends and are now receiving cash to show for their participation in the co-operative movement.

Cooking School Coming Today

Pleasant Kitchens Aim of School Instructor

"I've taken an idea from Emily Post," declares Mrs. Audrey Herington who will be in Moro today and tomorrow to conduct long-awaited Electric Homemaking Institute and Cooking School. "And that idea is transforming your kitchen into an extra 'guest room'." "It is now socially correct to entertain visitors in your kitchen if their arrival finds you engaged in some kitchen task inconvenient for you to quit. Just keep on your work. Don't upset your household schedule. It isn't difficult to be hospitable and work at the same time. There is one important consideration, however, your kitchen must be as attractive as the rest of your home."

"To help women beautify their kitchens I have gathered a great deal of information on kitchen modernizing and decoration for my program. Many of my suggestions can be accomplished very easily and inexpensively. A little imagination, a little carpentry, a little paint and correct lighting can often perform miracles."

"Like my other homemaking suggestions, my kitchen 'guest room' plan is to help you make your work easier and more enjoyable. Nothing in homemaking should be an imposed task."

"But please don't think my whole program is remodeling. You are going to be given many new recipes and menus—new ways of serving—suggestions on how to get the most out of your electrical appliances."

Everyone interested is invited to this important event. It will be held at the Legion Hall. Each session will begin at 2:00 p. m.

Bigger Crops Expected Throughout Nation

More Production Expected From Nations Farms This Year

With more acres planted, better growing conditions, and more people on farms than a year ago, gross agricultural production in the United States may be expected to be more nearly normal than in 1934, says the monthly report on the agricultural situation just released by the Oregon State college division of agriculture.

Gross agricultural production in 1934 fell about 15 per cent below normal, due to decreased plantings and heavy drought damage. This year, 42 million more acres have been planted to crops, and growing conditions are a good deal better, the report points out.

The farm population registered a net increase of 270,000 people during the past year, bringing the total increase since 1930 up to 2,600,000. In spite of the increase in the farm population, however, the circular says that the demand for hired labor this spring was strong and farm wages advanced nearly 10 per cent during the first quarter.

Wheat Prospect Poor In Large Part of County

Best Lands Will Produce Crop In Any Case But Lighter Land Must Have Rain

Drouth And Frost Blamed

Grain Headed Short In Most Sections Making Feed Outlook Dark For Stockmen

"Now is the winter of our discontent."

This is the time of year when residents of the wheat farming country begin to fear for the outcome from their acres. Some years their fears are allayed by rainfall and some years they are not and many of the dire predictions come true. Just now this seems to be one of the latter kind of years.

A glance at the crop in a large part of the county shows that in some parts, notably on the east side of the county, the wheat is turning brown in spots. The cause is given by a majority of the farmers is that there is insufficient moisture and the frost has killed the crop.

North End Good

The extreme north end of the county and the land west of Wasco will be able to raise wheat rain or shine, although a good rain would materially increase the yield. The south end of the county is still in a condition that rain would help which is better than it is usually reported. The grain is headed almost unbelievably short but would produce a crop—if it rains.

The total number of acres that will not be worth cutting in any case is not large when compared to the entire acreage of the county, although there is some that even plentiful rain would not help enough to make a crop.

Some Rain Falls

A serious feature of the situation is that the short wheat will not make feed if it remains dry for it is too short to be cut and handled in a large part of the county.

It rained Wednesday to lighten the burden of the rainmakers ill treatment but it was only a drink when the demand is for a real soaker such as farmers remember from 1916.

TRACTORS DEMONSTRATED

There was a tractor demonstration at the Carroll Sayra ranch last Friday in which two males or tractors alternately pulled a combine through a summerfallowed field and over the hills. The plowed ground was very soft.

CLUB STOCK WEIGHED

Perry Johnston was driving over the county last week and weighing club children's stock on a portable trailer scale especially designed for the job. The trailer was donated to the club children of the state for the express purpose of giving them a chance to weigh their stock at regular intervals to determine the growth being made.

U. P. STREAMLINER COMING

The date scheduled for the start of service of the streamlined U. P. train has been postponed to June 6. It will make the trip to Chicago from Portland in fifteen minutes less than 40 hours which is the fastest regular schedule ever established between the two cities.

EROSION DAMAGES ATTESTED

Ed Dutton, of Wasco, who attended the soil erosion meeting can attest to the truth of many of Mr. Rockie's statements for he can remember the results in Kansas and in the south. Once productive soils are now almost useless he says because of washing and gully-ing.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY 23	68	36	.20
" 24	71	34	.00
" 25	77	38	.00
" 26	74	52	.00
" 27	77	44	.00
" 28	80	47	.00
" 29	72	48	.07
Total for week			.07

Mrs. Knighten Made Woman's Club Head

Officers Elected For Woman's Club Year

The Woman's Club meeting, and Pot Luck dinner in the park, Friday, May 17th brought to a close another very successful club year. Officers installed for the coming year were: Mrs. W. W. Knighten, President; Mrs. A. H. Barnum, Vice President; Mrs. Perry Johnston, Secretary; Mrs. E. A. Cushman, Treasurer; Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder and Mrs. Henry Barnum, corresponding secretaries; Mrs. E. H. Moore, member of board. A reading, "Rocks and Shamrocks" was given by Mrs. Merle Miller. Club singing completed the program.

Jensen Found Not Guilty By Jurors

Accused Man Released By Jury Verdict of Innocent

The case of the State vs Urban Jensen was closed early Friday morning when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty clearing Mr. Jensen of the charge of threatening personal injury to Curtis Tom when he paid a visit to the Tom home last November. Great interest was evidenced in the trial which attracted capacity audiences for the final two days. Attorney Dick, for the defense and Attorney Falloway for the prosecution harangued the jury for approximately five hours on the afternoon and evening of Thursday.

Intersection Rule Changes June 12

New Rule Changes Right To Intersection When Two Drivers Want It

Now and until June 12, the motorist entering the intersection first has the right of way, but after that date the driver on the right will take the honor. This was pointed out by the Oregon State Motor Association, which warned that the change probably will catch many automobile operators unawake.

The new right of way law was passed at the last session of the Oregon state legislature. The old rule, it was contended, was found confusing to many motorists and made traffic court squabbles difficult to settle. After June 12 the law will be similar to that contained in the old "rules of the road."

"Drivers when approaching high way intersections shall look out for and give right of way to vehicles on the right, simultaneously approaching a given point, whether such vehicle first enter and reach the intersection or not," the new law reads. This provision does not apply at an intersection where and when traffic is controlled by traffic signals or police officers.

Speed Loses Rights

A further important feature, the motor association explained, provides that "any driver entering an intersection at an unlawful speed shall forfeit any right of way which he would otherwise have under this subdivision." All other provisions regulating the movement of vehicles at intersections remain the same.

One danger attendant to the change has been called to the attention of motorists. Some drivers may believe that the rule entitles them when on the right to take the right of way at any time, ignoring the traffic on the left, according to the motor association. All motorists have been warned to look both ways, and drive slowly, when approaching intersection. The association stressed the importance of the speed feature of the law, declaring that it is easy to drive through an intersection at an illegal speed and be in the wrong even though on the right.

MEMORIAL DAY QUIET

The towns of the county were quiet and deserted Thursday as all citizens and merchants ceased their daily tasks and observed the national holiday set aside for remembrance of those who have departed this life. Many visitors from other parts were at the cemeteries during the day to decorate the graves of loved ones and local residents left town to visit the resting places of their relatives during the day.

Jury Refuses Illingsworth's Damage Claim

Suit For \$33,000 Against Stage Line Lost As Jury Fails To Find Defendant Negligent; Legal Points Complex In Peculiar Case

Eldridge Illingsworth lost his suit against the Union Pacific Stages when the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant early Thursday morning after considering the evidence of some thirty five or forty witnesses and the statements of the court and the attorneys for more than six hours. Suit was for \$33,000.00.

The plaintiff, Eldridge Illingsworth, was one of the five musicians who were in a collision with a U. P. Stage last July 29, at the intersection of the Sherman highway with the Columbia River Highway. Others in the orchestra were Garth Bonney, Jay Hendricks, who was killed, Jack Getchell and Eck Rorick, driver of the car. It was alleged by the defendant that the Rorick car drove into the intersection immediately in front of the on coming stage. The plaintiff held that there was negligence on the part of the stage driver, but the jury, by their decision, held either Rorick or Illingsworth responsible for the accident.

Rain Comes To Big Wheat Belt

Rains Aid Mid-West Wheat Belt And Insure Better Crops Than Last Year

Generous rains in most of the Central Great Plains including the dry Southwest, were beneficial to winter wheat and the new crop was heading as far north as the central Ohio valley and eastern Kansas. Spring wheat seeding was practically completed with the crop in good condition for rapid growth since a good root system developed during the cool weather. Spring wheat seedlings in Canada proceeded rapidly during the week with trade reports indicating most of the seeding done in Manitoba. 75 to 80% in Saskatchewan and 60 to 65% completed in Alberta. A survey by the Manitoba Free Press indicated a spring acreage of about 10% under the 1934 seeding. The acreage prepared last fall for this year's crop of spring grain totaled 21,943,000 acres compared with the record of 22,847,000 acres prepared in the fall of 1929. Generous rains in April and May have provided abundant moisture and conditions on the whole are exceptionally favorable. Russian seeding is progressing rapidly and is well ahead of last year when the largest crop on record, totaling 1,117,000,000 bushels were harvested. European weather has been unseasonably cold and crops have developed slowly but milder weather during the week favored growth. Conditions for seeding in the Southern hemisphere are rather unfavorable because of dry weather with trade reports suggesting a smaller acreage in Australia. Preparation for seeding has been retarded in Argentina.

Gas Refunds Large During Last Year

Thirty Thousand Claims Paid In 1934

Applications for gas tax refund permits are now ready for distribution, and will be placed in the hands of all residents of the state who have heretofore been claimants under the refund provisions of the law, according to information given out by Earl Snell, secretary of state. Under an act passed by the recent session of the legislature, it is necessary to secure a permit before claiming refund of tax for gasoline consumed in industrial or farming operations, and, due to the fact that this law becomes effective June 30th, all claimants should act as soon as possible.

More than thirty thousand claims for gas tax refunds, amounting to \$1,053,042.75, were paid by the secretary of state in 1934. Many of these claims involve field investigation, and an expansion of this work is probable under the new law.

About thirty from here attended the Masonic picnic at Dufur Sunday.

The case had involved many phases of the law according to attorneys connected with the trial for in addition to the responsibility for the accident the status of an orchestra as a business venture had to be decided upon by the judge and the responsibility of car passengers was another question.

Permanent Injury Claimed

The case began Friday of last week with the selection of Hugh Herin, R. Abell, S. P. Boice, Carl Everett, L. L. Peetz, C. W. Johnson, Ross Guilford, E. T. Olson, Frank Burnet, O. K. Eaton, Arvid Anderson and Charles Engle as jurors. Mr. Burnet was named foreman when the jury organized.

Roy Shields, of the law firm of Shields, Macguire and Morrison, appeared for the stage company and Charles R. Spackman represented the plaintiff. A long list of witnesses were called including many of the 31 passengers on the stage at the time of the accident. The four remaining musicians, police officers and several local residents who attended the dance at which the orchestra appeared and who were able to testify regarding the sobriety of the passengers of the wrecked car.

Illingsworth alleged that he was permanently injured in the accident because of a cracked vertebra and that the stage company was responsible for the accident because of excessive speed and lack of ability to stop in the proper distance. The defense held that the accident was caused through the carelessness or bravado of Rorick who, it was said, pulled into the intersection when the stage was upon him. Rorick, admittedly, did not stop before entering the Columbia River Highway and evidence was admitted to prove that the stage driver applied his brakes and sounded his horn before striking the car.

Many Witnesses Called

Members of the jury and council for both sides and some of the witnesses visited the scene of the accident Friday at the beginning of the trial and also viewed the wrecked car.

The giving of testimony required four days and the summing up and pleas of the attorneys and charge of the judge consumed another day making the trial the longest heard in this county for several years. The court house was comfortably filled during the trial by visitors from all over the county and business men who locked their doors to hear lively bits of evidence and the addresses of the attorneys.

It was not learned whether or not the pending cases resulted from the same accident would be dropped on account of the decision in the first one.

The next case on the docket is the outgrowth of another accident that of King vs Morrison. King complaint states that he was run into by Clarence Morrison last winter and asks for damages to car of \$224.70, \$304.00 doctors' expenses \$131.62 special damages and \$10,000 personal injury. Morrison has a counter claim in which he asks for \$361.63 in damages. King is the county judge of Jefferson county and is represented by Bernard Ramsey former district attorney of that county.