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State House Gossip

By Ernest L. Gray.
Political news the past week was concentrated at two points—at Salem and at McMinnville. The strike, attorney general's opinions and candidates featured the events at the former while the Grange convention, in state session, put the latter city on the map as far as politics was concerned. It has been a busy week, but one in which most events culminated and lacked little hangover for speculation.

The state grange, of course is not political, but its activities belie the oft repeated statement the grange does not go into politics except where it affects the dirt farmers. Well, almost everything political does affect the farmers as much as any other citizen, but at times during the past two years the grange has really gone beyond the bounds set by themselves.

Last year at the grange session in Roseburg the move for the independent candidacy of Peter Zimmerman for Governor was started. Naturally it was not an official action, but if memory serves your columnist well, the state bank issue was the basis of the platform. Zimmerman spoke for it there and it was endorsed on the floor, the delegates knowing that such endorsement at that time carried with it the nomination of Zimmerman for Governor.

It was also from Roseburg, during the grange convention, that word that an independent nomination convention would be held within two weeks. And it was held within two weeks. Perhaps, and we know this to be true, many of the grange members themselves are not interested in political ambitions, but some of their leaders in this great organization in Oregon are. They have been criticized, and it was expected that some time in the near future the truth of these criticisms made on the floor of the convention will be proved.

Last year, as well as at the grange session last week, officers have been the subject of much criticism. Both times they have been sustained in their motives, but each year the support has been weakened. The motives, particularly of the Grangerio—Master Ray Gill, Morton Tompkins and Dr. Albert Slaughter—who are the chief lobbyists during legislative sessions, have frequently been questioned.

This year the Grange did outstep its bounds when it criticized Governor Martin for not granting a pardon to Walter E. Baer, a Portland engineer who is up for deportation by federal officials to Germany because he is an "undesirable citizen". A pardon would make such deportation impossible, since he has served time in the Oregon penitentiary. But the Governor refused. The agitation for his freedom, because the crimes for which he was convicted occurred more than 14 years ago, was not started by the Grange—but like the labor agitation—radical elements took hold and swayed for the support of organizations, such as the Grange. It is unfortunate, the farmers have enough problems of their own to give way to such demands by their leaders.

Ray Gill, master, stepped from his office as presiding officer, and literally with tears in his eyes pleaded for Baer and after a bitter fight won over support for the resolution urging his pardon. Just where this affects the farmers has not been explained to the public, nor perhaps ever will be. The Governor's address there, following this fight, received a cool reception, and only due to the national master's presence was heckling during his talk avoided. But there was very little applause.

But this must be said for the grange officials. The matter of a recall against the Governor was a live issue, but it was never brought up, since Master Gill declared he would rule it out of order. The lines were pretty closely drawn on the issue, however, and the matter may have split the session wide open. It was best the grange officially would not endorse the recall movement, but it is known that its leaders are active in the movement, or were some time ago. The talk of recall is dying out slowly, however.

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List of Bidders Asked On CCC Construction

No New Word Received On CCC Camp Arrival
A request has come from the erosion service to George G. Updegraff, president of the Moro Commercial Club, asking for a list of dealers who might be interested in bidding on material and equipment for the erection of a CCC erosion camp in this vicinity. No location was specified in the letter.

Other than this there has been no information regarding such a camp since last week. Rumors and surmises have been floating around but official information has been lacking.

Good Crops Expected In Most of Country

Spring Wheat Conditions Favorable In Canada

The Northern hemisphere wheat crop continued to make favorable progress. Spring wheat crops in Canada, United States, and Russia have made rapid growth following the late seedings and conditions generally are more favorable than in other areas. The condition of Spring wheat in the United States at the first of June was reported at 85.2 of normal compared with 41.3 a year ago, and a ten year average June 1 condition of 82.7. This condition on the acreage indicated for harvest would suggest a crop of about 230,000,000 bushels of all Spring wheat compared with 91,000,000 bushels harvested last season. Winter wheat conditions at the first of June indicated a crop of 441,000,000 bushels compared with 405,000,000 bushels harvested last season.

Good Crop Expected

The condition of Spring wheat in Canada at the first of June was officially reported at 97% of the long time average and suggests that an average harvest may be secured. The favorable conditions in the prairie provinces are offset to some extent by backward crops in Eastern Canada. Wheat in the prairie provinces made satisfactory growth during the first half of June despite cool weather with the moisture situation good, according to the Manitoba Free Press. No damage of any serious nature has occurred. Grasshoppers are just hatching in infested areas but are not yet a serious factor since cool weather and rain have delayed their appearance. Warmer weather is seriously needed to promote growth since the crop is still ten days to two weeks late except in Manitoba and Southwestern Saskatchewan. More rain is needed in South Central and West Central Saskatchewan and Southern and East Central Alberta.

Soil Expert Views County Prospect

Production Map Corrected After Tour of County

A general survey of soil and production conditions in Sherman county was made last week when W. L. Powers, of the soils department of Oregon State college, drove over the county for that purpose. Mr. Powers is a soil expert who has been in charge of that branch at the college for many years and has inspected soils and farming conditions and practices all over the world.

The correction of the production map of the county was the direct objective of Mr. Powers. This map was made up at the college from information obtained from the allotment figures. There were several errors, especially regarding the extent of the range land.

He inspected some of the so called "alkali" patches and believes them to be volcanic ash of a type containing silica instead of a true alkali formation.

School Elections Provide Little Of Excitement

Consolidation of Four Districts Is Beaten By Adverse Vote In Two Units

Non-High Board Re-elected

Many Officers Re-elected As Few Attend Meetings To Choose New School Heads

School elections throughout the county were held Monday in accordance with the law setting the third Monday in June for that purpose. Little excitement was caused by the election and in most places small crowds attended and the old officers were returned to their posts without opposition.

The district consolidation of Grass Valley, Rutledge, Rosebush and Buckley districts was defeated by the votes of Rosebush and Buckley where a majority of the voters were opposed. It carried in Grass Valley and Rutledge and the total vote of the four districts was 34 to 26 in favor of the change. Contrary to information given previously it is now held that in case any one of the districts vote against the measure it does not carry, unless they are first class districts.

The opposition in the Buckley district was said to be because it was feared that the new directors of the consolidated district would not favor the use of the school bus on Sundays and holidays and because of desire to choose the bus driver. The Buckley district has been in a fortunate position for several years because of the low tuition charge made by the Grass Valley school and the payment for transportation made to it by the Michigan district through which the bus runs.

Fear of re-routing the bus was given as a reason for the opposition vote in Rosebush. Grass Valley voted 18 to 2 for consolidation, but there was little attention given to the vote as but one more person cast a ballot there than in Rutledge.

District	No.	Yes	No
Buckley	12	0	12
Rosebush	6	3	3
Rutledge	6	13	1
Grass Valley	2	18	0
Total	26	34	13

Non-High Officers Chosen

The Non-High school district elected directors in two zones. For zone two Harry Pinkerton succeeded himself and zone five will be represented by Grover Young. Mr. Young was chosen to fill a vacancy.

Officers elected by the districts reporting and the officers are as follows:
Rufus: Herb Willard, director; H. H. Brackett, clerk.
Wasco: Dr. S. L. Richelderfer, director; Mary Fortner, clerk.
Moro: H. C. Thompson, director for three years; M. R. Schadewitz director for two years; M. E. McKee, clerk.
Grass Valley: Dell Olds, director; W. Ray Blake, clerk.
Kent: J. H. Wilson, director; A. A. Dunlap, clerk.

Immigrant: Daisy Fridley, director; George Drinkard, clerk.
Klondike: S. P. Boice, director; George Potter, clerk.
Buckley: O. N. Ruggles, director; Don Clodfelter, clerk.
Michigan: T. J. Coyle, director; Millard Eakin, clerk.
Rutledge: John Beuther, director; Harold Eakin, clerk.
Monkland: Orval Thompson, director; G. J. Thompson, clerk.
DeMoss: Bernis Guy, director; R. C. Byers, clerk.

The county agent has received requests for information regarding the use of wheat land that will not be cut over this harvest to use as sheep pasture. Mr. Johnston believes that it will be possible to obtain sheep for this pasture if there is demand for them. Where grain is short it is thought that it may be more profitable to sheep it off than to attempt to harvest it with any kind of machinery.

D. E. Stephens is in Pendleton this week to attend the meeting of Agronomists of the west.

Minister and Bride Welcomed At Party

Program Of Music And Talks Given At Church

A reception for Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore and his bride was given Thursday evening at the church and was attended by a crowd that filled the assembly room in the basement. A pot-luck dinner started the entertainment for the evening.

Rev. R. A. Hutchinson gave the principal talk in his usually humorous vein. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton gave an address of welcome. W. H. Ragdale presented the new minister with a chair as a homecoming gift. Mrs. C. L. Foley gave a reading and musical selections were given by Ronald Hall at the piano and by Velma Powell, a vocal solo and Marjorie Byers a vocal solo. Mrs. R. B. Webb acted as chairman.

Oiling Crew Moves Into County And Out

Speedy Work Done By Modern Equipment, Experienced Crew

Vic Moffit's oiling crew dropped into the county for work Monday morning and moved out of the county Thursday after repairing the surface of the highway from DeMoss to the county line where ever it needed their attention. The heating plant was set up at Grass Valley and the crew camped there in tents and movable houses of many designs.

Procedure followed in the oiling operations is for the oil tanks to spread hot oil, about 440 degrees, on the road way, follow it up with two coats of rock and roll it down with rollers. Three tank cars of oil were used on the job in this county.

Preservation Of Humus Essential

Sub-Soil Like a Camel's Hump Say Conservation Men

U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, Pullman, Wash., June 21, 1935. Liking the relationship between sub-soil and soil productivity to the camel and its hump, Soil Conservation Service experts urged today that farmers conserve crop residues by plowing under the straws of wheat and peas instead of burning them.

Like the water storing properties of the camel's hump, the sub-soil possesses the property, if correct tillage methods are applied, to act as a reservoir to store up the moisture necessary to insure plant growth during the summer's long dry periods.

Humus Aids Soil

The conservation of the crop refuse adds to the organic supply of the soil, increasing its water holding capacity, and thus allows more water to reach the subsoil before evaporation, experts explained. If the straw is burned, the stubble which should become the new organic material, is destroyed, as is much of the organic material already present in the soil, and the soil becomes dry and cracked. This condition permits air to enter the dry subsoil.

When straw is added, tilth is improved, which means a good seed bed at a minimum of cost and labor. Also, the straw content added to the soil by this process enables the soil to absorb more moisture.

In addition to value to the soil, the conservation of crop residue was seen to be an important means of checking run-off.

DAY SERVICE RETAINED

In spending its share of the \$40,000,000 invested by western railroads in air-conditioned cars, the Union Pacific did not overlook its morning train which crosses the state of Oregon by daylight both on leaving for the east and returning, according to A. S. Edmonds, Assistant Traffic Manager.

Plans Complete For Grangers' Picnic June 22

Addresses Will Be Given In The Morning Leaving Afternoon For Games

Gill Is Principal Speaker

Rev. Hutchinson Listed As Speaker More Band To Make Music; Girls Will Sing

Plans for the Grange picnic at DeMoss Springs park were completed Wednesday night at a meeting of the Pomona grange committee in charge of the affair. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the program and eat their dinner under the trees in the park.

Ray W. Gill, master of Oregon grangers, will be the principal speaker of the day, making his address just before noon. Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, of The Dalles, will speak in the morning and undoubtedly add merriment to the occasion as well as material for serious reflection. The Moro school band will play and local musicians will provide other musical selections.

The afternoon will be used for games and sporting events and a sketch by the Rufus Ranglers, a school organization. A baseball game will be an event of the afternoon with sides chosen from among the crowd present.

Sports on Program

An especial invitation is given to all the pioneers of the county and older residents who have spent many years here.

The complete program is as follows:
10:00 Band
10:30 Invocation, Mr. Mitchelmore
10:35 Address of Welcome, by J. L. Davis, Pomona Master.
10:45 Song by Josie Bryant
10:50 Talk, Rev. Hutchinson
11:10 Song by Marjorie Byers
11:15 Address, Ray Gill, State Master.
12:00 Trio, Marjorie Byers, Marjorie and Genevieve Nahouse, Basket Dinner
Free coffee. Bring your cups.
P. M.
1:30 Band
1:45 Play by Rufus Ranglers Sports

Rev. Mitchelmore Officially Ordained

New Minister Installed Into Presbyterian Ministry

Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore was installed pastor of the Moro Presbyterian church, at a service here Monday night, conducted by Pendleton presbytery. During the business meeting presiding the installation, Mr. Mitchelmore was voted a member of the presbytery. Since his ordination last month he has been affiliated with the presbytery of Spokane. His call to the local church was also approved. Elder J. B. Coleman represented the Moro congregation. Rev. R. Murray Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Pendleton, presided, preached the sermon, and asked the pastor-elect the constitutional questions. Rev. James Cornelison, Pendleton, veteran Indian missionary, gave the charge to the new pastor; Rev. H. B. Thomas, of Umatilla-Boardman field, gave the charge to the congregation. The four ministers present were all graduated from San Francisco Theological seminary, the Presbyterian graduate school at San Anselmo, California.

Miss Marjorie Byers sang a sacred solo, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, at the piano.

1886 WAS DATE

A recently published history of "Coopers Mill" by Earl Williams which was the winning essay of the historical contest stated that the mill was built in 1887. R. W. Pinkerton questions this date saying that he came to this country in 1886 and that fall worked at the mill blasting out the tailrace and that the mill was built at that time. One of the objects of publishing these essays is to give an opportunity to check on the accuracy of them so that the record will be correct.

River Men Show Films Of Boat On Columbia

Use Of The River Urged By Commerce Secretary

W. S. Nelson, secretary and moving light of the chamber of commerce at The Dalles and Lew Russell, of the Shaver Transportation company appeared before the directors of the grain co-operatives of the county Thursday night and spoke about the use of the Columbia river and the plans of that company toward improved boat service for use on the upper river. A new boat of modern design is to be bought and put in service from Portland to Umatilla when the channel is cleared in the river from Celilo to the upper river. Moving pictures from a miniature machine were used to show the operations of boats through the rapids and the loading operations now used.

James Dellinger Dies In The Dalles Hospital

Kent Section Foreman Succumbs To Long Illness

The funeral of James Dellinger, of Kent, was held in The Dalles Saturday afternoon. He died in a hospital in that city Wednesday evening after an illness of several months.

The funeral was in charge of members of the Kent Odd-Fellows lodge of which the deceased was a member. A body of his friends drove down for the final rites.

Mr. Dellinger was 52, and had been a resident of Kent, for many years, being in charge of the railroad section crew. His wife died last year and he has been in poor health since that time. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elmer Hansen of Goldendale, Mrs. Thelma Stout of Shaniko and one son, Arnold of Shaniko.

Villard Advises Youth of Oregon

Dependance On Youth Essential For Future Says Speaker

University of Oregon, Eugene— "Life today is a direct and menacing challenge to all of us, but particularly to you. We elders, who are soon to cross the Great Divide, salute you, but without self-satisfaction, without self-praise, without pride in our achievements, save in the fields of the scientist, the inventor and the practitioner of the healing art. Shamefacedly we admit that if we have advanced the world materialistically, we have bettered it not at all in certain other directions."

With these grim words, Oswald Garrison Villard, nationally famous liberal editor, and son of Henry Villard, early benefactor of the University, opened his address to the 58th graduating class of 561 members, at the commencement exercises here June 17.

Serious Problem Ahead

Mr. Villard, however, made it plain that his words were not meant to discourage, but to challenge the youth of today. "If it is a grave challenge that confronts you, so much the better," he declared. "If the fight is a tremendous one and the odds great, why the fight's the thing," provided, of course, it is a fight not for selfish aims but for human betterment.

"To you is given the task of solving problems of government and human relations which we have failed to work out. What an appeal, what an opportunity, what a cause!"

Issuing a ringing challenge to youth to stand by the Republic, Mr. Villard, in accordance with his topic.

DAIRYMEN MEETING

There will be a meeting in The Dalles at noon June 24 for the discussion of ways and means of keeping cream fresh and raising the quality of that product. It will be conducted under the auspices of Roger Morse, extension specialist of the state college.

HEAD LEGIONNAIRE COMING

Commander J. W. Chamberlin, of the Department of Oregon, American Legion and Mrs. Cecelia Gunn, president of Oregon's Auxiliaries, will be in Kent next Monday night, June 24. The meeting will be open to the public and everyone is invited to attend and hear the talks by the state officials of Legiondom.

Rain Comes To Help Farmers; Raise Prospect

Some Fall Wheat Already Hurt Beyond Repair; Majority Aided By Rain

Spring Seeders Fortunate

From Nothing To Fair Crop Caused By Rain According To Some Farmer Reports

Sixty eight hundredths of an inch of rain fell at the station Thursday night of last week and almost as much fell at Kent it is reported.

For those who have experienced the thrill of having much needed rain fall on parching crops the mere statement is all that is necessary. They will know that the wheat immediately reflected the dampness of the ground and became greener and that all dependant on the wheat crop felt brighter as well.

Late For Fall Wheat

For a considerable part of the county the rain came too late to be of great benefit, but on a majority of the county's acres the rain will increase the yield to a greater extent. Even in fields where most of the wheat was beyond aid there are spots and occasional heads that will be able to fill assuring seed and feed for nearly everyone.

In the north end of the county the rain made prospects rise for a good crop. The wheat is now turning from the green of spring time to the golden glint of a successful harvest time. Spring wheat all over the county is now expected to produce satisfactory yields.

Rain Doubles Some Crops

Estimates have been made that the rain will double the wheat crop in some sections of the county. This estimate is based on the assumption that there would have been no wheat at all if it had not rained and therefore whatever is harvested is due entirely to the rainfall of last Thursday night.

Prospects for additional rainfall are still fair with the skies overcast and warm days.

Grass Valley Defeats Antelope Ball Club

Portland Team Coming To Grass Valley Next Sunday

Grass Valley's ball club defeated the Antelope team Sunday in a game that, although one sided in score was interesting because the winning team scored in but three innings, leaving the others fairly close. When they did score they did so in bunches of four to six. The final verdict of the score keeper was 14 to 1 for Grass Valley.

Tries For Shut Out
Hod McKay, pitcher for the winners, tried to make a shut out game of it and added interest to the final innings. However, in the ninth inning, scored on hits by Olson, an out by Rooper and a scratch hit by Bolton, spoiling the afternoon for the winning pitcher.

Next Sunday the Grass Valley team will play the Hollywood Merchants, a team from Portland which has been winning games in the semi-pro class in the big town. Last year the local club played several games with the KP team of Portland and made a good showing.

GRAIN RATE HIGHER

The new rate for interstate shipments of wheat will be 17 cents per hundred from Wasco instead of 12½ which has been used lately. From Moro and Grass Valley the rate has been 13½ and it is expected that it will now be 20½ and 21½ respectively. These rates may be lowered by the railroads in case of competition that makes it appear desirable.

WASCO 4TH READY

Plans are said to be completed for the fourth of July celebration at Wasco. Jewel Herin and Bob Miller have charge of the rodeo and Bill McDonald and Vivian Rust are lining up the boxing talent of the district for the fights. Other entertainment is promised for the two day event.