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News About State Affairs

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Interest in the pardon-peddling activities of Dan Kellaher as revealed in charges made by Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general in the course of the Banks' hearing, has completely overshadowed the possible fate of L. A. Banks, former Medford publisher now doing a life term in the state prison here for murder.

Moody threw a bombshell into the hearing before Governor Martin Friday afternoon when he charged that Kellaher while serving as state parole officer had entered into a contract with Banks to secure his release from prison for a consideration of \$50,000. Copies of the contract signed by Banks and Kellaher as well as a number of letters relating to the deal were produced by Moody in support of his charges.

Neither Moody nor the Governor would comment on rumors that revelations in the Banks case would be followed up by a thorough investigation into Kellaher's interest in other pardons and paroles while in the employ of the state prison.

Governor Martin has Banks' plea for a pardon under advisement but it is freely predicted here that he will refuse to extend executive clemency to the prisoner. In addition to the argument presented at the hearing by Moody in opposition to Banks' release a report was presented from Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital who declares that Banks is incurably insane and advises against his pardon.

With the state's application for a federal grant of \$1,575,000 toward construction of the new capital in the hands of Public Works administration officials, efforts of the board of control and the State Planning board are now centered in completing tentative plans for the new building and in perfecting plans for financing the state's share of the cost that will not violate the constitutional inhibition against indebtedness. The application to the FWA specifies a fireproof building of approximately 3,000,000 cubic feet capacity, to be located on approximately the same site as that occupied by the old building and costing approximately \$3,500,000. The governor has said that he will call the legislature into special session as soon as the federal grant is approved and the terms of the gift are definitely known here.

More than 1000 people attending the opening of the cornerstone of the old capitol building saw the last fragment of the capitol walls topple to the grounds at the conclusion of the ceremony. F. G. Leary, former in charge of the wrecking operations expects to have all the debris cleared away in another week or ten days.

If Washington wants the Bonneville transmission lines on the north bank of the Columbia river it is welcome to them so far as Governor Martin of Oregon is concerned. Presence of the huge steel towers necessary to carry the power lines would detract from the scenic beauty of the Columbia gorge in the opinion of the Oregon executive. Governor Martin looks for the development of a large industrial area in north Portland as soon as the cheap power from Bonneville plant becomes available.

In the presence of a handful of state employees and newspapermen Secretary of State Earl Snell Saturday morning opened the casket containing the mementos which had been placed in the cornerstone of the old capitol building 63 years ago. Old newspapers, coins of ancient vintage and official documents taken from the casket will be arranged for display in a case to be placed in the state office building where they may be viewed by the public.

Standardization of the state payroll as worked out by the budget department has not met with unanimous approval by any means. Employees whose pay checks were subjected to reductions in the general readjustment were anything but satisfied with the result and a number who failed to receive expected pay increases have voiced their disappointment over the result. With the standardization task out of the way the budget department

Wasco Buys New Hose For Fire Department

The Wasco city council Monday night ordered 250 feet of new one and a half inch hose for the fire department of that city. Some hose was burst during the fire and the new will be used to replace it. A new shut-off nozzle and a Siamese coupling were also ordered. The nozzle will be used on the new hose and the coupling will enable the boys to take off two small lines from one hose and spread the distribution of water to a greater extent.

Goldendale Announces Third Jamboree

They are having a Jamboree at Goldendale August 23-24-25 and this year is a third of a series which is intended to be a city feature. The American Legion is sponsor for the affair.

This year Goldendale becomes a members of the Rodeo association of America, a coveted privilege, thus assuring to the Jamboree the entrance of the highest class talent. Points are recognized in competition at only association shows. There will be track events, a ring bone derby and other features to make a full program for three days. More seating capacity has been installed.

While a fire destroyed some of the barns they are being rebuilt and will be ready for the doings on the date of opening. Prizes include cash as well as silver bridles, bits and belt buckles.

CCCs Lose Ball Game To Grass Valley

The CCC boys baseball team engaged the Grass Valley team last Sunday on the grounds in that town and suffered their first defeat. McKay and Fritts were the battery for the local lads and Dusenberry and Miller worked for the CCCs. The score was 4 to 5 but the erosion workers made 11 hits to a mere 3 for the Grass Valley boys. Nine errors, however, lost the game for them. McKay, Wilde and Vinton were used to strengthen the Grass Valley team.

General Parsons Orders More Work

Eaton Returns To Work After One Day Furlough

General Parsons, commanding officer of the district of which Vancouver Barracks is the center, was here Wednesday morning to inspect the CCC camp being erected at the fair grounds. The general expressed satisfaction with the progress that has been made and directed that the camp be completed as soon as possible.

Improvements in the original plans were also ordered with the result that the buildings will all be sealed with plywood and two layers of paper making decidedly more comfortable buildings of them. The crew of carpenters were recalled and the work was started again Thursday after a few days lay off. Kitchen equipment has been installed and the drains are in for the cook house and the bath houses. As soon as the skirts are put on the buildings the rubbish will be cleaned up and the surplus dirt shoveled up against the houses. This operation will add much to the appearance of the camp.

The LEMs stationed here moved to the new camp Thursday from the city camp ground, one of the barracks being cleaned and prepared by them so they could move. Karl Eaton, supervisor of the SCS work, was brought back to the job Friday morning after a furlough that lasted but one day. Quarters for the erosion officials and the army officers are nearly completed. The house for the work unit men is large enough for nine men and the officers' will hold four. All men connected with the camp must live there. They will also board there.

No women will be allowed to live in the camp making it necessary that the families of the crew, both army and erosion, live in other parts of the town.

Fair Board Makes Up Race Program For County Fair

County Joins Central Oregon Racing Association and Horses From Redmond Will Race Here During Fair

A. H. Barnum, president of the Fair association, and P. N. Johnston secretary, were in Redmond Tuesday to finish arrangements for the race program for the Sherman County Fair which will be held August 29-30-31.

Since the break up of the Mid-Columbia Racing association which was composed of the fair association of Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties in Oregon and Klickitat county in Washington because of postponement of fairs this county has not been attached to any racing group. This year the fair board has joined forces with the racing organization of central Oregon comprised of Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. This means that horses from that section of the state will be here for the fair and horsemen of this county may race in the fairs there if they desire.

Four Counties Join

Fairs have been held continuously in some of the central Oregon counties and horse racing is a major sport with the citizens of that part of the state which insures good races for the local fair in the opinion of the fair officers who made the trip.

Race Program Made

The program as made out to date consists of a 1 mile saddle horse race, prize \$80; a 1-mile saddle horse race, prize \$30; a 1-mile pony race, prize \$30; a 1-mile pony race, prize \$30; 1-mile free for all, prize \$50. These races are open to horses in the racing circuit.

Races open to Sherman county horses only are the Chariot race with a \$50 prize per day and a boys and girls race with a \$25 prize. There will also be a Roman race.

Between the races there will be riding of bucking horses, ten being turned out of the chute each day. In addition to the horse riding the boys will be given an opportunity to show their ability at riding calves.

Loud Speaker Hired

The Moro band will give the proper holiday atmosphere with appropriate music and The Dalles Sound Service will have a truck on hand to give the announcer's voice plenty of volume and perhaps spread the music over more territory.

Libraries Have State Fair Books

Salem, Oregon, Aug. 9, (Special)—All libraries in the state have been sent copies of the 74th Annual Oregon State Fair premium list, and those who wish may call at their home libraries to use them.

Those who desire copies of the premium list for the Fair, which will be held in Salem August 31-September 7, may write the Oregon State Fair, Agricultural Building, Salem, Oregon, and a copy and entry blanks will be mailed.

First Shell Fired In Belgium Shown

The Dalles, Oregon Aug. 9. A unique exhibit at the Oregon state convention of the American Legion here August 14, 15, 16 and 17 will be the first German shell that landed in Belgium at the start of the World War. This shell was presented to Samuel Hill, of Goldendale and Maryhill, Wash., by King Albert of Belgium for display at Hills "International Museum." at Maryhill castle. Since Hill's death the shell has been in the custody of the Goldendale post of the American Legion, and will be brought by members of the post to The Dalles and prominently displayed.

A large delegation from Goldendale will attend the convention and will be accompanied by the Goldendale band.

Burning Rubbish In Alleys Held Dangerous

Burning of rubbish or other material in the alleys of the city is prohibited by law and the council at its meeting Monday night instructed Art Bucholtz, fire chief, to enforce the provisions. The recent fire at Wasco has given impetus to a movement that has been gathering for some time for more stringent fire regulations to make the town safer from fires.

The council voted to accept a bid for re-roofing the hotel in entirety. It was thought at first that only a part of the roof would have to be replaced but examination showed that the entire roof was in need of much repair and the contract was let for the job.

No council was appointed to fill the place of O. A. Ramsey, who recently resigned. Collection of water rents was discussed at some length and the marshal was instructed to reduce the outstanding bills as soon as possible. Methods of stopping some of the reported rowdism at public events was debated as well, and a plan will be made before more such events are permitted, it is believed.

Land Bank Now Pays In Cash

On Monday of this week the Federal Land Bank of Spokane returned to its normal practice of closing new loans in cash, as a result of the ready demand for federal farm mortgage corporation bonds in the investment markets, according to a statement by President E. M. Ehrhardt.

For the last year and a half the Land Bank has been exchanging its own consolidated bonds for federal farm mortgage corporation bonds which are guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the federal government, and closing its loans partly with mortgage corporation bonds and partly with cash.

"One of the principal reasons for using bonds in lieu of cash in making Land Bank and Land bank commissioner's loans," Mr. Ehrhardt explains, "was to get a far-flung distribution of them in rural districts. This has been well accomplished, the bonds being well received by the public in general and the farmers' creditors in particular."

Wheat Contract Expected Soon

Fifteen Percent Reduction Will Probably Be Asked

With the general features of the new wheat contracts now decided upon, including the rate of reduction to be asked in 1936, the campaign for signing up farmers under the four-year plan will be launched in Oregon and other states soon, probably in August.

The decision to go ahead with the new program and attempt to sign up from 50,000,000 to 53,000,000 acres of wheat land, was announced from Washington recently. The Oregon State college extension service was informed by the Washington officials concerning many of the details of the new four-year program.

A reduction of 15 percent below the base acreage has been decided upon for 1936, which is the same amount asked the first year the old contracts were in force. Lack of export markets and continued prospective production beyond domestic requirements makes acreage control necessary, if farmers are to receive anything like a fair price. The Washington officials declare.

Features of the new contract are in line with decisions reached by producers and the AAA officials in

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.	
AUG. 1	72	50	.00	
" 2	86	41	.00	
" 3	85	54	.00	
" 4	69	50	.00	
" 5	80	45	.00	
" 6	79	52	.00	
" 7	81	47	.00	
Total for week			.00	

Club Gets Lesson On CCC And Erosion Work

Officers of Army and Erosion Service Talk On Plans For Camp; Fair Board Cooperation Pledged By Club

The operation of the CCC camp from the point of the army men who are in charge of the workers for a large part of the time was explained to members of the Commercial club Tuesday night by Lieutenants Richardson and Price, officers of the local camp.

Lieutenant Richardson gave reasons for the army set-up of the camps saying that the army had devised the most efficient means of handling large bodies of men and the CCC organization had merely taken over these means to aid efficiency. The army cares for the men; the work unit cares for the work.

Citizenship Aim

Lieutenant Price explained the theory of CCC work by saying that the development of citizenship was a primary function desired by the planners of that organization. So far the CCC has been of benefit to the men enrolled from a physical standpoint as the average weight increase per man has been 20 pounds. Mental benefits are not so easily measured but educational advantages are offered and many men learn trades while working for the government in this work.

There are two classes of men enrolled in the camps, said the Lieutenant, first is the boys who enlist to take their parents off the relief rolls. They are not the ones who feel that they owe nothing to the government that is feeding them, for no compulsion can be exercised to make them join. They send \$25 per month to their parents and get \$5 themselves.

Discipline Enforced

The second group are those who are known as L. E. Ms, which means Local Experienced Men. They are men who are acquainted with the work being done in the camp and are often men with good educations but who have had no opportunity to get into industry during the past few years. There is no age limit on LEMs and they are not required to make an allotment to the folks at home.

The Lieutenant asked that the army men in charge of the camp be allowed to discipline the men under their care and stated that some officer would respond to a call to care for them at any hour. Company punishment will be meted out to wrong doers and respect for authority will be enforced. For apparent reasons the officer requested that the people of the community respect the posted visiting hours which will be established when the men arrive for the camp.

Karl Eaton, supervisor of the SCS work, praised the LEMs who are working here at present and stated that he had no positive information regarding the work to be done when the program is started in this county.

Fair Work Promised

Olaf Anderson, engineer of the camp, told some of the effects of erosion and the benefits the service expects to be able to confer on the counties in which camps are located. He said that in some parts of Italy the government had spent as high as ten times the value of the land in erosion work and considered it money well spent. The land is a public utility upon which the population depends for food and its fertility must be preserved if civilization is to continue. The government spends a million dollars a year dredging the Columbia river of silt that is washed down from the farm lands of the state, he said.

A. H. Barnum, president of the fair board, spoke for the coming fair and asked that full cooperation between the city and the fair board be given. Club members have promised aid in handling the crowds at the fair and in taking tickets.

Perry Johnston, secretary of the fair board, spoke briefly saying that many of the rumors floating

Fair Board Will Not Pay \$100 For Pullet

Several errors have been noted in the fair premium list which might give the impression that very fine prizes indeed were being offered for certain kinds of stock. Usually the errors are proof of the statement that ciphers do not amount to anything unless you put on the right side of other figures. On page 16 the premium for a two year old bull is \$10, instead of \$100. In the fat cattle class the prize will be \$10 and not \$100 as printed. There will be no \$100 prize for the best pullet of American classes. These are the principal errors and if any one is grooming a pullet for that \$100 prize he can have chicken dinner next Sunday.

Bang's Disease Found Prevalent Here

How folks in Sherman county have escaped some cases of undulant fever is a question that perplexes Federal Veterinarian E. R. Story since he has received returns from his test of cattle for Bang's disease.

First test showed 28% infected but later reports, which included ten herds, showed a smaller number. Of 88 cattle tested 12 reacted to the test and will be condemned, and two more suspects. There are four clean herds out of the ten that were tested. There is no charge for the test as the government is trying to stop the disease and build up herds of healthy cattle.

Court Meets, Pays Bills, Goes Home

The county court session was just one of those things this month with little of an exciting nature developed during the visit of the judge and commissioners to the court house. A payment was made on the wiring being done at the court house, which is, by the way, nearly completed with the exception of installing the fixtures.

Next Week Big One For Legion

Many Events Listed For Entertainment of Visitors

The Dalles, Oregon, August 8.—Legionnaires from every part of Oregon will trek to The Dalles early next week for the opening of the 1935 annual state convention of the American Legion, 40 at 8, and Legion Auxiliary. It will be the 17th annual reunion since the formation of the Oregon state department, and the first one offering so complete a program of public entertainment.

This year for the first time the Sons of the American Legion of Oregon will take a prominent part in convention activities and will be represented at The Dalles by several squadrons.

First and most spectacular of the convention events open to the public will be a gigantic pageant of America's entry into the World War, "America Fights --- 1918", in which more than 500 National guardsmen, legionnaires and private citizens will take part.

The World War spectacle, scheduled for 7:45 p. m., Wednesday, August 14, will present 20 thrilling episodes in the life of a World War recruit, including an actual airplane crash, the torpedoing of a 74 foot destroyer ship conveyed by a torpedo boat destroyer, and an exciting and realistic sham battle.

Preceding the start of the spectacle, there will be a parade of all participating military and patriotic organizations on Amotan field, to be followed by the "silent manual" drill given by Company E, 162nd Infantry of Portland to the accompaniment of music by the 162nd Infantry regimental band.

Formal guard mount will be presented by Company E and the band as an intermission feature in the pageant, followed by a singing and dancing interlude "A Night in Paris." This will be climaxed with the simulation of a night air raid of Paris, followed by an infantry

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Wasco Buildings Burn In Hard Fought Blaze

Fire Departments Save Town By Prompt Action and Hard Work; Small Amount of Insurance Carried

Fire held a threatening hand over Wasco last Saturday from noon until two o'clock and only the combined work of the Wasco and Moro fire departments kept that hand from erasing a large part of the business section of town from the map.

The fire started in the rear of the Burres building occupied by the W. R. Ried plumbing shop and the Joe Mee shoe shop. Mr. Ried lived above his section of the building. The noon siren had just sounded when the fire was discovered and the second warning brought out the fire department. By that time the fire had reached the top of the old wooden structure and had caught the roof. Cause of the fire is unknown.

Building Ruined

The roof was entirely destroyed but hasty application of water from three hoses of the Wasco department and one from Moro saved the framework of the building although it is badly damaged. The machinery in the shoe shop and some of the stock in the plumbing shop was removed from the building, but the household furniture of the Rieds in the upper story remained thru the fire and the following flood of city water.

Old Garage Burned

As the Burres building fire was nearly subdued smoke was seen rolling from the roof of the Wilde garage building owned by Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper and last occupied by Grant Armsworth. As it was oil soaked and dry it was ablaze inside within a few minutes and although two streams were played on it, burned to the ground. It is thought that grass fires resulting from the first fire had burned up to the building and ignited the oil soaked boards.

Wind Aids Fire

A hard wind was blowing the day of the fire and it is remarkable that the fire was kept from spreading more than it did. The restaurant, the Ellis building and O'Meara's machinery shed were in constant danger and had the Burres building fire gotten out of control it would have certainly destroyed the brick building in which the telephone office and the jewelry store are located. As it was, the heat was felt through the wall, but the telephone exchange was working at all times.

Three Fire Crews Come

The Grass Valley fire department was called when the garage caught fire and the boys from that town laid in a line to keep the last fire wet down and safe. The Moro boys made the run in short time after the call.

There was no insurance on the Burres building. It was an old wooden structure and was originally known as the Draper building. Insurance of \$500 was carried on the garage and Mr. Ried's furniture carried some insurance.

Wasco Grateful To Moro Firemen

The following letter received by the Moro Fire Department from the city of Wasco expresses the thankfulness of that town for the assistance given last Saturday.

Wasco, Ore., Aug. 6, '35.

Moro Fire Department: "The city of Wasco, through their Council, feel very grateful to the Moro Fire Department for their noble assistance given us during our fire Aug. 3rd., and they have requested me to extend to you our most sincere thanks and appreciation for your help at that time for without your assistance Wasco would be very much the worse at this time.

"Again thanking you boys, and in the mean time do not forget to call upon us at any time we can be of help to you."

Yours very truly,
E. F. Feldman, Recorder