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Selection of Mark H. Skinner as new superintendent of banks came as somewhat of a surprise in view of the fact that two members of the banking board—Holman and Snell—are republicans while Skinner is listed as a democrat.

Skinner's selection was announced immediately upon the return of the banking board from a flying trip to Pendleton. Accompanying the announcement was the explanation that the choice had been unanimous. Report about the capitol, however, has it that the unanimity on the part of the board was not accompanied by any great enthusiasm. In fact it is understood that State Treasurer Holman had prepared a statement in explanation of his vote for Skinner but had withheld it from publication upon second thought.

Skinner's candidacy was sponsored by Governor Martin. Holman had supported Clarence Sewell of Portland while Snell was apparently content to leave well enough alone and leave A. A. Schramm on the job. This was the situation when the board took off from Salem for Pendleton last Thursday. The change in sentiment occurred somewhere in route.

The new banking superintendent is slated to take over his job on October 1, succeeding Schramm who has occupied that office for the past eight years.

Friends of Governor Martin—political and personal—are protesting against his frequent flying trips and urging him to stay out of the air except in emergencies justifying the additional hazard of an airplane flight. Within the past two weeks the governor has had four flights—one to The Dalles to attend the American Legion convention; to Marshfield to attend the Paul Bunyan celebration; to Pendleton to inspect the state hospital, and to Klamath Falls to address the "20-30" convention. All three members of the board of control made the Pendleton trip and Secretary of State Snell accompanied the governor to Pendleton. Snell and State Treasurer Holman made one air flight over the state in which the governor did not participate.

The asking price of \$50,000 announced by the board of trustees of Willamette university, is generally believed here to have eliminated the university campus as a possible site for the new capitol building.

Razing of the capitol ruins was completed Saturday afternoon simultaneously with the expiration of the SERA. More than 450 tons of material were taken from the ruins according to F. G. Leary, in charge of wrecking operations. This included 18,500 cubic yards of waste materials. Salvage from the ruins included 1,812,000 good brick, 524,635 pounds of cast iron pipe; 347,370 pounds of scrap steel; 32,725 pounds of pipe, 8769 pounds of copper from the dome, 908 pounds of brass, 900 pounds of zinc and 1784 pounds of lead.

Regulation of hydrant rentals is the province of city councils and not the public utilities commission. This was the ruling of Francis C. McCulloch, state utilities commissioner, in refusing to interfere with an ordinance passed by the Hillsboro city council reducing hydrant rentals from \$3.50 a month to 87 cents. The Oregon-Washington Service company objected to the reduction as opposed to the public interest. McCulloch cited an act by the legislature of 1931 under which municipalities are authorized to "prescribe by ordinance . . . the rates, charges or tolls to be paid to . . . any public utility."

Needy aged residents of Oregon who are on the pension rolls can thank Huey Long the Louisiana Kingfish, for the delay in their pension increases. The Oregon pension law passed by the last legislature under which \$1,000,000 was set aside as the state's contribution to the aged, does not become operative until Uncle Sam is ready to make a contribution to the same cause. The federal appropriation for old age pensions died when Senator Long put on his one man filibuster in the closing hours of

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Richards, Unger Compliment Our Horses, People

D. E. Richards, who judged the horses at the fair, paid a complement to Sherman county horseflesh that merits repeating. When asked if this county didn't have the best horses in eastern Oregon he said there could be no question about it and added that at the eastern Oregon Stock Show which is held each spring at Union, Sherman and a horse foaled in Sherman county won the prize for best individual animal. Mr. Richards is director of the livestock experiment station at Union.

Carl Unger, state patrolman, who covered the fair from the law enforcement angle remarked that it was a fine crowd, quiet and orderly. And that may be as much a compliment to the people as Richards paid to the horses.

Gas Tax Returns Greatest In July

Kenneth Dalton, representative of the secretary of state's office, was here Wednesday. Mr. Dalton is in charge of the gas tax division of the office and makes annual checks on gas consumption over the state. He reports that July 1935 was the largest year in the history of the state as far as gas tax was concerned.

During that month 19,186,775 gallons of gasoline was sold in this state and tax amounting to \$954,338 was collected by the state. This is an increase in gallons of 3,248,384 over the amount sold in July of 1934 and is an increase of \$162,419 in revenue.

The first seven months of 1935 have been better than 1934 from the gas tax collection angle as well, \$232,780 more having been collected than in the first seven months of last year.

Instructor In Ranges Added To OSC Staff

Grant County Agent Taken To Corvallis As Instructor

Additional of an instructional, research and extension program in range livestock management as a means of cooperating with the present federal range program, of which the new Taylor Grazing Act is the center, has been announced by the school of agriculture at Oregon State college.

Range Management Taught

The work involves the addition of a new man to the staff at Corvallis who will take charge of all three phases of this specialized work. Provision was made in budgets recently adopted for the expansion, although the recommendations of the man to fill the position has just been made by the agricultural officials at the college.

R. G. Johnson, for seven years agent in Grant county, has been named for the position, subject to confirmation by the State Board of Higher Education. He will become professor of animal husbandry, with headquarters at the college. Recommended to succeed him as county agent in Grant county is R. E. Brooke, at present assistant county agent in Klamath county.

Johnson Praised

"The total area of eastern Oregon is approximately 42 million acres, of which 24 million acres is public land available for grazing and most of which is of little use for any thing else," said Mr. P. M. Brandt, head of the division of animal industries, in discussing the new program. "The enactment of the Taylor Grazing Act for the control of the public domain makes possible an approach to the solution of many range problems that have heretofore been recognized but which were impossible to study because of the lack of control of these lands."

"The state of Oregon has a definite responsibility in any program that will restore the millions of acres of public or semi-public lands

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Races and Rodeo at Fair Draw Excited Crowds

Leonard Fields Named Champion Bronc Rider on Budweiser; Races Provide Thrills For Followers of Bang Tails

Entertainment features at the county fair which closed Saturday night after a successful three days filled the grandstand and provided the sort of amusement that caused the announcer to warn spectators to please keep their seats. It was that sort of a show. After two days of bucking Leonard Fields was named as winner of the bucking contest on his ride of Budweiser. He drew Kaiser Bill for the finals but that horse reared in the chute and the handlers took Fields out of the saddle whereupon Kaiser Bill came out alone. Budweiser was substituted.

Hard Buckers Ridden

Other finalists were Slim Newton, who drew second money riding Scarface Charlie, one of the toughest pieces of horseflesh at the show. Charlie had been ridden by Fields in the preliminaries. Jewel Herin won third place on Barnacle Bill, a ride that brought the audience to their feet. Herin had his spur caught in the saddle skirts when the gun sounded, but recovered his seat. Calvin Clarke, the other finalist, locked his spurs in Idle Hour's cinch. Herin had a lively day of riding. He drew Bally Buck but Bally Buck didn't show much power and the rider was given a ride on New Deal, who showed a lot of power, giving Herin a place in the finals.

Roy Phillippi, Albert Birdsong and Roy Belshie were the judges. Belshie filled in for Arthur Smith who failed to appear. Doc Ragan and Wm. Brinkert were timers.

Chariot Races Split Even

The chariot races for the two days broke even between W. C. Helyer of Kent and W. E. Newton of Moro. Helyer won Friday in as close a finish as was ever seen in a chariot race and Newton won Saturday rather easily.

The boys and girls pony race was won by Virginia Murray both days. Her chunky grey came in ahead easily with Virginia glued to the saddle as if she were a part of the horse. Kelly Tiller and Bobby King were second and third respectively.

Kangaroo, a horse owned by Duffy Knorr of Redmond, won the quarter mile saddle horse race both days with D. Newbill up. Time Saturday was 26.1. Whiz Bang and Joe were other place winners Friday and Chick and Foxy all Redmond horses, placed Saturday.

Harrington Horse Wins

The half mile pony race was won by Chick Friday and by Chick on Saturday, 59 seconds being Saturday's time. Chicken won second Friday and Say third.

The half mile saddle horse race was the fastest race of the first day with Jack, a Harrington horse coming in first under the wire. Kangaroo was second and Harmony third. Saturday the entries were fewer on account of an added race and Red Rock a big rangy bay won with Kangaroo second and Harmony third.

Boys Ride Calves

Foxy won the quarter mile pony race Friday with Chick second but the order was reversed Saturday. Time was 25.8 on Saturday.

The free for all, with three horses filling in to make the race was decided Saturday in a close finish with Jack and Joe, a pair of slim bays coming in ahead in the third beating the Newton horse.

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Bob Webb Now Professor Webb

Robert Webb, who has been the field crops man at the local experiment station for several years, will spend this winter teaching that subject at the Oregon State College. He will fill in a place left vacant when D. D. Hill left for Cornell to finish his degree work. Mr. Webb will be back to put in his fall and spring nursery crops it is believed at this time.

Prizes Won At State Fair By Club Kids

Sherman county's representatives at the state fair have again done credit to the county. Donald von Borstel won first in second division forestry. This is the second year that Sherman county boys have won first place in forestry and there's not enough native trees in this county to shade a squad of eskimos.

Bobby King won second place on his Hereford heifer in the open class being beaten by Herbert Chandler. In the 4-H club class he took second with the heifer, and a steer.

Ivan Blagg took first on a pen of hogs, second in the fat hog class, fourth on a pen of three gilts, ninth on junior gilts. The county also took first and second in the wheat class Gordon Fraser and Lloyd Heinrichs placing one, two in that division.

Wasco Boy Scouts Visit Crater Lake

The Wasco boy scouts, or a part of them at least, are having a vacation this week at Crater and Diamond lakes under the leadership of Rev. R. T. Cookingham, scout leader.

Boys making the trip are Douglas Tuel, Henry Richelderfer, Malcolm McDermid, Paul Cookingham, Raymond Van Gilder. They expect to do some fishing and to view the sights in the mountain region of the south part of the state.

Band Really Going To State Fair

After all kinds of arrangements have been made and changed the Moro band boys and girls are leaving Friday morning bright and early in private cars of parents and friends to play a day at the state fair in Salem.

They were going by school bus, and found that impossible; they planned to go by truck, and that was blocked; not dismayed the managers of the trip decided to take them in private cars.

The state fair board pays \$50 to any school band that will come to the fair and play for a day and the Moro band is taking advantage of the offer this year.

Furnace Ordered For Courthouse

A furnace was ordered for the court house Wednesday when the county court held its September session. The new heating plant will be an Iron Fireman using slack coal and the heating system will be steam radiators in all the used rooms of the court house.

This was the major activity of the court during the day as several salesmen were interviewed before the choice was made. The regular grist of bills was paid, but no important business other than the purchase of the furnace was transacted.

Sherman Countians Attending Fair

A number of Sherman county people are attending the state fair this week. Perry Johnston drove down Sunday with the Kent judging team Donald von Borstel, Frank von Borstel and Carsten von Borstel. Mrs. Marie Barnum and Dale Johnston also made the trip. Herby Barnum with Bobbe King and Ivan Blagg took down a load of exhibits. Mrs. Perry Johnston and Mrs. Theodore Johnston are also there and Mrs. Theodore will visit her mother at McMinnville before returning. Dorothy Fraser, Melba Thorngerson and Irma Mae Morgan are there as a judging team and several others have made the trip this year.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
AUG. 29	92	66	.02
" 30	87	63	.00
" 31	87	53	.00
Sept. 1	93	54	.00
" 2	95	57	.00
" 3	93	55	.00
" 4	91	62	.00
Total for week			.02

School Teachers Named For Year Beginning Sept. 9

Many Chances Made In Teaching Staffs During Summer Months; Only One Rural School Expected To Hold Classes

Schools throughout the county will open next Monday morning with more new instructors looking over strange pupils than for several opening days. By that date the club winners will be home from their trip to the state fair. Harvest is finished; fall beginning to be felt in the air and it is time again for the sound of the school bells.

The reduction in country schools has gone on again this year and if Rutledge district follows its present intention there will be but one rural school in operation this winter. Last year there were three. Fairview has decided to transport to Moro as a small number of pupils attended last year. Harmony will hold school again.

Grass Valley Has New Teachers

At Grass Valley Harold Hughes will again act as principal with C. P. Rowe, and a new teacher, Miss Eileen Hickson in the high school. Grade teachers will be Arden Squires, Betty Irwin, a new teacher from Rockaway: Phyllis Rinehart and Lil Coon.

At Rufus Henry E. Tetz will be principal aided by Helen Valentine in the high school. Grade teachers will be Kenneth McKenzie, Earle Mae Murdock and Elizabeth Ashbaugh.

Dixon at Wasco

At Wasco a new principal, Homer J. Dixon will open school. Roy Critchfield and Glenna Hiltbrand will teach in high school. LeLorraine Darby and C. F. Langley of Monmouth will teach the upper grades and band and orchestra. Ona Clothier, Marie June Andrews and Lorraine Darby will be other instructors with another to be selected later.

At Moro John Walker and Kathleen Radtke and a new science instructor, Vernon Kruse will instruct high school pupils. Grade teachers will be Paul Goddard, Eleanor Biggness, Bertha Craig and Ione Miller.

One Rural District Remains

Kent will have F. C. Darby back as principal with Eleanor Thirston as high school assistant. Neil McGlasson, Rebecca Overstreet and Irene Pottratz will teach the grades.

The Harmony district has employed Elsa Smith of Portland to teach the school there. Unless other arrangements are made at the last minute this will be the list of teachers who will open the schools next Monday and give the boys and girls their assignments for the first day of study.

Meeting Called To Settle School Disagreement

A meeting between the districts of the Grass Valley section was held Tuesday afternoon at the school house in town to discuss tuition matters between the town school and the country districts.

The Grass Valley district has been charging the rural districts \$25 per year as tuition for pupils transported to town. It was the contention of the Grass Valley district that the cost of educating grade school children was approximately \$65 per year and the tuition cost would have to be placed at \$50 per year to partially compensate for the cost of instruction.

Cost Will Be Discussed

The rural districts objected and have debated the problem of sending their children to other districts. A general meeting will be called by the Grass Valley district next week to give the directors of town districts a chance to agree on a price for rural pupil instruction. It will be held at Moro. Tom Garrett was elected school director to replace Mrs. G. L. Poley who resigned.

SON OF AN EMPEROR



This is Prince Makonnen, son of Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia. The lad, who is being trained for a part in the expected war with Italy, is wearing an officer's costume and his helmet is trimmed with the plume of a lion.

Young Man Dies In John Day River Sunday

Carl Anderson, a young man working for George Drinkard, died in the John Day river Sunday from what is thought to have been a heart attack. With some other men he had gone to the river at Early for a Sunday swim. No water was found in the body.

Coroner Wilcox was called and the parents of Anderson were located in Portland. The body was sent to that city for burial.

New Wheat Plan Thought Court Proof

Changes Made To Make Law Conform To Constitution

With the launching of the new wheat control program comes word from Washington that the adoption of the AAA amendments by Congress has greatly strengthened and clarified the act. An explanation of the amendments has been received by the national officials by the O. S. C. extension service.

Broadly speaking, the act of August 24, 1935, is designed to insure the constitutionality of the original act in the light of supreme court decisions, and to strengthen, clarify and correct certain parts of the program in the light of experience.

Constitutionality Assured

Three steps were taken to insure the constitutionality of the act. The first defines and limits the authority of the secretary of agriculture in great detail in order to make unmistakable the fact that Congress is not unlawfully delegating powers. Next the operation of the act is rigidly limited to inter-state commerce, although provision is made for cooperation of federal and state governments where this is feasible. Finally, all previous and existing taxes, benefits and contracts instituted prior to the adoption of the amendments are legalized and ratified by Congress.

Parity Changed

In strengthening and clarifying the act, the amendments change the parity price basis slightly by adding the factors of interest and tax rates and they broaden the basis on which payments are authorized in connection with basic commodities. Processing tax rates and tax procedure are defined in greater detail to insure more flexibility and smoother operation. The ever normal granary plan for storage of certain crops on farms as insurance against shortages and violent price swings is made a part of the farm program.

Specific provision is made for control of competing imports should they jeopardize the success of any program. The procedure for marketing agreements is clarified in a number of respects and changes are made in certain provisions.

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Livestock Show Surprises By Excellance

County's Reputation For Fine Horses Still Good; Winners Named After Hard Competition In Each Division

The exhibits at the Sherman County Fair, 1935 edition, were of the kind to elicit surprise from those who attended all the fairs of the more glorious years when Sherman county was a source of the horse supply of the northwest and when Sherman county cattle were being taken to state and national fairs.

Probably the most outstanding exhibit from the horse division was the class of two horse draft teams shown Friday afternoon before the grandstand. Entries were from the farms of Fred Cox, T. M. Rolfe, Martin Melzer, Tom Fraser and Claud Thompson and seven teams were in the class. As the group drove along experienced horsemen picked and repicked their choices unable to decide the team and unwilling to cast any of the seven out of the running.

Cox Team Best

Judging resulted in placing the Fred Cox first, T. M. Rolfe's second and Martin Melzer's third with the others crowded into other places. All horses entered had to weigh 1600 pounds. As teams were being judged as teams the way they handled was taken into consideration which caused some very excellent young horses to fail of placing.

Four horse team winner was Fred Cox and T. M. Rolfe's six horse team won. Handling was also a feature in the judging of these teams.

The black horse owned by Jess Landry and ridden by Miss Velma Powell won second in the saddle horse class with Roy Powell second.

3 Sheep Breeds Shown

In the open classes Lloyd Heinrichs won most of the prizes on Hampshire sheep. T. M. Rolfe swept the field on Lincolns and Kelly Tiller and Wallace May won in the Corriedale class.

Gordon Fraser, Ronald Powell and Ivan Blagg won with their spotted Poland Chinas while Orville Hockman and Bertha Helyer won in the Chester White class for hogs.

Glen King and Son Bobby carried away the honors in the Hereford cattle division while Tom Fraser and Claud Thompson won first in the Shorthorn class. Ronald Powell won the Aberdeen Angus group.

Dairy Cattle Exhibited

Most of the prizes for Jersey cattle were won by T. M. Rolfe although the Eaton boys, Jerry Wilson, Tom Fraser and Fred Cox placed animals in this class. Orville Hockman and Bobby King shared the Holstein prizes.

The remount division for horses was contested for by Claud Thompson and daughters, W. C. Helyer and sons, and A. H. Barnum all of whom won some of the first places.

Rolfe won Grand champion with his Percheron stallion while other places in the class were distributed between his entries and those of Fred Cox and Claud Thompson. Tom Fraser, Glen King, and Bill Ross had the best in the Belgian horse class giving each other some of the closest competition in the show.

Grass Varieties Displayed

The four granges had booths in the pavilion that showed the products of their districts, the 4-H club children filled a side of the building with their exhibits and the remainder was used for displays of needlework, cooking, canning and photography. Fruit and vegetable displays occupied the center of the room.

An exhibit of some of the most prominent of the new grasses was made by the experiment station. Small bunches of these were placed on a board and shown in comparative size and seeding ability. It was a most timely and important exhibit.

The display of farm machinery was one that attracted an interest in this mechanized county. Tractors

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