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News About State Affairs

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Choice of sites for the new state capitol building has been narrowed down to two by an opinion given Governor Martin by Attorney-General Van Winkle.

The legislature, when it meets in special session soon, will be able to consider building the statehouse on the old site, or on Willamette university campus, which would be added to the old location.

The hill site favored by Governor Martin cannot be used according to the attorney-general.

Both the Grabenhorst tract and Ben Lomond park hill sites are outside the city limits, Van Winkle pointed out, and the capitol can be built only within the boundaries of Salem as they existed in 1864 when the city was chosen the permanent seat of government by a state wide vote.

To build on the hills would require a constitutional amendment and a special election to change or enlarge the seat of government.

It would do no good for the city to extend its boundaries to include the hill sites, the attorney-general said.

"Designation of Salem in 1864 as the permanent seat of government by the election of the state necessarily included all parts of the city as it then existed," Van Winkle explained.

"Although the corporate limits have since been greatly enlarged, this has not enlarged the state seat of government. It remains within the limits of the city as they first existed on the first Monday of June, 1864, when the election was held, at which time Salem was selected as the location of the seat of government."

Construction of state institutions beyond the city limits has no bearing on the capitol because, the statehouse "is not an institution as the word is ordinarily used."

In the 1864 election Salem received a majority of 79 votes over all the score of cities proposed as the capitol. The vote was 6108 for Salem, 3864 for Portland, 1588 for Eugene and 577 for all the other cities. No city had received a majority in 1862.

With the issuance of the opinion requested by the governor, who went on record as favoring a hill site for the capitol when it appeared that negotiations for the purchase of the Willamette University campus would fall through—officials wondered what PWA would do.

Two applications for grants for the purchase of additional land are in Washington. D. C. One was for 45 percent of \$750,000 to buy the university grounds, and the other was for 45 percent of \$100,000 set as the hill site price. The latter is now out of the picture.

State officials were jubilant over word from Hyde Park, N. Y. President Roosevelt's home, that the president had approved the state's \$3,500,000 application for the construction of the state house.

The legislature will be called into special session when PWA acts on the site grant applications. The legislature will have the last word as to where the capitol shall be built.

Arrangements have been completed for the senate to meet in the Marion hotel dining room and the house to convene in the armory auditorium adjoining the hotel. The state will pay \$40 a day rent to the hotel and \$13.50 to the armory. Governor Martin will probably move down town during the session.

Abolition of the primary election, the calling of a regular general election every November and the possible recall of officials at the election were proposed in a drastic constitutional amendment filed by W. P. Wagoner, Portland. Attorney-General Van Winkle is at work on the ballot title.

The governor, state treasurer, secretary of state, justices of the supreme court, judges of the circuits and attorney general would face a possible recall every two years. Maximum tenure of state offices would be six years.

All county, district, precinct and municipal officers would be subject to recall every year. Their maximum term would be four years.

Wagoner must obtain more than 16,000 signatures on petitions by next July 1 to place his proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot.

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City Budget Topic For Sept. 24 Meeting

A budget making session for the city of Moro was set for September 24, Tuesday of next week, at the meeting of the council Tuesday night of this week. Freeholders named to make up the budget body were M. A. Bull, W. S. Powell, J. E. Foss, W. W. Knighten, J. E. Coleman, and J. C. Freeman. This part of the city's work must be finished before November 1.

The councilmen also voted to have a telephone installed in the fire house so that the first fireman to the truck can learn the location of the fire from the telephone central. It was also resolved that no one but firemen should ride on the truck when it is going to fires. Too many passengers cause delay and increase the danger of injury.

The council also voted to buy another hundred feet of fire hose of the same size as that now in use and to rebuild the hydrant near the elevator to three inch size to give better protection to the property in that section of town.

Rex Wheat Yields Heavy In Union County

Wheat Developed at Moro Station Makes Phenomenal Yield; Some Will Be Tried Here

Outstanding success of the new Rex wheat bred at the Sherman county branch experiment station at Moro has been reported from every section of eastern Oregon and Washington where plot and field trials have been made this year, reports D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the station.

In this the first year when extensive field plantings have been possible, yields of 58, 61 and even 70-bushels to the acre have been reported by farmers, while in plot trials at both the Pendleton and Moro Stations Rex out-yielded every other variety this season.

Yields Big This Year

So striking has the new wheat proved to be under widely varying conditions that all available seed has been bought up already for sowing this fall, including 3000 bushels from Union county alone. J. A. Gaskill of Imbler harvested the largest acreage this year, his field averaging 58 bushels to the acre of fine 62-pound wheat. Rex Roulet of the same county reported an average of 61 bushels on about 24 acres. From Waiteburg in Washington came reports of a phenomenal yield of 70 bushels to the acre.

Crossed At Moro

Rex wheat is the result of a cross between White Odessa and Hard Federation wheats made at the Moro station about 1921. It takes at least seven years after a cross is made to get a hybrid in pure form. Since then the cross has been tested out first in row and then in plot trials along with hundreds of other crosses constantly being made.

When Rex appeared to have unusual merit it was distributed to county agents for further testing under varying conditions in all Columbia basin counties, and finally was released to growers for field trials.

Some Coming Here

A. C. Kaseberg of Wasco has recently purchased 75 sacks of this wheat going to Imbler for it and Peters and Ginn of Moro are getting some from Wasco county to seed this fall.

Rex appears to meet the demand for an early maturing winter hardy wheat of the yield and other qualities of Federation which is a spring wheat even though frequently sown in the fall on the chance of its escaping a heavy freeze. In addition it is unusually smut resistant, ranking about with Albion in this respect. It has short stiff straw and is non-shattering in character.

If it continues as well as is now indicated Rex may become, as its name indicates, the "King" of soft white wheats.

Locally Produced Varieties Best In Nurseries

Variation In Different Places Shown By Compilation of Yields From Four Field Nurseries in Nearby Counties

Results of the nursery trials carried on by the experiment station in the three counties show that a new hybrid between Forty Fold and Federation made the best yield for this year with an average of 14.4 bushels per acre.

These nursery trial plots are near Condon, between Maupin and Tygh Valley in Wasco county and at Kent and on the station near Moro. Wheat to be tested are sown in rows and carefully harvested. There is always considerable variation in the yields in the four places due to the different conditions found locally. Usually, however, the long time results are similar.

Rex Best In Gilliam

The heaviest yielding wheat this year made 14.3 bushels in Gilliam county, 19.0 bushels in Wasco county, 10.0 bushels at Kent and 14.4 at Moro. Rex, which was the second highest wheat in the trial, made 17.4 bushels in Gilliam county, 14.2 in Wasco county, 11.4 at Kent and 13.8 here, showing a typical variation in productivity caused by changed conditions.

Turkey Good Wheat

Arctadian x Hard Federation, a hybrid, and Hard Federation x Martin, another cross were next high in the test and Blackhull, a bearded wheat, was fifth. All of the turkey wheats proper were low this year in the nursery plots, none averaging over 9.3 bushels.

The apparent superiority of white wheats over the turkey wheats may be temporary, it is pointed out by Mr. Stephens. Sherman county is well adapted to turkey wheat and good premiums are sometimes obtained on it from millers when high protein is found. White wheats are almost always exported and the export market has been very unstable of late years.

Bang's Disease Test Stopping Soon

It was announced this week by Perry Johnston, county agent, that no more applications for testing of cattle for Bang's disease will be received after October 5 in this county.

The federal program for free testing stops December 31 and after that a newly enacted law makes it mandatory that all cattle in counties where dairy cattle outnumber beef cattle be tested. Under the state law there is no indemnity for cattle that are condemned. The only chance the owner of infected herds has to receive the indemnity is to have his herd tested before the present campaign is over.

To date returns have been announced from the test of 743 cattle in this county. These are from 72 herds. Out of this number 50 have been found to be diseased and ten are suspected of having the infection.

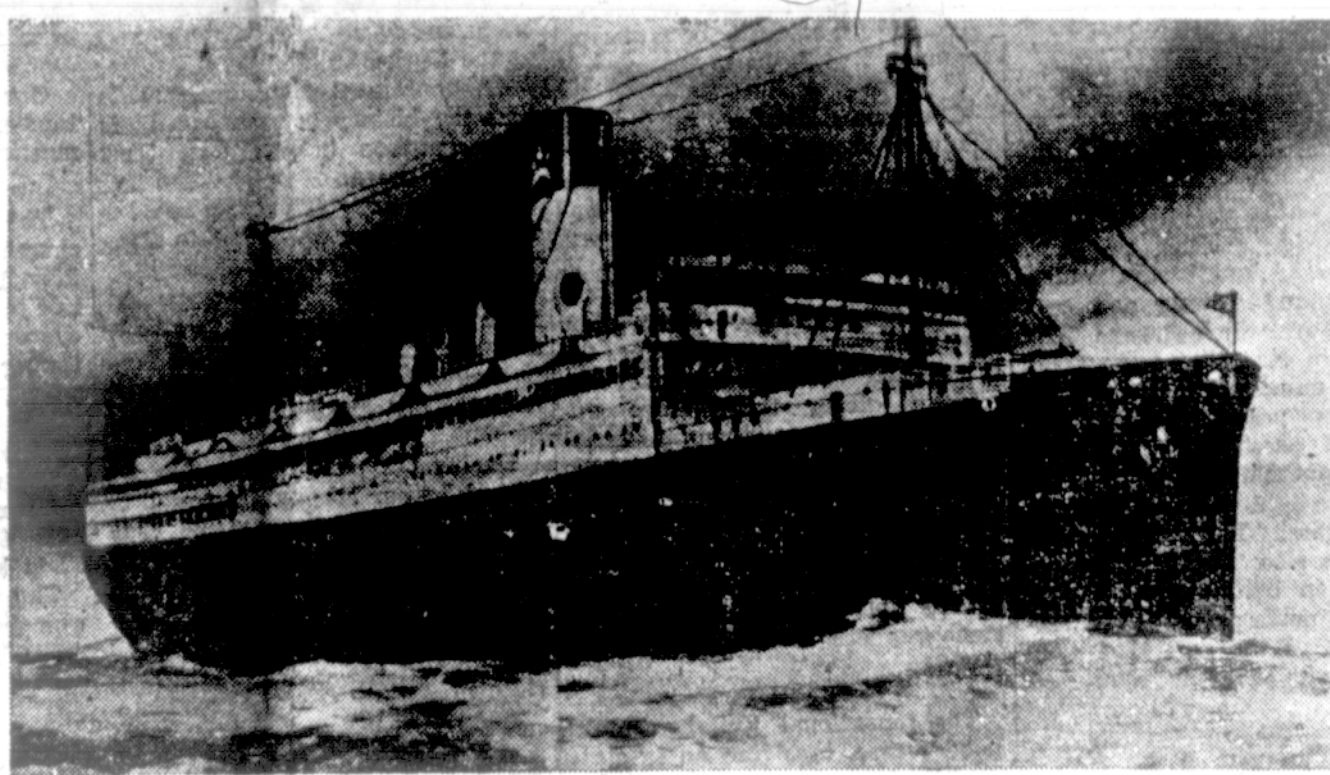
Forty nine of the the herds have had no reactors or suspects and 23 herds have contained diseased animals.

Christian Endeavor Elects Officers

Theodore Thompson was elected president of the young people's C. E. of the Presbyterian church at a business meeting and social held in the manse, Tuesday night. Other officers are: Doris Thompson and Marie McLeod, vice presidents; Irma Morgan, secretary; and Carl Peetz, treasurer. Norma Melzer, retiring president becomes executive adviser. Twenty three persons were present.

Committees were appointed to work out plans for a tennis court to be built on the lot between the church and the manse. This project will be a major one for the group this fall. Following the business meeting and two indoor games, the young people gathered about an outdoor fire for songs, stunts and refreshments.

She Ran Aground, but No Life Was Lost



This is the Morgan liner Dixie which, with 200 passengers and a crew of 140 aboard, lashed in a terrific hurricane, went aground on a reef off the Florida keys, about 50 miles south of Miami. The Dixie was New York bound from New Orleans. Coast guard cutters and other vessels went to the rescue and everyone was taken off in safety. The Dixie's officers and crew won high praise for their gallant behavior.

County Fair Costs \$1700 Above Intake

The financial report of the Sherman County Fair association shows that it is almost impossible to give fairs in this county every year without some support from the county. The 1935 fair received a little more than it paid out in program events but the money paid for premiums came from the reserve which was built up from racing receipts from the state. These are usually about \$500 per year.

Receipts for the 1935 fair were \$162 for stall rent; \$107.45 from concessions and exhibit space; \$1046.61 from the gate, and \$19 from miscellaneous. The total was \$1335.06.

Expenditures were as follows: Permanent improvements, \$281.06; Premiums \$1348.00; Program \$1019.00; Miscellaneous \$400.64; and four dollars still remain in the bills payable column. Totals are \$3058.62 which shows that the fair cost some \$1723.56 more than was received.

About six hundred dollars remain in the fair fund, however, as some money had accumulated since the fairs were stopped in 1930. It is probable that if fairs are to be continued here a small appropriation will be asked from the county, but the amount required may be a third of what was formerly budgeted for that purpose.

State Wants Pictures of Action and Scenery

Advertising of State Will Show Recreational Advantages

The Chamber of Commerce of Moro has been asked to participate in a contest sponsored by the Oregon State Motor association for the purpose of building up a supply of photographs adequately portraying the state's many recreational opportunities.

Photographs obtained, it was pointed out, will be used by the Oregon State Highway commission, the motor association and other non-profit organizations in developing travel in Oregon. They will play an important part in the highway commission's recently authorized program of travel.

In explaining the kind of photographs needed by the state, Ray Conway, manager of the motor association, said that "real action shots with scenic backgrounds" are desirable in preparing travel promotion literature.

"Oregon has a liberal supply of excellent scenic photographs," said Conway, who acted as one of the advisers to the highway commission in preparing the new and popular booklet, "Scenic Oregon." "But we are appallingly short of pictures adequately depicting recreational activities. We want pictures that will 'sell' Oregon."

The contest will close November 1, the motor association explained.

Former Publisher of Grass Valley Journal Dies

Mrs. W. I. Westerfield Buried In Riverview Cemetery

Mrs. Anna B. Westerfield, former publisher of the Grass Valley Journal, and a resident of that town for over thirty years died at the home of her daughter, Alvina, in Los Angeles Thursday, September 12 after several months of illness.

Mrs. Westerfield was born at Martin's Bluff, Washington, near Kalama, September 12, 1867, and was exactly 68 years of age at her death. She was married to William I. Westerfield in 1890 at Lafayette and came to Sherman county with her family in 1898 when Mr. Westerfield took charge of the then new Grass Valley Journal. Early in 1902 the Westerfields bought the paper and operated it until it was sold in 1929.

Mr. Westerfield died in 1925 and for several years the deceased carried on the business through which she became well known throughout the state.

Interested in Church

Four children were born to them, three of whom survive. Floyd C. is at Eugene, Alvina, (Mrs. C. A. Shodall) and Miss Veda are in Los Angeles. Mrs. W. D. Ellis, Miss Rhoda Gardner, sisters, and Walter Gardner, a brother, also survive Mrs. Westerfield.

Always interested in church and Sunday school work, Mrs. Westerfield was a member of the Baptist church of Grass Valley and was a member of the social orders of the town. Of late years she has lived in Portland, Eugene and Los Angeles and made frequent visits to the home town where a large part of her life was spent.

The funeral was held in Portland Monday morning and interment was made in Riverview cemetery where other members of the family have been laid to rest. Many friends from this county attended.

Hunters Practice; Shoot Kilowatt

Truman Strong and Walter Rugles are going hunting. Wednesday they wanted to try out their guns and erected a target for that purpose. The third shot they took at the target cut the power line that serves the Strong and Hockman homes right in two.

A fuse blew out in Moro and the power was off for fifteen minutes before the trouble could be located. If Walt and Truman find a deer with electrical connections they should be able to bring him back.

NOTICE

Bids for transportation of 12 pupils, more or less, approximately 42 miles daily, from Dist. No. 24 to No. 23, the bidder to furnish complete transportation or 2nd, the bidder furnish chassis and district furnish body for the year 1935-'36. Any or all bids may be rejected.

Reply to Harold D. Eakin, Clerk.

SCS Buildings Will Be Started Soon It Is Thought

Survey of Farm Lands and of Work Needed on Them May Be Next Step In Erosion Control Job Here

An order for lumber with which the SCS is to construct their buildings on the campsite has been received and before long it is expected that work will be begun on them.

These will consist of an office building which will be built at the south west corner of the fair grounds near the road. This will be the official headquarters for the work unit of the camp and will be open at all times to farmers who wish to confer with the officials of the SCS.

Survey's Made

In the rear of the camp, along the east side, will be built the garage and shop. The trucks and machinery used by the men will be housed in the garage and a repair man will repair them in the shop if present plans are followed.

Some inkling of the methods to be used by the local camp may be inferred from the procedure that has been followed in the camps in Washington and Umatilla county in Oregon. The technical force attached to the camp prepared a map of each farm on which work is to be done and marks on that map the types of soil, the types of erosion damage that has been done or is going on and makes notes for the engineering force regarding the preventing of such damage.

Owner's Permission Asked

For instance: A farm may have ten acres that needs work to stop wind erosion. It may be marked for grass planting. Another spot may need a dam to stop gullying. There may be another place where a creek bed may be causing damage. All this is mapped, marked and the work carefully planned in conjunction with the owner and operator of the farm, of course.

No work is done on any farm without the consent of the owner and he is advised with and about any specific job to be done there.

Enlistments Out

The camp is almost deserted since the men were moved out Saturday of last week. Lieutenant Richardson left Wednesday evening after supervising the removal of the last load of equipment and supplies from the camp. The men are back in their original companies.

Enrollment of a new force of CCCs will begin October 1 all over the United States and as soon after that as men can be enrolled, examined and transported to the several camps of EC Work they will be sent out. It is thought that 600,000 men will be enrolled in the work this winter including those who will sign up for the second time. The northwest will have its share of them.

This re-enlistment makes the exact date of the arrival of the men uncertain as some time must elapse before they can be signed and the more transportation of them will require approximately a week for those who are to come from New York to Oregon. It may be the latter part of October before the men arrive unless the first who enlist are sent to the erosion camps.

Wheat Sales Pick Up With Price Rise

Sale of wheat has been more active here this week since the price took its mid week jump. Principal cause for jubilation for those who have protein wheat at least was the increase in premiums offered for that kind of wheat. Twelve percent protein brought an added 25 cents per bushel this week and 13 percent protein wheat is selling for 30 cents over the market. Several lots of wheat sold for over a dollar a bushel.

Farmers in the south end of the county who had protein wheat have been selling it at the market and buying other wheat for seed and realizing something on the deal.

The buyers have been offering between 75 cents and 80 cents this week and are getting quite a bit of wheat in their possession thereby.