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USELESS "PLANNING"

The question of what a planning commission is supposed to do comes pertinently into the picture just now when it becomes apparent that the present commission has not done as much as it should toward the planning of a new capitol.

The final report which was laid on the desks of legislators gave very general figures about the floor space needed, or to be needed, for the building. The figures were all totals and showed that in 1925 some 67,000 square feet were used, at the time of the fire 125,000 square feet were in use and the estimate of 168,000 to be needed for the new building was made. The detail of the space requirements for the different departments was left in Appendix A which has never been made available to the legislators generally nor has it been given to members of the capitol committee as the second week begins.

It is the contention of this newspaper that the members of the house and senate cannot properly plan a capitol, decide properly the ground space it will require nor determine the size of the building or the money needed without more specific information regarding the state's needs.

There is no information as to how many of the departments can be housed in the buildings now owned by the state, nor the amount of space they now require or are expected to require in ten or twenty-five years.

The bills for the different sites were not thrown into the hopper until three days of the session were spent, which was another time-wasting move on the part of the power that be that was costly and apparently unnecessary. They were introduced in the senate, which was a wise political move on the part of the members of the upper house for the house will not get them until late in the session, and delay, if any, will naturally be blamed on the house members.

If the function of a planning commission is to gather all information on state matters and choose from it a single plan, it has been successful. The final report reads like carefully thought out propaganda for a larger site and a group of buildings.

A more useful use for a planning commission would be that of gathering information about any project and giving all of it to the legislature with recommendations. The present commission has usurped the matter of choice to as large a degree as possible. It presents its conclusions with arguments for them, without giving any of the reasons for opposite conclusions. To read the report one without other information would draw the conclusion that it was absolutely impossible to build a capitol on the old site large enough to house the state government. One would have to believe that a single capitol building would be entirely inadequate. Neither is correct.

It is probably true that if the new capitol was to be built with consideration of beauty foremost, the Candalaria site should be chosen. No one can deny that a most beautiful setting could be made there, with the expenditure of sufficient money, probably ten or twelve million dollars.

However, it cannot be shown that utility will not be as well, or better, served if the capitol be left in the present grounds, with perhaps some provision made for expansion now or at some later date. It would be fortunate for the state if the new capitol could be made a show place, but it is absolutely essential that it first fulfill the purposes for which it is built, which is to house departments of state in a place that is accessible, convenient and comfortable.

The matter of cost is of primary importance in a state that is heavily indebted especially in counties, cities and school districts. Oregon's total bonded indebtedness, in all units, is in excess of \$170,000,000, or around \$180 per capita. New old age pension and other security legislation will be passed within a few years that will increase taxes or will, at least, take funds now used for general fund reduction. This means liquor revenues and indirect taxes now levied.

It is most unfortunate that the planning commission in its report could not have taken into consideration the economics of the situation instead of merely writing of the aesthetics of the projected capitol. Any group of men sprawling over the back steps with their pipes can visualize pretty buildings and grounds; it takes busy men to pay for them.

It took a special session of the legislature and the arrest of a murder suspect to put the Ethiopian war into second place in the newspaper headlines.

This sort of weather is no way to initiate the new CCC boys into this part of Oregon. However, there is no chilling wind off the coast to numb them.

Oregon has recently received 175 million dollars for public works and other projects through the federal government and from ourselves.

Is it possible that the board of higher education think that they got under the wire in giving a job to Prexy Kerr?

STATE AFFAIRS

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cigarettes. Both roll their own and use the same brand of "mak-lins," a brand said to be almost universally used by cowboys and men of the prairie country. One day this week a messenger from the Senate made his way to the desk of Representative Haight with an important looking package. Opened it was found to contain a sack of Haight's favorite cigarette tobacco and a package of papers with the compliments of the Senate president.

Smoke rolling up the elevator shaft from the basement of the supreme court building during the noon hour created quite a commotion among officials and employees who happened to be on the job at that time of day. The blaze, starting from an overheated motor, was quickly extinguished with but little loss or damage.

Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian, does not want the supreme court building for a library, as has been suggested. The building, she points out, is not suited to library purposes and any attempt to remodel it would only be perpetuating inefficiency.

State Treasurer Holman has suggested the creation of a revolving fund of the various cash surpluses which his department has on hand in order to facilitate the use of this cash for any legitimate state function. At the present time the state's cash surplus in the numerous funds handled by the treasury department aggregate nearly \$10,000,000, most of which is lying idle in bank without earning any interest.

Petitions for 3 initiative measures will soon be in circulation about the state. These include the proposed constitutional amendment requiring annual elections, sponsored by W. P. Wagon, of Portland, and the state power bill and state bank bill, both sponsored by the State Grange and Federation of Labor. Ballot titles for all three have just been completed by Attorney General Van Winkle.

Members of the House and Senate who are not on any of the major committees are becoming restive under the monotony of sitting around waiting for a chance to vote on the capitol issue. Clint Haight, who runs the Blue Mountain Eagle at Canyon City when he isn't representing his district in the legislature, started a miniature revolt Tuesday when he got up on his hind legs and insisted on action, criticizing the governor and his planning board for failure to provide more information relative to the proposed new building.

The present session gives every promise of going down in history as one of the most extravagant special sessions in the history of the state. There were 184 employees on the House and Senate payrolls the first week compared to 162 for the last special session. Criticism of this situation resulted in a slight thinning out of the House employees but they are still ahead of the second special of 1933. Many committees which so far have had nothing to do, have employed a chief clerk, just in case. Most of the patronage in the House has been handed out by a committee composed of Bull of Union, Eckersley of Clackamas and Barnes of Multnomah. Hannah Martin of Marion, who is credited with lining up enough republican support to put over Latourette as speaker, has also been doing her share of handing out the plums in the House.

Counties would be relieved of all financial responsibility for payment of old age pensions after 1936 if a bill by Senator Bynon and Wallace meets with legislative favor. The bill would shift the county load to the shoulders of

ALMANAC



"The best horse needs breaking; the aptest child needs teaching."

OCTOBER
29—Washington's army numbers 12,000 to-day, 1777.

30—U. S. Rainbow Division arrives in France, 1917.

31—Halloween Eve is first celebrated as holiday, 1867.

NOVEMBER
1—Chicago's famous Fair House is opened, 1873.

2—First regular radio broadcast in U. S., 1920.

3—William Cullen Bryant noted poet, born 1794.

4—Gustave Pathe's famous machine gun, 1862.

Michigan Beans Given President



Miss Della Wilson of Bad Axe, Mich., queen of the Michigan Bean fair, is shown at the White House holding a 17 1/2 pound bag of Michigan pea beans which she presented to President Roosevelt.

the state, except that taxes to be levied for old age assistance by the counties this year would be turned over to the state relief committee to supplement the \$1,000,000 state appropriation in matching federal funds for old age pensions. The bill would also reduce the age limit of pensioners from 70 to 65 years. Other amendments in the bill would make the Oregon act conform to the federal act in the matter of residence requirements.

In Other Days

From Observer Nov. 3, 1916

Hayden Brisbane has sold his farm outfit and lease to A. L. Barzee, a nephew of E. E. Barzee.

Leon Strong was a visitor this week from Seattle at the home of his brother Truman near Grass Valley, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Strong, near Moro.

Dewey Thompson has become one of the farmers of Sherman county on his personal account. Among his first purchases was four set of work harness from J. F. Belashe, proprietor of the Moro harness shop.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Simon is reported on the sick list.

I. N. Lemon was an interested visitor this week at the Portland horse show.

From Observer Nov. 2, 1906

As we go to press word comes in by phone that the residence of J. D. Bell & Son was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The men were all in the field and before they could get to the house everything was consumed.

Some of the farmers have decided that it doesn't pay to wait for rain and are preparing to seed. Others are going to wait till spring.

Mrs. Williams and her daughter Grace, of Seattle, are visiting Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine and will remain until after the golden wedding.

Our old timer, Jack Daily, of Portland, has been a Sherman county visitor this week renewing the scenes of his youth, when he taught the spud to ornament the bunch grass with its vine.

Judge G. W. Brock, once one of the leading business men of Moro, now a prospective wealthy fruit producer of the North Bank near White Salmon, has been visiting Moro tilliums this week.

Only a few SCS Boys Arrived; Other Due This Week-end

Last week's Journal carried a story that a company of SCS boys were expected to arrive here last Sunday morning and take up quarters in the camp south of the fair grounds. However, only 15 boys materialized, and two or three officers arrived during the week. Word comes from Vancouver today that the boys will arrive Friday of this week. How many there will be it not stated.

REX WHEAT

(Continued from page one) wheat. Mr. Gaskill, who furnished seed of Rex wheat to several of his neighbors last fall, writes about the variety as follows:

"We harvested a fine crop of wheat in the Grand Ronde Valley

ed the wheat as 'soft white, weight 62 1/2 lbs. per bushel, 1% dockage and no smut.' I am going to plant my entire summer fallow, 385 acres, with it this fall."

Mr. F. G. Strickler, Waitsburg, Washington, sent in the following report:

"I seeded 32 acres of Rex wheat last fall and was very well pleased with the yield. I seeded 30 lbs. to the acre and harvested 44 bushels to the acre. It weighed strong 60 lbs. per bushel and had no smut in it. I am seeding 650 acres of Rex this fall and my landlord 136 acres. Personally I am strong for Rex wheat."

Mr. Harry Hix of Dufur, Oregon, in giving his experience of two years in growing Rex wheat says:

"I am well satisfied with the results obtained in the two years I have grown Rex wheat. In comparison with other varieties, I estimate it yielded around five bushels more per acre."

Rex would not likely be adapted to conditions in Kansas and, being a soft white wheat, should not be grown in this red wheat territory. In addition, Rex is probably not resistant to stem or leaf rust, two wheat diseases that are sometimes destructive in Kansas, but not troublesome in the Pacific Northwest. Rex wheat is being recommended to replace Federation, Albion and Hybrid 128 for fall sowing in the Columbia River Basin of Oregon and Washington.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

ON THE 2nd day of November, 1935, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following described real estate situated in Grass Valley, Sherman County, Oregon to-wit:

Lot 9- of Block 5- of the original town plat of said Grass Valley, Oregon.

SAID SALE is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and to me directed in the case of Clara J. Baker, Plaintiff vs. C. M. Plyler and Mildred Plyler Turner, defendants where in judgment and decree was issued against said defendants and in favor of the Plaintiff and is docketed in Judgment Docket "A" at page 182 of said Court and County, and which said judgment still remains unpaid.

HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County Ore

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Property

On Saturday, the 23rd day of November, 1935 at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter (1) of Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, save and except the following described tracts or parcels of land heretofore

conveyed to Theodore Johnston: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast one-quarter (1) Section Twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, thence North eighty-eight (88) degrees thirty (30) minutes East a distance of one hundred seventy-nine and no tenths (179.0) feet to the West line of the right of way of the Lone Rock Market Road which point is thirty (30) feet right of Station eighty-one (81) plus thirty (30); thence Southerly along the West line of the said Lone Rock Market Road right of way a distance of one thousand two hundred ninety-eight (1298) feet to a point thirty (30) feet to the right of station ninety-four (94) plus twenty-eight (28) on the said Lone Rock Market Road; thence North one thousand five (1005) feet to a place of beginning, containing six and five one-hundredths (6.05) acres, excluding one-half (1/2) of the present County Road. Also beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast one-quarter (1) Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, thence North one thousand (1000) feet to a point on the West line of the right of way of the Lone Rock Market Road, which point is thirty (30) feet to the right of station one hundred (100) plus fifty-four (54) thence Southerly along the West line of the right of way of the said Lone Rock Market Road a distance of one thousand seven hundred sixty-six (1766) feet which point is thirty (30) feet to the right of station one hundred eighteen (118) plus twenty (20), thence West along the South line of the Southeast one-quarter (1) Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, a distance of nine hundred fifty (950) feet to the place of beginning, containing nineteen and thirty-five one-hundredths (19.35) acres, excluding old right of way. Also, excepting the right of way of the present Lone Rock Market Road, containing one and seventy one-hundredths (1.70) acres, more or less, all in the county of Sherman, State of Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of State of Oregon, Represented and Acting by the World War Veterans' State Aid Commission, plaintiff, vs. Omer R. Hulse and Lula M. Hulse, also known as Lulu M. Hulse, husband and wife; Lenora M. Hulse; Lewis McKee and Horace McKee, co-partners doing business under the firm name of McKee Brothers. Defendants.

HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon
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It's our family's whiskey, neighbor—and neighbor—it's your price!



Our own family's whiskey!

Personally supervised by me and the boys

Here's a picture of the Wilken Family. Reading from left to right—my son-in-law Tom, Harry Jr., me, and my son William.

We've put up our Wilken Family Whiskey, and so far everybody that's tasted it has said it's the grandest whiskey they've run across yet. I hope you think the same.

Harry Wilken Sr.



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