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## News About State Affairs

By A. L. Lindbeck  
The accidental death of Senator John D. Goss of Coos and Curry came as a real shock to his colleagues in the legislature now in special session here.

Goss, who first entered into the political picture of Oregon as a member of the 1933 session was not only recognized as one of the ablest members of the senate but one of the most popular members of that body. His fearlessness in espousing any cause in which he believed, his ready wit, his keen analysis of public problems, and his forcefulness in debate, marked him as an outstanding leader in the senate membership.

Governor Martin, State Treasurer Holman, Secretary Snell and other high state officials joined with his colleagues in the Senate and House in expressing their sincere regret at his passing.

Goss was 66 years of age. He was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, October 3, 1866, and came to Oregon in 1901, locating first at Canyon City where he engaged in banking and mining. In 1907 he moved to Marshfield where he was engaged in the practice of law.

In spite of the fact that it had been expected, notice from the federal government that there would be no more funds from that source for relief, came as quite a shock to state officials who went into a huddle immediately to figure out a way and means for meeting this new emergency. While Uncle Sam expects to provide jobs for all employables under the Works Progress administration it is now up to the state to take care of its own indigents and unemployables.

A number of neophytes in the House were so optimistic Saturday as to look forward to sine die adjournment that night. In fact they had planned to revert the capitol reconstruction bill according to their own ideas, throw it back into the lap of the senate with a "take it or leave it" admonition and then go home—leaving the senate out on a limb so to speak. Veterans of the House and Senate received news of the program with knowing smiles, sat tight, and did nothing about it and the threatened revolt died aborning.

County judges and commissioners swooped down on the legislature last week to protest against any amendment to the old age pension act that might increase the burden now borne by the counties and to insist that the state take over the county burden as early as possible. Most of the members

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## Vivian Lewis Girls' Orchestra Coming

## Local Firemen Secure Popular Sextette for Thanksgiving Dance

Vivian Lewis and her 6-piece orchestra of girls, who come to Moro to play for the firemen's dance on Thanksgiving, are rated among the best musical organizations for dances in the state of Oregon. Here is some of their record. They were known as the Portland Breakfast Club band for two years; broadcast over KEX; played the Northwest circuit of Fox theatres; played at Rockaway beach one season; Alaska show houses full season; for Jim Kelly at Boise two seasons; and have broadcast over KOIN, KGW, and KEX. As advertised, the girls in costume, put on just before intermission, fifteen minutes of special numbers, making a short floor show. The orchestra uses piano, drums, trombone, trumpet, tenor and alto saxophone. They have a trio, whistler, blues singer, and two tap dancers. Besides enjoying a dance to good music, you will be helping the firemen, which is a worthy cause in itself.

## Iris and Sweet Peas Flourished Here Before Late Cold Snap

A ray of sunshine while we are shivering from the blasts of unprecedented November weather, is found in a report Truman Strong brought to the Journal office this week. Just before the present cold wave struck Mr. Strong found in his yard here in Moro sweet peas, Oriental poppies and iris. All these are spring flowers, and the fact that they were blooming in the fall is proof that for climatic conditions Sherman county is not so bad.

## Columbia River Subject For Essay Contest

## State Historical Society Offers Liberal Prizes To Boys and Girls of High School Age

The Oregon Historical Society has selected "The Discovery of the Columbia River" as the subject for the 1936 C. C. Beekman essay contest. The prizes offered are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other educational institution within the State of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

(1) The essay submitted in competition must not exceed two thousand words in length.

(2) Be in handwriting or in typewritten form, of commercial letter size, and written on one side only, with black space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left hand margin and numbered.

(3) The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and post office address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

(4) There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by the principal or teacher of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a student attending the same.

(5) The essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical Society, Public Auditor, 235 S. W. Market Street, Portland, Oregon, not later than Monday, March 16, 1936.

(6) All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the undersigned committee.

(7) All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

The Oregon State Library in Salem has a reading list or bibliography upon the above named subject, which will be sent to any Oregon student on request. Books pertaining to the subject are obtainable in most Oregon public libraries.

B. B. Beekman, Leslie M. Scott, George H. Himes, Committee.

## Civil Service Has Places For Youth

## Examinations Be Held Soon For High Salary Positions

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Junior geneticist (horticulture), junior nematologist, and junior pathologist (tobacco), \$2,000 a year, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture.

Home extension agent, \$2,600 a year, junior home extension agent, \$2,000 a year, Indian Field Service Department of the Interior.

Social economist, various grades, \$2,600 to \$4,600 a year, Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

Occupational therapy aide, \$1,800 a year, occupational therapy pupil aide, \$1,440 a year. Applicants for occupational therapy aide must have had at least 48 months and for occupational therapy pupil aide 24 months, of practical experience in one of these trades or industries: Cement work, broom making, upholstery, woodwork, sheet metal work, or shoe repair, or in horticulture and floriculture.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Florida National Guardsmen firing volley over the coffins of war veterans killed in the recent hurricane before the bodies were cremated. 2—Two companies of South Carolina militiamen guarding the plant of the Pelzer Manufacturing company in Pelzer after a strike riot in which a woman was killed and more than a score of persons were injured. 3—Democratic Representative Michael K. Reilly of Wisconsin and his bride, who was Miss Mary Isobel Hall of Washington and New York, a noted concert soprano.

## Blackfoot Killing Calves In County

## Dread Disease Thought To Have Been Brought Here By Flood Waters of John Day

Clarence LaFoon, living east of Grass Valley, is reported to have lost five calves recently from blackleg, and Wilbur Helyer, living in the Kent district, is reported to have lost 16 from the same disease.

Vaccination of calves in this section is now in progress, in an effort to nip the trouble in the start. County Agent Perry N. Johnston is of the opinion that the disease got hold in Sherman county from the flood waters of the John Day river last spring, as it is in that section that the disease is showing the most. Animals under six months or over two years will not take the disease. Mr. Johnston says the germs may be dormant in the soil for years and then break out. Also it may be carried by crows.

Bacterian is used as a preventive, and it can be secured at the county agents office. There is no cure for the disease.

## County Agent Gives Out Committee List

## Wide Range of Subjects to Be Discussed By Sherman Farmers

The office of County Agent Perry N. Johnston announces the following committees to serve during the winter months, and to formulate discussions and programs for the various meetings to be held at different points in the county.

Transportation, Rural Electrification: Harry Proufoot, Chairman; A. C. Kaseberg, (Vice-chairman); R. S. Macnab, A. J. Smith, O. G. Hilderbrand, L. E. Dehler, Floyd Root, Afton McIntyre, L. E. Kaseberg, Spencer, H. A. Walker, A. C. Richelderfer, Wasco; C. A. Tom, Rufus; C. W. Johnson, Klondike.

Soil Conservation and Weed Control: Dewey Thompson, Chairman; O. G. Saysrs, (Vice Chairman); A. H. Barnum, E. E. Barnum, D. L. Belshe, Wilford Belshe, Carroll Saysrs, A. Douma, Theodore Johnston, J. B. Adams, Roy Powell, P. C. Axtell, W. S. Powell, Karl Eaton, H. C. Thompson, W. A. McDonald, H. R. Morrison, M. G. Melzer, Frank Burnett, Moro; Alva Eakin, Grass Valley.

Production, Handling and Marketing: T. M. Rolfe, Chairman, J. W. Shepard, (Vice Chairman); Lester Barnum, Dean Reynolds, L. K. Smith, Wallace May, Fred Cox, Herman Schilling, R. J. Baker, Millard Eakin, Chas. R. Baker, Arzell Lemley, Grass Valley; M. F. Sandoz, Moro.

Triple A, Legislation, Taxation, and Finance: J. L. Davis, Chairman; J. M. Wilson, J. H. Wilson, J. E. Norton, Kent; Frank von Borstel, Grass Valley.

D. E. Stephens and Merrill Oveson are asked to meet with all committees.

## 35 Cities Answer To Roll-Call At River Meeting

With approximately 100 persons from 35 cities and towns in the three Pacific Northwest states present, the third annual meeting of the Inland Empire Waterways association was held in Walla Walla.

The seven point program of the association which is as old as the organization itself was reaffirmed with the chief emphasis in the immediate future to be placed on securing the Umatilla Rapids navigation dam and the improvement of the Snake river.

The newly elected Board of Trustees include: Idaho, R. S. Erb and A. L. Alford, Lewiston, and Frank McGrane, Grangeville; Oregon, Judge C. L. Sweek, E. B. Aldrich and Roy Riter, Pendleton; Washington, B. M. Huntington, D. Frank Baker, and Harry A. Reynolds, Walla Walla. An executive committee will be elected from neighboring cities in this section to assist Herbert G. West, executive vice-president, when important decisions must be made.

Major financial support of the association is expected to come from appropriations made by the various county governments, 12 of those nearest Walla Walla having made provisions in their 1936 budgets for expenditures ranging from \$500 to \$1000 in amount for the association program.

A budget of \$15,210 for the coming year was set up.

Important resolutions endorsed included, one reaffirming the Association's pledge to oppose any repeal of the long and short haul clause; commending the work of the Northwest congressional delegations and thanking its members for their hearty cooperation and active support; another lauding the Northwest editors for their valuable assistance in furthering our program; and two others endorsing transportation services offered and contemplated on the Columbia and Snake rivers of the Shaver Forwarding company, Portland, and the Inland Navigation company. This latter company has recently filed an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a common carrier and for joint water-rail rates and through routes. The Waterways association endorsed this application and asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to take early action upon it.

"All river organizations and committees of the Inland Empire from Portland to Spokane and Lewiston are united and in harmony on one program, the develop-

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## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Oct. 31	26	16	.02
Nov. 1	24	16	.00
" 2	30	02	.00
" 3	36	06	.00
" 4	44	12	.00
" 5	52	22	.00
" 6	58	27	.00
Total for week			.02

## Thermostat in Court House Heating Plant Is Moved

Workmen were busy in the court house the first of the week changing the thermostat of the new heating plant from the sheriff's office to the office of county superintendent. It was found that the sheriff's office is naturally the warmest room in the building, and that the superintendent's office is the coldest. It has been found that the heat can be kept more even by having the thermostat in the coldest room. All the old heating stoves have been removed from the various rooms of the building, the one in the circuit court room being moved this week, and it was the last of the old heating system to go.

## Camp Moro SCS Thought To Be Permanent

## Captain Lowe Believes Soil Conservation Great Need—Over 200 in Camp Here

Soil conservation in Sherman county started in earnest this week with an army of over 200 boys in Camp Moro of the SCS, created this summer at the county fair grounds. A special train of 13 coaches bringing 190 boys from Massachusetts, was met by the army trucks Sunday evening at Biggs. Twelve of the boys are from the state of Washington, and 14 are technical men from Oregon.

Work on conserving the top soil was started Monday morning and every day several trucks leave the barracks for various points in this section. Six hours constitute a day's work under the SCS regulations, and the boys are brought in for lunch.

In spite of the fact that the barracks have been in use less than a week, a visit there just before the Journal goes to press, gives evidence that the camp is thoroughly established and "on its way" to carry on the work for which it was created. Your scribe was shown through the plant by Lt. Edward A. O'Malley, second in command, and he stated an invitation is open for the public to make similar inspection at any time, the only request being that visitors call at the office before starting on their rounds of the various buildings.

Already classes in education have started under the direction of Chas. Auberg. The Wednesday evening program is a fair sample of the work to be carried on in this department. Here is the program for that evening: Engineering, Glee Club, First Aid, Algebra, Geology. A mimeograph paper will be published, the first issue coming off Friday of this week.

The camp organization is as follows: Capt. David L. Lowe, of field artillery, first in charge; Lt. Edward A. O'Malley, of 363rd infantry, second in charge; Lt. Warren E. Gilbert, engineer; doctor is Lt. Samuel L. Bernstein of the

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## Fear Expressed Some Wheat Is Frozen

## Location, Time of Seeding Factors in Extent of Damage

Many farmers in this section fear loss has resulted to the wheat from the severe and unprecedented cold snap that visited this section for one week. The loss, if any, will be found in scattered places in the county, and is explained by one farmer as follows:

Wheat that was sown early enough so that the roots went down far enough will be found to be untouched by the cold. It is the wheat that was sown later and was just sprouting that is damaged. It will be found that the roots in this wheat did not get down below the frost. Wheat that was sown just a few days before the cold snap came is not damaged.

This same farmer explains that the light precipitation that came to this section during the month of October did not sink deep enough into the soil to reach the damp under strata. Sections of the county where the moisture was heaviest are not affected by the cold, if the grain was in the ground sufficient length of time for it to get deeply rooted.

Omer Saysrs and Roy Powell are giving demonstration of farm machinery today for the benefit of the SCS boys, most of whom are from the new England states and are not familiar with western farming.

## Husband of Moro Girl Killed By CCC Truck

## J. H. Holmes Injured Fatally In Attempting to Stop Theft Of Government Machine

J. E. Coleman this week received full particulars regarding the accident that claimed the life of his son-in-law, J. H. Holmes, near Martinez, Calif., week ago last Sunday. Mr. Holmes was superintendent of a CCC camp there. One newspaper account says:

"While his horrified wife and two children watched, J. H. Holmes, 37, CCC superintendent and a Berkeley resident, was crushed to death by four drunken CCC workers in a stolen truck, whom he was trying to halt. The four men accused, World War veterans, were held in Contra Costa county jail.

"Mr. Holmes had been with the National Park service for two years. Last week when the CCC project was reopened at Mt. Diablo state park he was named camp superintendent in charge of the work. With his wife and two children, Folger, 16 and Peggy, 10, he moved into a cabin at the base of the slope.

"Yesterday he received a phone call from Lieut. W. L. Winton, in charge of the camp. 'Four men have stolen a truck—they're headed down your way—stop them,' cried the lieutenant. 'Mr. Holmes ran from the cabin, and stood in the center of the road, waiting for the truck. It sped down the slope. Waiving his arms, Mr. Holmes cried to the men to halt the vehicle. When they ignored his commands, Mr. Holmes leaped on the running board of the speeding truck and attempted to halt the machine by switching off the ignition. Terror-stricken, his wife and two children saw the men knock Mr. Holmes off the truck. His body fell under it. His back was broken in five places. The truck sped on. Constable Truby Smith and several deputies cornered the occupants of the truck and took them into custody 10 miles from the scene of the accident."

Mr. Holmes was known to a number of Moro people, having made their acquaintance on two visits to this place. The funeral was Tuesday of last week and burial was in Berkeley. Mrs. Holmes and the children will continue to make their home in Berkeley until school closes, when they will go to Santa Rosa to live, she states in a letter to her father here. Mrs. Holmes lived in Moro two years, coming here with her parents from Nebraska.

## Wasco Pair Married Fifty-five Years

## Mr. and Mrs. Asa Eslinger Spend Day Surrounded By Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Eslinger celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Saturday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Patterson at Wasco.

A wedding dinner was served at noon, and those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eslinger and family of Forest Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Clem Eslinger and family of Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eslinger of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eslinger and son Marcus of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. James Blagg and family all of Grass Valley. Other relatives were Sam Stark and two sons Wallace and Ferdinand; Mrs. I. W. Davis and Mrs. Sam Davis, all of Grass Valley. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dell Eakin and daughter Emma Jean; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse; Fred Rhoder; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum and son Cleo, all of Moro; Mrs. Leonard Fields of Wasco; and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sharp of Grass Valley.

A beautiful wedding cake was cut and served in the afternoon. The cake was baked and decorated by Arnold Sharp. Mr. and Mrs. Eslinger were very happy to think they were both able to come back to Sherman county to meet so many relatives and old friends. They returned to their home in Forest Grove Sunday morning.

35,000,000 acres of top soil has been washed from the farms in the United States, or an area the size of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut.