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Oregon's new capitol will rise on the ashes of the old. Thus decreed the legislators in the closing minutes of the special session, shortly before midnight last Saturday.

The decision represents the complete surrender of the House members to the will of the Senate expressed in a bill drafted the day before when they tore the report of their conference committee to shreds and almost entirely rewrote the capitol reconstruction measure.

The bill as finally approved by the House and Senate is almost identical with one introduced by Senator Fisher of Roseburg earlier in the session. In addition to limiting the site to the old location, the measure also restricts expenditure on the new state house to \$2,500,000, including furnishings and fixtures. Supervision of the construction program will be left to a commission of nine members, three to be named by Governor Martin, three by President Corbett of the senate and three by speaker Latourette of the House.

The capitol reconstruction program as adopted by the legislature represents a "clean cut" defeat of the program recommended by Governor Martin which emphasized the need for a larger site and the expenditure of \$3,500,000.

Of the \$2,500,000 to be spent on the new state house 45 per cent, or \$1,125,000 will be provided by Uncle Sam as an outright grant, the remaining 55 per cent or \$1,375,000 to come out of the general fund of the state. Reduction of the amount to be spent on the new state house to \$2,500,000 represents a loss of \$450,000 in federal funds but at the same time it represents a saving of \$550,000 in state funds.

The old age pension bill was introduced in the senate which made it impossible to add a tax to the bill. A sales tax was voted by the house for financing the pension and it was sent to the senate. Senator Dorothy Lee tried to reinstate the general fund appropriation in the bill at the last minute when she moved that the senate do not concur in the House amendments. Her motion carried and a conference committee was appointed but when they went over to the House they found that body had adjourned sine die and quit so there was nothing to do but swallow the dose and make the best of it. Sponsors of the sales tax expressed themselves as confident that it would be approved at the special election on January 31 especially since it is baited to attract the vote of the aged who are eligible to pensions.

Truck operators—large and small—want to see the truck and bus law rigidly enforced, according to Frank C. McCulloch, state utilities commissioner. An additional appropriation of \$98,000 granted the transportation division by the special session of the state legislature will be used in more rigid enforcement of the auditing and and tariff features of the act.

An attempt to change the state's insurance policy failed at the eleventh hour. The senate approves a measure vesting discretionary powers in the board of control as to whether state property should be insured in private companies or not. The bill, however, was still in the House steering committee when that body adjourned.

A small admission charge to witness the legislators in action would not be a bad idea as a new source of revenue. Hundreds of visitors thronged the spacious galleries in the armory every day during the special session.

Indications are that revenues from the gasoline tax will hit a new high this year. Collections from this source for the nine month period to September 30 totalled \$6,856,631.49 according to figures compiled by Secretary of States Snell. Incidentally motorists in Oregon—including visiting tourists—have paid in a total of nearly \$70,000,000 into the state's highway fund through this source in the past 16 years.

An improvement in tax payments throughout Oregon is noted by the state tax commission. While the delinquency is not being reduced it is not showing any increase either, reports to the commission show. It is estimated that by the end of the year tax delinquencies throughout the state will approximate \$46,000,000, where it stood at the end of the 1934. Legislation just enacted by the special session waiving penalty and interest.

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Dr. James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts, has banished dishwashing for the 30,000 boys who will attend the first National Boy Scout Jamboree in Washington August 21-30. They will use paper plates and conserve valuable time for sightseeing and other fun. All scouts planning to attend should apply to their local scout headquarters.

Wheat League To Convene Soon

Committees Appointed From Wheat Section

Pendleton—Preliminary organization matters have been completed for the annual convention here of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League scheduled to be held December 6 and 7. James K. Hill, past president and chairman of local arrangements, announces that the coming meeting will undoubtedly be the largest in the history of the league.

Four major committees have already been organized and officers of these will work with corresponding county representatives appointed by each county member of the state executive committee. Each county group will draw up its own report and then have a representative at the convention opens, at which time the four state committee reports will be drawn up in preliminary form.

These committee reports will deal with weed control and soil conservation; agricultural adjustment, finance, taxation and legislation; transportation and rural electrification; and production, handling and marketing. By having the committee reports prepared in advance, they will be brought before the convention through the program when speakers deal with corresponding topics, thus insuring careful and detailed consideration of every recommendation, points out Mac Hoke, state president.

This complete study carried on in each county of the wheat belt, will correspond in many respects to the studies preceding the farm outlook conferences being held in many of the diversified farm counties, explains Chas. W. Smith, O. S. C. extension man and secretary of the league.

Following are the committees and their chief officers: Weed control and soil conservation—Major O. M. Babcock, Pendleton, chairman; W. E. Ruckman, Alicel, vice-chairman; Walter Holt, Pendleton, secretary.

Agricultural adjustment, finance, taxation and legislation—E. M. Hulden, Arlington, chairman; Angus McLeod, Dufur, vice-chairman; E. R. Jackman, O. S. C. secretary.

Transportation and rural electrification—Burt Johnson, Ione, chairman; Alec Johnson, Fossil, vice-chairman; Joe Belanger, Heppner, secretary.

Production, handling and marketing—C. B. Andrews, Kent, chairman; E. H. Miller, Lexington, vice-chairman; G. R. Hyslop, O. S. C. secretary.

Local Girl Honored

Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.—Miss Marjorie Byers of Moro has been appointed as an official for the annual play day for high school girls December 6, which is sponsored by the Women's Athletic association of Pacific university. Miss Winifred Fortner of Wasco is in charge of registration of more than a hundred girls expected from 11 high schools in the Willamette valley.

SCS Men Injured In Automobile Smashup

Olaf Anderson Has Bad Fracture. Karl Eaton Is Badly Bruised And Cut On The Head

Olaf Anderson, engineer of the Soil Conservation Service camp at Moro, suffered a broken leg and a broken nose and Karl Eaton, superintendent of the camp received a cut on the head and severe bruises early Thursday morning while driving to The Dalles in a car belonging to H. J. Overturf, one of the camp foremen.

Shortly after midnight Mr. Overturf, who comes from Bend, where he is a well known citizen and former Deschutes county legislator, became ill with acute appendicitis. Dr. Foley was called and he immediately loaded the ill man in his car and started for the hospital.

Eaton and Anderson followed with Overturf's car. When emerging from the tunnel Eaton, who was driving, saw an oil truck. He is said to have applied the brake and slid to the left of the road on the frost. The truck driver turned to the left and drove over the bank.

Car Wrecked

Both men were taken in to the hospital in an ambulance which was sent for them. Overturf underwent an operation for appendicitis. The car was sent to the garage for repairs. All are expected to recover.

Judge Wilson Will Preside

Judge Fred Wilson of Wasco and Hood River counties will preside at the November term of court for Sherman county beginning next Monday. The only hearing on the docket is one for naturalization proceedings which Judge Wilson will hear. Judge Carl Hendricks of this district will sit on the bench in Wasco county in cases in which Judge Wilson is disqualified.

Wheat Market Continues Dull

Canadian Wheat Flooding Eastern Mills In Bond

Continued dullness in world demand remains the dominant influence in the general wheat situation. World shipments this season are nearly 20,000,000 bushels short of the small movement of a year ago and amounted to only 118,000,000 bushels to the first of November. These reduced shipments have tended to offset the smaller world supplies which are now apparently only about 175,000,000 to 200,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago, compared with an indicated reduction of around 250,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels at the beginning of the season August first.

Wheat stocks in the United States are 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels below those of last year. Accounted for stocks at the first of October totaled 580,565,000 bushels, against 610,311,000 bushels a year ago. Larger mill grindings and increased use for feed and seed have probably increased the difference since the first of October. Wheat stocks in Canada remaining for export and carryover at the first of November totaled around 322,000,000 bushels compared with 309,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Canadian wheat in bond in the United States was at a record high for this date, and totaled 32,000,000 bushels against 17,600,000 bushels in 1934. Argentine wheat stocks available for export or carryover totaled 28,600,000 bushels compared with 41,000,000 bushels a year ago, while Australia still had a surplus of about 24,000,000 bushels compared with nearly 56,000,000 bushels last year.

Stocks afloat on ocean passage at the 1st of November were about 6,000,000 bushels smaller than a year, earlier and totaled approximately 28,000,000 bushels.

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Road Building Is WPA Project For County

A WPA project for Sherman county started Thursday morning of this week on the Fulton canyon road. Seventeen men will be employed for six months in widening the road, breaking off some of the points and filling in the grade. Chester Bargenbalt will be foreman of the job.

Only those men can be employed who are on the relief rolls and who were certified on the relief rolls prior to November first according to a ruling recently made by the managers of the federal act.

More Projects Expected

Within a few days another project is expected to begin near Grass Valley which will require six men for a period of two months. These men will maintain the county roads during the life of the project if it is finally approved.

The total cost of the Fulton canyon project will be \$5,657.30 and the federal government will furnish the labor and some of the materials. The county is giving the use of equipment and some material.

Presbyterians Meet At Manse

Members of the Presbyterian church session and their wives were guests at the manse, Monday night. Following a business meeting by the session, the remainder of the evening was spent in conversation, and discussion of Dr. Cleland and McAfee's book, "The Ruling Elder." Present were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Melzer, J. E. Coleman, and the host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Mitchellmore.

Moro Young Folks Married at Goldendale

Last Saturday afternoon Miss Josephine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson, and Lamer Sayrs, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Sayrs, both of Moro, drove over to Goldendale, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles and were married giving some thing of a surprise to friends. Methodist Minister Vincent of Goldendale performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Sayrs will continue her school at Cecil for the remainder of the year and Mr. Sayrs will go on with his work for the allotment group of the county.

CCC Men Becoming Acclimated Here

The 202 enrolled men and the 14 local experienced men at the new CCC camp at the fair grounds have gotten over their first dislike for Oregon weather and almost unanimously proclaim a liking for the country and the people and the work they are engaged in doing.

One hundred ninety of the men are from far off Boston and they say the cold is not going to bother them for it is colder in Massachusetts. Some of the boys kept a record of their trip across the continent in which they gave their impressions of the states seen enroute.

Four Crews Working

Four crews are working at erosion control jobs near Moro. One is putting in dams on the Douma place, one is straightening ditch on the Martin ranch, and two are working southwest of Moro on the Roy Powell place and the Mrs. W. S. Powell land. Foremen in charge of the work are V. S. Barry, William Mitchell and H. J. Overturf, who comes from Bend. Another will be added shortly it is expected.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 7	63	31	.00
" 8	52	39	.00
" 9	53	33	.03
" 10	47	19	.00
" 11	50	24	.22
" 12	46	36	.10
" 13	50	30	.00
Total for week			.35

Idaho Youth Killed In Early Morning Accident

An Attempt By The Driver To Fasten Curtain While Car Is In Motion Proves Fatal

Clyde Chandler, 23, of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, died early Tuesday morning while on the way to The Dalles in an ambulance after being injured on the Sherman highway three miles south of Moro.

Young Chandler, with his brother Arnold, was driving from Jackson, California, to his home in Idaho. In the rain and darkness about 2:30 in the morning he attempted to fasten one of the side curtains of the Chrysler runabout and drove off the road into Collis Moore's fence knocking off five posts before turning back toward the road. The turn was evidently made too quickly for the car turned over by the side of the road smashing Clyde fatally but leaving Arnold uninjured except for a minor scratch or two.

Dies In Ambulance

A passing truck driver was hailed who sent word from Grass Valley to Dr. Foley at Moro and the injured man was brought to town about two hours after the accident. He was placed in an ambulance but died before he reached the hospital.

The body was taken to Bonner's Ferry Tuesday by the remaining brother. His parents and three brothers and a sister survive the young man.

Utilities Hearing For Truckmen Held Here

A public utilities hearing for truckmen was held at the court house Tuesday with a goodly number of Sherman and Wasco county truckmen present during a part of the day.

A group from Antelope led by John Silverthorn and Vivian Bolton protested the refusal by the commission of their application to have daily service for their town. It is understood that another application will be made later.

The former petition of Darre, McQuillen for a permit to operate a truck in Sherman county was granted and several other hearings on other truckmen were held. Attorney John Hickson, son of E. R. Hickson, former deputy sheriff, appeared for the Sherman county truckmen and Milton Fugay appeared for the Union Pacific.

Members of the public utilities force present were Jack Brady, examiner; B. Erickson, auditor; Marshall E. Nauman, field supervisor.

Tax Turnover Figures Given By Sheriff

A tax turnover was made last Friday by Hugh Chrisman, sheriff, which added \$39,999.70 to the treasurer's balance.

Of this sum \$18,043.96 was from delinquent taxes and \$21,955.74 was from the current roll. The Moro school district was the largest recipient of the tax money from the county of any of the divisions having gotten \$2,416.81. The non-high school board received about \$2800, and the road district about \$2100.

Wasco city obtained \$924.44, Moro, \$851.29 and Grass Valley \$288.82 while road districts in their environs also received small additional sums. The Rufus school district was given \$1,624.77; Wasco \$1,306.91; Kent \$945.96 and Grass Valley \$643.10.

All departments of county government that exist because of taxes and tax collection were benefited by the turn over to some extent.

Grading of county roads has been going on for several days under the supervision of L. L. Peetz, head graderman. Alex McLeod is handling the other grader and Kendrick Dunlap is driving the tractor.

Legionnaires Meet In Moro Last Wednesday

Legionnaires from all over Sherman county met at the I. O. O. F. hall in Moro Wednesday night for another one of the get-together meetings usually scheduled once or twice during the winter months.

Captain Talks of CCC

Members of the ex-service men's group from the CCC camp, Captain Lowe, Lieutenant Gilbert, Educational Advisor Auberg and Mess Sergeant Bennett, were present to make the acquaintance of the local men. They expect to join here.

After the meeting was opened by Commander Martin the early discussion revolved around means of making the local posts more active. Then an explanation of the ideals and work of the CCC camps was given by members of that outfit to the interest and instruction of all present. Whole-some entertainment is one of the things desired by the officers and athletic equipment, encouragement for musical and theatrical acts and educational programs are among the means used to attain this end, said the officers.

Miss Cassie Holmes, hailed as one of the two women commanders of a legion post in the U. S. A. was seated beside the post commander during the meeting.

Several boys from the camp entertained with singing, dancing and musical numbers that showed so much talent they will be in demand on other occasions.

After the meeting a lunch was served to the fifty legionnaires who drove in for the get-together.

Contract Signing Progressing Rapidly

Work of signing the contracts between the government and the wheat farmers of this county is progressing rapidly this week with a large part of the county already covered. Farmers come to the court house where A. A. Dunlap and Dewey Thompson fill out the contracts ready for signing while Lamer Sayrs makes up the maps from data gathered by the surveyors and information given by the farmer. The new contracts are made according to the survey in an attempt to eliminate the overage and underage of other years.

The absolute deadline has not been set by the state board as yet, although there was an attempt to have the work done by November 16. Enough time will be given to allow every father who wishes to sign an opportunity to do so, according to Perry Johnston.

Wheat League Committees Meet

Committees Make Up A Plan For Discussion at Pendleton

A schedule of meetings for the wheat league committees and other interested citizens has been announced by the chairman. These committees are making up a plan for discussion at the league meeting in Pendleton next December and ideas about the subjects are requested.

The Production, Marketing and Handling committee, with T. M. Rolfe chairman and J. W. Shepard vice chairman will meet in the office of the Grass Valley Grain Growers Tuesday night, November 19.

SCS Group Friday

The Soil Conservation and Weeds committee under the chairmanship of Dewey Thompson and Omer Sayrs will meet at the court house Friday, November 22.

The committee that is searching for facts and opinions about transportation and rural electrification will meet Tuesday November 26 at the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers' office in Wasco. Harry Proudfoot is chairman and A. C. Kaseberg vice-chairman of this committee.

The committee on Legislation, Taxation, Finance and AAA will meet at the Kent Grange hall Tuesday, December 3 with J. L. Davis as chairman.

New Capitol To Rise On Ashes Of Old

Several Laws Passed Which May Have Great Effect On Future Of State

The special session of the legislature that finished its work just before midnight Saturday passed several laws that may have a great effect on the people of the state and their future program.

Of most interest was the location of the capitol building on the old site with an appropriation of \$2,500,000 allowed for the building, furnishing, heating plant and all other accessories. The drive for a larger site was not over until the senate refused to accept the house amendments. It was not until 11:25 p. m. that the house agreed, with many still opposed, voted to accept the old site with no additional ground except any that may be donated for state use.

More Land Wanted

The advocates of more ground were aided by the governor who felt that a growing state should provide for its future by building a group of fine buildings as an emblem of the state's greatness. They were able to carry the house on all but one occasion until the final hour.

There were many who really wanted to purchase some of the blocks north of the old grounds to provide for future needs but they were opposed to either Candalaria, Ben Vista Park or the Willamette campus. The plea that the hill sites were merely put in the bill for trading purposes was not convincing to these men.

Pension Fund Provided

Bills that passed without as much publicity as the major problem of the session had to do with the voting of a sales tax which will be referred to the people at the newly called January 31 election. The money which may be derived from this source will be used for old age assistance, aid for the blind, dependent children and the unemployed with old age pensions receiving much the larger part of the income under the bill.

It is estimated that 20,000 people above the age of 65 will ask for the pension and that between \$5,500,000 and \$6,000,000 will be available under the act if the people approve it.

An unemployment law was passed to make the state laws conform with the federal laws. The national law levies a tax of one percent for 1936, two percent for 1937 and 3 percent for 1938 on all industrial payrolls. This will have to be paid whether the state has a law or not. The state law will keep 90 percent of this sum, estimated at a million and a half, in Oregon. Without the law it would have been impossible for Oregon workmen to receive any benefits under the act.

Tax Collection Changed

Another change was made in the tax collection laws for Oregon. From next spring delinquent tax payers may pay delinquent taxes without penalty and interest only if their current taxes are paid in full. This is expected to have the effect of cleaning up the delinquent taxes although the process will undoubtedly be slow. The state of Washington has had a similar law for several years and delinquent taxes there are one eighth of the total while in Oregon delinquent taxes are one fifth of the total levied. Forty six million dollars worth of taxes are unpaid in Oregon.

Corrective Measures Passed

Many minor measures were passed by the two houses. Many of these were corrections in laws that were passed at some previous session or were made to permit some school districts, cities or counties to take advantage of federal grants and loans for building purposes. Few other measures of importance were considered. The branch banking bill was left in committee. There was a general sentiment against general legislation that was not of emergency nature although there is of course, considerable question about the immediate need of several of the bills. However, all that were considered were held to be very necessary by sponsors of them.

Vaccination of calves has been the order of the day on many farms this week since the black-leg scare started a few days ago. Losses will be few it is thought.