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Only two of the 75 bills passed by the special session of the state legislature failed to run the gauntlet of the governor's office to become part and parcel of the Oregon statutes. The two bills vetoed by the governor include the Burke bill repealing an act of the regular session making the payment of student body fees at state institutions compulsory, and a bill sponsored by the Multnomah county delegation placing all janitors employed in the Portland schools under civil service.

In vetoing the Burke bill the governor pointed out that there was no act to repeal the bill having been held up when it was referred to the voters. The other measure was vetoed at the request of the Portland school board.

Nine bills were filed with the secretary of state minus the signature of the governor. These included Senate bill 54 providing for the construction of a new capitol, the governor pointing out a number of objections to the bill from his point of view. The agricultural marketing act and the bakery code bill as well as the unemployment insurance act, all of which are of questionable constitutionality also failed to gain the governor's signature.

Attorneys representing restaurant and hotel operators appearing before Governor Martin to urge his veto of the new agricultural marketing act declared that the measure would be taken into court at the first opportunity if it was permitted to become a law.

It cost the House of representatives \$1141 in clerk hire for the mailing and distribution of its 91 bills. The senate with 85 bills spent only \$400 for the same service. The House was also much more liberal in the distribution of patronage than the senate in other respects providing chief clerks for 14 committees whereas the senate got by with only five chief clerks for its committees.

Representative C. P. Haight drew the largest mileage allowance for attendance upon the special session. Haight traveled 1005 miles from his home at Canyon City and returned for which he received \$150.75 at the rate of 15 cents per mile.

Apparent discrepancies in the state capitol bill are not serious and will not require court action to clarify the intent of the lawmakers in the opinion of Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general and legal adviser to Governor Martin during the special session. Conflicting sections in the bill pointed out by the governor in his letter transmitting the measure to the state department were described by Moody as the result of hasty legislation but in no wise fatal to the act.

A bill which have authorized the board of control to pool state owned automobiles and exercise some supervision over their use was killed in the House by one vote. Department heads who objected to the proposed pool are said to have been active lobbying against the measure which the board of control believes would have resulted in annual savings of thousands of dollars by preventing the present abuse in the use of state owned automobiles.

Contracts for improvements and new buildings at four state institutions are to be awarded by the board of control next week. The improvements will include a two story ward building at the state hospital for insane; a nurses home and a third state tuberculosis hospital at the state fire proof dormitory; a one story fire proof dormitory at the school for blind, and a nurses home at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles. The building program will involve the expenditure of more than \$390,000 of which approximately 45 percent will be supplied by the federal government through PWA grants.

Many are offered but only nine will be chosen. Referring, of course to the state capitol reconstruction commission. Governor Martin, President Corbett and Speaker Latourette, each of whom will name three members are being deluged with applications and recommendations for the position of commissioner.

Reports from over the state indicate that most of the lawmakers have spent a busy week allying

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Experiment in Grazing Will Be Started

County Agent Johnston and Grazing specialist Farr will decide Saturday on the location of a grazing experiment plot for Sherman county. Work of this nature is of an experimental nature as the type of grass most useful must be determined as well as the methods of handling the pasturage to get the greatest returns. Different methods of seeding will be tried, and different periods of pasturing the grass which will be sown. Small plots of the grasses will probably be sown.

EOWLeague Group Makes Resolutions

The meeting of the Production, Marketing and Wheat Handling committee of the wheat league subcommittee for Sherman county was held Tuesday afternoon at Grass Valley with T. M. Rolfe as chairman.

Recommendations were prepared for the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Pendleton December 6 and 7. They included a request that the export corporation be continued in force as long as the northwest raises a large surplus and the group also asked that the protein premium be graduated to a greater degree than at present.

It was recommended that the protein test be added to the state grades. More research work to determine the uses to which the marginal land of the northwest may be profitably put was among the requests of the committee.

Corn-Hog Plan For New Contract Arrives in Oregon

Two Year Contract With Increase Possible

A preliminary outline of what the new corn-hog adjustment contracts are likely to contain has been received from Washington by the O. S. C. extension service. Latest news tells the result of a conference of producers and state agricultural specialists held in Washington this month where provisions were discussed.

Recommendations from that conference include approval of a two year voluntary contract instead of another for a single year, and one which will permit increase in hog production next year nearly up to full amount of the producer's base.

That would mean a permitted 30 per cent increase, though such an amount is not expected by those familiar with the situation. They say that the drought enforced liquidation of breeding stock makes it impossible for any major hog production next year to attain this maximum next year.

Corn Acreage Stationary

Recommended corn adjustment is about the same as at present, the proposal being to allow benefits on an optional adjustment of from 10 to 30 per cent, with each signer compelled to plant at least 25 per cent of his base. The plan includes keeping the adjustment payments at 35 cents a bushel for the estimated yield on the acres retired.

The plan for entirely changed payments will be making hog payments the new recommendations are adopted. A flat adjustment payment of \$2.50 for each hog produced up to half of the signer's base is the proposal. While no benefit payments would be made on any thing above 50 per cent, the grower could produce and sell any amount up to his 100 per cent.

The group unanimously approved using the appraisal method of establishing corn-hog bases, so that equitable bases may be assigned to producers regardless of past participation in a contract. Community committees would be given more power under this plan to make assignments within the limits of the county quota.

The proposed plan is designed to hold corn production in bounds and increase hog production as rapidly as possible without letting it go to former ruinous extremes deemed detrimental to both producer and consumer.

County Court Views SCS Work and CCC Camp

Realignment of Draws and Ditches and Building of Several Kinds of Dams Work Now Being Done

Members of the county court, accompanied by O. E. Dyer, agronomist of the Soil Conservation Service, and Perry Johnston, county agent, visited the work projects of the SCS Monday and heard first hand of the plans of the service.

An hour was spent at the CCC camp for lunch and a tour of inspection in charge of Captain Lowe who told the officials something of the organization of the CCC from its practical side.

On the Roy Powell farm southwest of town the boys are straightening a shallow ditch through a wheat field in order to give the water a better channel and to straighten the edge of the field to aid in farming. The old channel is being filled by hand labor and by tractor, furnished by Mr. Powell. Vic Barr is foreman in charge of the project.

Draws Straightened

In the draw that runs near the Roy Powell house and down past the Erskine ranch some work is being done. In the upper sections of the draw dams have been built. These are of wood and dirt in most cases although there are some of woven wire, rock and straw. They are designed to slow up the runoff and prevent the water from getting away from the land. Grass will be seeded along the water courses here as on the first project mentioned.

Along the lower part of the draw the ditch is being straightened and the grass cut out of it to give the water a chance to get away without cutting up the farm land.

On the Douma and Martin places the boys are damming a larger ditch. In some places it is eight or ten feet deep and proportionately wider, and the pitch is steeper than west of town.

Dams Being Built

Here rocks are being hauled from the roadway for the dams. The bank is cut into several feet and dams two or three feet wide are being built. Each one will slope on the lower side to prevent under cutting and each one will be sloped on the upper side to protect the dam from the rushing water.

Four crews are working on the jobs, two on each side of town. Over a hundred men are building the dams and straightening the water channels. Another crew, under the direction of Mr. Mitchell are hauling gravel from the Columbia river for walks and roadways around the camp.

When the present projects are finished it is probable that the crews will begin work on the upper section of the Grass Valley canyon drainage area where small dams will be built to hold the water before it can start the long journey to the sea, via the small draws, Rosebush canyon, Grass Valley canyon, the John Day and Columbia rivers.

Will Rogers Memorial Fund Being Gathered

The Will Rogers Memorial campaign will close Thanksgiving. All over the United States contributions are being made for an appropriate memorial to this humorist and philosopher who added to the enjoyment of life for so many readers of the papers.

Those in Sherman county who wish to contribute to the memorial may leave their money at any drug store in the county where it will be collected and sent in to headquarters by Giles French who has been named chairman for Sherman county.

4-H Dinner Planned

A dinner will be given Friday night to the men who led the livestock and crops 4-H clubs in Sherman county last year. The First National Bank branch of The Dalles will be host for the dinner. R. L. Clark of Portland, L. J. Allen, state club leader, and Eugene Courtney will be present. The hotel Moro will be the scene of the dinner.

1935 Driest of All Years Since Records Kept

This is the worst ever. Since the first of January 1935 less than five inches of rainfall has fallen at the station.

To be exact 4.92 inches is the total. There is, of course, the remainder of this year to go before the calendar year will be complete but there is every indication that a record for low precipitation will be made. Previous low was in 1930 when but 6.89 inches fell during the calendar year.

From the first of September 1934 to the end of that year 5.81 inches fell to give the crop more than half the moisture it received during the growing season. This fall from September 1 to date but 1.33 inches have fallen.

The normal rainfall for the autumn months in September .82; October .89; November 1.75 and December .64 which makes a total of 5.10 inches.

Debt Adjusters Meet

A meeting of the debt adjustment committees of the eastern Oregon wheat counties was held in Arlington Thursday. Luther Davis, Fred Krusow and D. E. Stephens attended from the Sherman county group.

E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the farm loan association of Spokane, L. R. Breithaupt, of OSC and G. C. Rowan from the federal loan department at Washington D. C. were speakers on the program as were several of the county agents of the counties represented.

Vernon Flatt Leases Shell Oil Plant

Vernon Flatt has taken over the management of the Shell Oil company in the north end of Sherman county having leased the plant at Moro. He will sell and deliver gasoline and oils and other products of the company in the territory from Grass Valley to the Columbia river and including the town of Grass Valley.

In addition to selling at wholesale Mr. Flatt will handle the products of the company in his garage in Moro. Marius Douma has been engaged to drive the truck and make deliveries. While the regular Shell equipment is now being used another truck is being made ready and will be on the job within a few days.

HARMONY NEWS

Home Economics Committee of Harland view grange are present a program Saturday evening, November 23rd, at the grange hall. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Harland View gave a grange dance last Friday with a large attendance and a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Belshe celebrated their 21 wedding anniversary Monday evening, November 18th. Guests were Dean Reynolds and wife, Carl Adams and wife, Arthur Fetter and wife, Martin Melzer and wife and Howard Belshe and wife.

Mrs. Flora Wright was taken to the hospital in The Dalles Tuesday, to have her throat lanced for quinsy.

Mrs. Lonnie Belshe, accompanied by Mrs. Wilford Belshe, made a business trip to The Dalles on Thursday.

Those attending the Kent grange basket social from Harlandview were Carl Adams and wife, Arthur Fetter and wife, Wilford Belshe and wife, Guy Wilson and Homer Belshe.

Mrs. Jennie Belshe and daughter Lella in Corvallis, are quarantined for Scarlet fever, which Lella has. Russel and Arthur are batching and Betty is staying with a neighbor to avoid a long absence from school.

The Grange orchestra met at Wilford Belshe's home Sunday to practice. Mr. Simpson brought hand books that were ordered through him and helped the young people get started with their new books.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 14	47	27	.00
" 15	50	35	.11
" 16	50	32	.00
" 17	45	28	.00
" 18	39	27	.00
" 19	40	32	.00
" 20	37	25	.00
Total for week			.11

Program for Wheat League Includes Speakers

Pierce and Shumway to Speak and AAA Will Be Represented at Annual Conclave of Eastern Oregon Wheat Men

Pendleton—Prominent national and state leaders are scheduled to appear at the annual Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting held in this city December 6 and 7, according to program information issued by Mac Hoke, Pendleton, president of the league, and Charley Smith, OSC, secretary.

Coming from Washington, D. C. is C. C. Conser, who will represent the division of grains in the AAA. Mr. Conser, a former Montana farmer, was in the August wheat adjustment conference in Boise where he made a favorable impression upon the delegates attending from western states. Conser is a man who was taken to Washington because of his practical knowledge of grain farming, according to Smith, and he has proved invaluable in helping to keep the wheat program one of the most workable yet undertaken.

Pierce Invited

Walter Pierce, congressman from the eastern Oregon district, who has had the task of promoting agricultural legislation in the lower house of congress desired by Oregon farmers, has accepted an invitation to appear on the program and tell of the national farm situation as he has viewed it from the congressional angle.

A. R. Shumway, president of the North Pacific Cooperative Grain Growers and a member of the national Wheat Advisory board is to have a place on the program in connection with agricultural adjustment and grain marketing.

New Feature Added

A new program feature this year will be a discussion of relationship between livestock and grain farming, given by D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Union Branch Experiment station. Mr. Richards will report on the results of experiments of feeding wheat and wheat by-products to various kinds of livestock and will also tell about tests made in feeding pea vine silage, which has become an important by-product of the canned pea industry, now important in Umatilla and Walla Walla counties. A large number of growers from the neighboring counties in Washington have indicated an intention of attending this phase of the program.

Organization for the control of noxious weeds will have an important place on the program this year, as this is becoming a problem of increasing seriousness thru the inland empire. Greater coordination of the prepared program with the final recommendations of the league will be possible this year because of the new arrangement for having committee reports prepared in advance for consideration during the convention instead of as a final feature.

Panel Discussion Held at Kent School

A panel discussion of some educational subjects was held in the Kent school house Thursday evening. Prof. Darby called the meeting and arranged the program. County School Superintendent Knight acted as chairman, A. von Borstel represented the school board, Roy Barnett spoke for the parents, Neil McGlasson represented the grade teachers. Harold Hughes of Grass Valley the high school principals, and in the absence of J. L. Davis, Giles French spoke from the point of view of the general public.

The discussion had to do with the general question, "Are the schools teaching the proper things about social changes?" Debate, formal and otherwise, on this subject lasted for over an hour and while no conclusion was reached the contention that it was not the duty of schools to actually lead social changes appeared to have the most adherents.

An impromptu discussion of methods of hiring teachers ended the meeting as the chairman attempted to sum up the statements made during the evening. Those outside the panel were given an opportunity to express their views on the subjects before the house.

Installation of Ex-service Group Officers Coming

New officers of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will be installed in Moro next Monday night November 25, according to plans made Wednesday afternoon by the Moro unit of the latter organization, which issued an invitation for the ceremony.

Mrs. Lorraine Brown of The Dalles, president of the Auxiliary has been invited to install the officers of the units and the vice-commander of the fifth district has been asked to attend the meeting and install the men. A pot-luck supper will be served after the program.

New officers elected by the Moro unit are as follows: President, Mrs. W. W. Knighten; vice-president, Mrs. M. A. Bull; secretary, Mrs. Charles Adlard; Chaplain, Mrs. N. W. Thompson; Historian, Mrs. R. P. Brisbane; Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. J. C. Freeman.

WPA Job Started At Grass Valley

A WPA project was started near Grass Valley Tuesday when members of the county court started the men to work. Five men will work for two months on the county roads, both gravelled and dirt. John Rolfe will be foreman of the crew, and A. M. Zevely will act as timekeeper. Work done will depend to some extent on the weather and the conditions that will arise during the winter.

Three Flag Trip Now Possible

Motorists may now drive from Oregon to Mexico City without fear of unpleasant road conditions, it is announced by the Oregon State Motor association. The 769-mile stretch from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City is considered in good condition. All but 22 miles is either paved or gravelled.

Court Pays October Bills For Taxpayers

Final Payment Made on Binological Survey and Wiring

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AT THE NOV. TERM OF COUNTY COURT AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND:

Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., Sept. and Oct. telephone bills	\$38.90
Hon. Earl Snell, Sec. of State of Oregon, 1935 Final payment for Biological Survey	200.00
H. N. Crandall, Bal due for re-wiring courthouse	310.95
Mrs. S. L. Coats, county charge	15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck, County charge	20.00
Mrs. Margaret Clark, County charge	8.00
Mrs. Chas. Golliber, County charge	20.00
Mrs. R. G. Garrett, County charge	20.00
Mary Jane Young, Old age pension	10.00
Julius Rhuerg, Old age pension	15.00
Ella Vanlandingham, Old age pension	15.00
May Albertine Whiting, Old age pension	10.00
John H. Henderson, Old age pension	10.00
David Aaron Fields, Old age pension	15.00
Flora Belle Eakin, Old age pension	15.00
W. J. Brownlee, Old age pension	15.00
William S. Hall, Old age pension	15.00
David McKelvey, Old age pension	15.00
W. C. Rutledge, Old age pension	10.00
Chas. R. Fields, Old age pension	15.00
Ginn, Coleman & Co., Court house supplies	6.95
The Beck Specialty Co., Clerk's office supplies	3.25
Sherman County Journal Supt.'s office supplies	20.00
County, printing \$49.75	
Clerks office supplies 8.50	58.25
West C. Publishing Co.,	

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Budget Amended and Passed By Court Members

Salaries of Deputies Raised; Fair Appropriation Retained; River Association Aided; Emergency Fund Reduced

The hearing on the county budget was held last Saturday with ten or twelve taxpayers present to question some of the items listed by the committee when the budget was made up last month. Longest argument, as usual, was caused by the sheriff's travel expense account. This item has been set at \$600 per year for several years.

A state law allows a sheriff ten cents per mile travel expense which according to Sheriff Christman would give him a larger sum than the \$600 he now receives. After some debate which included discussion of deputy wages, assessments and other items it was decided that perhaps the expense should be left as it was printed.

Appropriation Opposed

J. B. Adams led a fight against the inclusion of \$500 for the aid of the Inland Empire Waterways association and was opposed by Harry D. Proudfoot, W. S. Powell, W. H. Ragdale and R. J. Baker. Mr. Adams contended that the inclusion of this item opened the way for other similar items of like nature but less worthy, although he stated that he favored the development of the river. The men favoring the item held that its inclusion in the tax levy was the only equitable way of raising money for a project that would benefit every citizen in the county in direct proportion to his taxes.

The hearing consumed a large part of the day and the decisions on the various items under discussion was postponed until Monday by the court members, who are responsible for the levy in the end.

Monday afternoon the budget was approved as published with the following exceptions, the salary of the deputy sheriff was raised to \$1500, an increase of \$5 per month; the salary of the deputy clerk was raised to \$1080, an increase of \$5 per month; the appropriation for elections was raised by \$450 to take care of the special election to be held next January; and the emergency fund appropriation was cut to \$4000 from \$5000 as in the published budget.

Final Budget Raised

These changes resulted in the decrease of the budget by \$430. The county will raise \$5,388.50 more than it did for last years activities or a total of \$98,639. The levies for schools and for cities are expected to be nearly the same as last year which will cause the total budget to be about \$220,000 for 1936 collection.

The fair items were left as published although there was some question as to the advisability of including them for another year. The county agent appropriation was left at \$1600, an increase of \$50 over 1935. The court house expense was raised because of some repair work that is contemplated.

A report on the expenditures under the emergency fund showed the costs of the court house light system and the basement which was dug last winter partially with PWA money. An item of \$2700 for the heating system was included in the 1936 budget.

Henry Kaseberg, Pioneer, Dies

Henry J. Kaseberg, brother of John, Ed and Albert Kaseberg and Mrs. G. H. Root, died at his home in Walla Walla November 18. He was born in Venice, Illinois, November 5, 1866, the eldest son of John C. and Henrietta Sommerkamp Kaseberg. He crossed the plains in a covered wagon with the family in 1882 and located on Gordon Ridge the following spring. He was married to Anna Gosh of The Dalles in the late nineties and moved to Walla Walla where he lived until his death.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Alfred and Howard, two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Root and Mrs. Copeland and three brothers, A. C. of Wasco and E. E. and John R. of Portland.