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The long predicted retirement of Jack E. Allen of Pendleton as state liquor administrator will materialize Friday afternoon. Allen's resignation was announced in Portland Saturday. A. K. McMahon, chairman of the liquor control board, later declared that Allen's retirement was purely voluntary.

Allen, who became liquor administrator last April is understood to have been ready to step out of the picture in October because of lack of harmony within the liquor control organization. He was persuaded to retain his post at that time and later when he was urged to resign refused to relinquish his position until such time as he could do so voluntarily.

George M. Aitken of Garden Home, state senator from Washington county, is not a candidate for a state job he declared on a visit to Salem this week. Aitken was at one time understood to be seeking the post of safety engineer with the Industrial Accident Commission. He indicated that he expected to become a candidate for another term in the senate where, because of his alphabetical classification, he has been the "bell wether" during recent sessions, leading off on all roll calls.

Senator Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county whose district was cut out from under him when the legislature took Washington and Yamhill counties out of the twenty-fourth district, is understood to be flirting with the notion of coming out as an independent candidate for Congress. Senator Byron G. Carney of Milwaukie and Senator Cortis D. Stringer of Lebanon are among the Democrats mentioned as prospective candidates for the congressional nomination. All three are advocates of the Townsend old age pension plan, as also is James W. Mott, incumbent and a candidate to succeed himself on the Republican ticket.

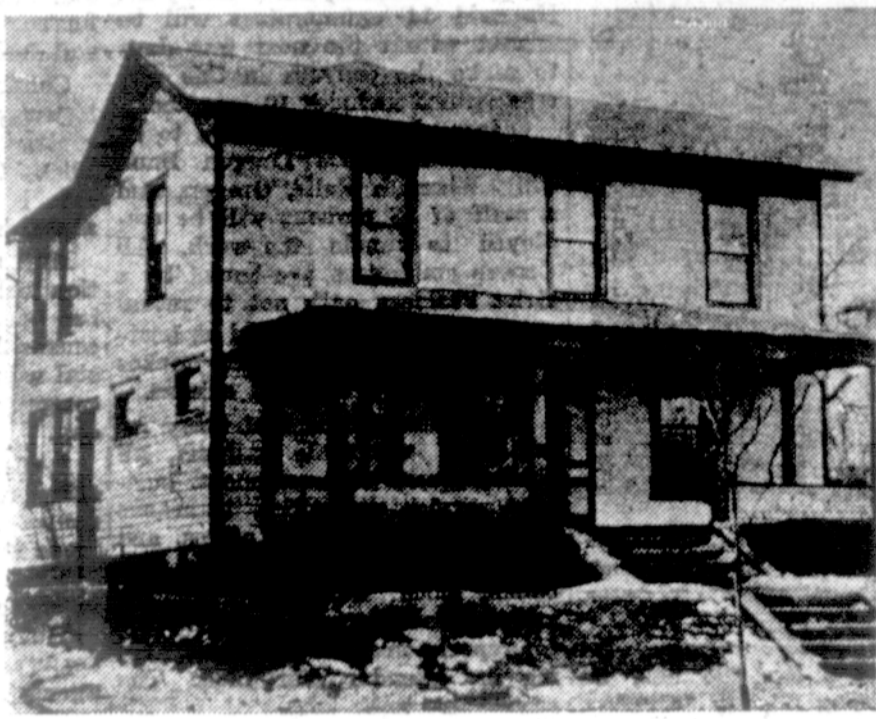
Otto Hartwig, former member of the Industrial Accident Commission is now employed by the new Unemployment Compensation commission as a public relations man contacting employers of labor and explaining to them the provisions of the new act. Hartwig, a republican and for many years a leader in the ranks of organized labor in this state, was replaced on the Accident commission by J. C. Joy of Portland about a month ago.

The first issue of the new monthly publication to be edited by inmates of the state prison will be off the press shortly after the first of February. The name of the new publication will be "Shadows" and its editor will be Hugh D'Autremont, youngest of the three brothers now serving life terms in the penitentiary here for the murder of four men in connection with the Siskiyou train robbery in 1923. The prison has been without a "house organ" since "Lend a Hand" was discontinued with the pardon of Jesse Webb, Portland trunk murderer several years ago.

The budgetary control authority vested in Governor Martin and his budget director by the legislature of 1933 was put into effect this week. Heads of all state institutions, departments, boards and commissions were supplied with "forms" on which to make monthly reports of all expenditures together with estimates of anticipated expenditures for the coming month. These "forms" nine in number, provide for detailed information on all expenditures and anticipated expenditures including salaries and wages paid to each employee, and purchases as well as anticipated purchases of all supplies even to such items as clothing, food stuffs, household equipment, seeds, soap, tobacco for state wards, brooms, bottles, bandages, toilet paper, light plugs, fertilizer, etc. State officials confronted with the new system for regulating and supervising state expenditures, declared that it would involve much additional labor and in some instances necessitate the employment of an additional clerk.

Except for those actively supporting or opposing the measures on the state ballot little interest is being manifested in Friday's special election according to reports reaching Salem from over the state. Based upon these reports and the heavy slump in registration (Continued on page two)

Modest Birthplace of Alf Landon



This is the Methodist church parsonage in Middlesex, Pa., where Alf Landon, governor of Nebraska and vice-presidential candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, was born. His maternal grandfather, Rev. William H. Mossman, was at that time the pastor of the church.

Sherman Coop Begins Sale Of Gas and Oil

The Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers are installing a gasoline and oil plant to serve members and customers in the north end of the county. This project has been under discussion for several months and will be an actuality within a few days.

The plant is being built at the east end of the company's property near the railroad track. Four tanks will be erected and a steam cleaning plant for diesel barrels constructed to care for all fuel and oil needs of farmers.

The cooperatives are members of the northwest cooperative group and will handle General gasoline. The supplies will be handled on a cash basis.

Soil Conservation Meetings Announced

The annual meeting of the soil conservation organizations which were organized last week will be held next week. The first to be held will be the Buckhollow watershed group at Kent which will be held Monday afternoon. The Grass Valley canyon erosion organization will meet at Moro next Tuesday and the Wasco erosion cooperators will meet Wednesday.

These meetings are important states Perry Johnston, secretary of the three organizations for it is necessary for at least 60 percent of the area of each watershed be signed up in the organizations before they can be recognized at Pullman, the headquarters of the erosion service for the northwest.

The directors of the three groups met Thursday to make plans for getting the necessary sign up of land owners in their districts. D. R. McDole, assistant to W. A. Rockie, head of the northwest erosion service, will be in the county next week to speak to the meetings scheduled for the first of the week.

Motorists Run Into Moving Trains

The Union Pacific has issued a circular showing accidents that occurred on its lines during the first nine days of January in which automobiles drove into the side of trains. Of the eight such accidents listed four occurred January 1 between the hours of 2 and 6:15 in the morning. The 29th, 2nd, 40th and 10th car in the train was hit by the automobiles. In all of the accidents cars reached the crossing much later than the trains.

Ichabods Baten By Wasco County Teachers

The embattled Ichabods who divided into two groups to put on a bit of civil war joined forces again the first of the week and declared war on the equally embattled pedagogues from Wasco county. The result indicated that the Wasco county teachers were a trifle more embattled for the score was 34 to 28 in their favor.

The civil war between the two groups of teachers resulted in a victory for the north end. All efforts of team coach Wily Knighton to make the game end in a tie were unsuccessful.

January Rains Exceed 24 Year Record

After enjoying a month of spring like weather in the middle of winter the county was suddenly brought to the realization that this was January after all when the wind changed to the east and snow fell to the depth of two or three inches last Friday night.

The mercury fell from around freezing as a daily minimum for the larger part of the month to 7 above zero Tuesday night and a little less Wednesday night. The slight covering of snow is thought to be enough to protect the wheat even should the thermometer fall several degrees lower than it has so far.

Rainfall for the month has been much better than any January since 1912 when 3.58 inches fell at the station. The average for the month is 1.59 and the weather man sent 3.46 inches this month up to Wednesday night with some possibility of getting a bit more.

School Closed Because Of Scarlet Fever

Schools in Moro and Grass Valley are closed because of the danger of scarlet fever. Grass Valley has held no school this week and the Moro school was closed Monday night for the remainder of the week.

Causes for all this vacation for the youngsters was Delbert Rice who returned from Ione last week and later came down with a mild case of the disease. He had been in Grass Valley during the week with the show causing that school to be closed.

Several local people have been vaccinated to prevent the disease. Mr. Rice is reported as getting along very well and no further cases have been reported. Incubation period for the fever is two to seven days and it is thought that the temporary quarantine will prevent further spread.

Waterways Group Asks 300 Foot Channel

Grain Growers Interested In River Work

A ship channel 300 feet wide and 27 feet deep at low water as an aid to navigation of the Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonneville, has been approved by Colonel Thomas M. Robins, United States division engineer, in a report to the chief engineer at Washington, it was announced at the division office here yesterday.

Such improvement, estimated to cost \$2,380,000, would open the Columbia river as far inland as The Dalles to the smaller ocean going vessels and pave the way for port developments at The Dalles, Hood River, White Salmon, Stevenson and other points.

The Inland Empire Waterways Association feels very elated over the favorable decision of Colonel Robins for it can only be viewed as another boon to Columbia and Snake River navigation.

By approving this channel improvement work the engineers are following their announced intention of improving the Columbia and Snake rivers by progressive development starting at tide-water and working inland.

Continued announcements of favorable projects and work on our river systems will depend entirely upon continued united action. This is best illustrated by a statement made recently by Archie M. Camp, President, LaCrosse Grain Growers, Inc.

"I know that all grain growers and others interested in the welfare of agriculture are very much interested in the development of the Columbia and Snake rivers, and everyone should feel the need of a united action at this time."

The Inland Empire Waterways Association is now preparing a Brief to be submitted before the Board of Engineers wherein we expect to produce preponderance of evidence immediately justifying the construction of the Umatilla Rapids Dam and the Snake River improvements.

George E. Brown who has resigned as clerk of the state land board effective April 1 is the oldest employee of the state in point of continuous service. Brown first entered the service of the state back in 1895, nearly 41 years ago.

Special Election Ballots Being Marked Today

Four Measures Go To People Whose Apathy Is Most Remarkable Feature of Mid-Winter Campaign

A special election that has caused a great deal of controversy since its announcement last fall, is being held today. Four measures are on the ballot; which is therefore much smaller and shorter than voters in this state are used to marking.

Many of the measures that have been causing public speeches and private arguments would be of little consequence if it was not for the alignment for and against them. Voters, generally, are apathetic.

Primary Date Up

The proposed change in the date of holding the primary election is the first measure on the abbreviated ballot. If carried by the people it would change the nominating election for the parties from the first Friday in May to the first Friday after the first Monday in September. A shorter campaign with fewer speeches, and less radio time is desired by those favoring the measure. Opponents fear that it will cause a check on independent candidacies.

The referendum bill to change the constitution so that instead of having the pay of legislators set by that document it would be set by law is the second measure. The pay for legislators was set when the constitution was made about the time of the civil war, and this bill will allow the legislature to change the rate of pay.

Sale Tax For Pensions

Another version of the sales tax controversy is the third measure to appear on the special ballot. This one is designed to raise money for an old age pension fund to match the federal funds and pay to those over 65 a pension of not to exceed \$30 per month. The usual charges against a sales tax have been made against this one and they apply with usual force. The question, "Do the people want a sales tax less or pensions more?" will be answered by the voters today.

Fourth measure to come before the electors is the student fee bill that has in many quarters monopolized the attention. If carried it will allow the board of higher education to collect a fee for student activities at the schools of higher learning in the state.

New Tax Collection Law Evokes Interest

If inquiries received by Earl Snell, secretary of state, for copies of Senate Bill 48, enacted by the special legislative session, can be considered as an indication, this measure relating to the payment of delinquent taxes on real and personal properties and providing for the remission of interest and penalties evoked as much attention as the more controversial bills that formed the major debates during the session.

Provisions for the waiver of accrued interest and penalties on delinquent taxes on real and personal property due during the year 1934 or for prior years is made in the measure and procedure for the payment of unpaid taxes on an installment plan is also authorized.

New Law Gives More Time

The effect of the newly enacted legislation is to provide that all taxes delinquent prior to the year 1935 may be paid over a period of four years without penalties or interest. Any amounts due for taxes payable in 1934 or prior years may be divided into four equal installments due each succeeding calendar year. The bill provides that current taxes must be paid with the past due installments in order for the property owner to obtain remission of the interest and penalties. Thus, in addition to the first installment to be paid in 1935, the taxpayer would be required to pay the amount levied in 1935 and payable in 1936.

Legion Posts Will Handle Bonus Funds

A little matter of \$64,000 will be distributed around Sherman county next summer if present plans of the Veteran's administration are carried out to completion. On June 15 the government will begin to pay the adjusted service certificates to the veterans.

The details of the job will be handled by the Legion posts it is assumed to date and post members will be given first attention by the adjutant and services who will take charge of the work of aiding ex-service men to get their claims straightened out.

Inquiry as to the probable use of the new funds by veterans in Sherman county has been particularly unfruitful. Being wheat growers in the main they refuse to figure on any income until they have it in their hand.

Oregon Has Large Amount of Grazing Land

Pasture Land Studied By College Researchers

Surprising as it may seem to any one who has never seen the figures, approximately 69 per cent of the farm lands in Oregon is used for pasture purposes, and the most important farm crop in Oregon is grass.

Research men in the farm management department at Oregon State college, who have recently issued a progress report on the survey of the costs and carrying capacities of farm pastures in Oregon, point out that only in the Willamette valley is less than half of the farm area used for pasture, and in some sections of the state more than 80 per cent of the farm acreage is in some grass or pasture crop.

Pasture Lands Studied

This study of farm pasture land, the first year of which has just been completed and is discussed in the progress report, is being conducted with four main purposes in view. These are to determine the carrying capacity of various types of tame and native pastures in the different agricultural regions of Oregon; to find the costs of establishing and maintaining these pastures; to point out the major factors which affect these costs, and to find methods by which costs may be reduced.

Stock Census Taken

Preliminary figures for the 1935 census show a total of 171,000 horses and mules, 929,000 cattle, 2,210,000 sheep on Oregon farms on January 1, 1935. The report points out. Much of the feed supply of this vast herd must come from farm pasture land in the state.

The great economy in cost of maintaining stock on pasture as compared with feeding hay and grain, both in direct cash outlay and in gross cost, is one of the principal points brought out by the survey in which information has been obtained so far on 15,964 acres of pasture on 319 different farms. About 50 per cent of the total cost of producing hay and grain is direct cash outlay, while the cash cost of pasture is only about 25 per cent, it is pointed out.

Report Available

The report is available in mimeographed form to all Oregon residents upon request. While much of the information contained in it is necessarily of a preliminary nature, it would undoubtedly be of value to those planning to establish permanent pastures, those conducting the survey believe.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Jan. 23	50	26	.00
" 24	45	26	.00
" 25	30	25	.04
" 26	30	26	.00
" 27	34	23	.16
" 28	28	19	.06
" 29	25	07	.00
Total for week			.26

Farm Conference Program Given Close Attention

New Ideas and New Methods

Get Hearing When State and

Local Leaders Discuss Problems of Farm Management

A farm conference program that covered farm problems from production methods, weed eradication to financing was heard Wednesday afternoon at the court house when farmers came to listen to speakers invited by county agent Johnston.

Mr. Johnston opened the program by outlining the problems of the farmers giving especial notice to those problems that are within the control of farmers themselves. Under this heading he listed weed control and gave the extent of the Morning Glory menace in this county; soil erosion which, he explained, was largely a matter of different tillage methods instead of outside aid; wheat varieties and smut control; marginal land use; stock feeding and development of a better livestock industry; rodent control and beautification of rural homes.

E. O. W. L. President Talks

E. Harvey Miller, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League told of the activities of that organization since its first beginnings in Moro several years ago. He recounted many of the successful fights made by the league for lower freight rates, better grading methods, the grain bag tax removal and other aids to wheat farmers.

He told of the work being done at present for legislation for the benefit of the grain grower to replace the AAA. He reiterated the statement that all farm organizations should work together for the development of better farm conditions and expressed the belief that all would do so.

Weed Problem Discussed

E. R. Jackman, well known field worker for the state college, spoke on the weed situation with particular allusion to morning glory. There are two methods of killing this weed, he said, the cultivation method and the use of poisonous sprays.

As morning glory is a root stock weed it stores food in its roots during the growing season and this food will keep it alive for two years even if it can make no growth. Therefore cultivation must be continued for at least two years to be effective.

Cultivation Method Good

Deep cultivation is more effective than shallow because by cutting the plant in two, deep in the ground causes it to expend more energy in getting to the surface, again, he explained.

One can sow rye or other early maturing crop on the land and cut it early in the summer when the weed has come to the surface. Then the ground may be plowed and kept cultivated and the weed eventually killed.

The spray method is more costly, but is quicker. Chlorate sprays are used. Either spraying or dusting is effective but in either case the ground must be covered thoroughly so that when the rains come in the fall they will drive the chemical down into the ground where it will kill the root system of the weed. There is little difference in the time of year the spray is used, he said. Three pounds of the chlorate must be used per square rod.

The spray material is highly inflammable and dangerous when dry and great care should be exercised in using it. Clothes may be burned and buildings destroyed if it is allowed to remain in contact with them.

Financing Explained

J. W. Hoech, of the Mid-Columbia Production Association in The Dalles, gave a clear and understandable explanation of that organization. He told of the methods by which the funds are raised for the associations and told how farmers may borrow these funds from the production credit corporations.

As the parent institution raises the money by selling bonds the loans have to be made on a good (Continued on page four)