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There will be many new faces in both the House and Senate chambers when the state legislature meets in regular session again next January.

Sixteen senators are to be elected next November and a number of veterans of former sessions will not be candidates for re-election. Among those who will be most seriously missed will be John D. Goss of Marshfield, a democrat and generally rated as one of the most brilliant members of the senate. Goss was accidentally killed when struck by an automobile on the streets of Salem during the closing days of the last special session. Henry L. Corbett, twice honored by election to the senate presidency, has let it be known that he is through with public life and will not be a candidate. James T. Chinnock of Grants Pass has also announced that he will not try for a comeback because of the press of his private business interests. James H. Hazlett, Hood River democrat, will forego his claim on the Hood River-Wasco senatorship for a try at the office of attorney general.

Reports have it that J. G. Barratt, Heppner republican, has had enough of legislating during the special session to satisfy his ambition politically and does not care to come back again. Barratt was appointed by the county courts of Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jack E. Allen. Pendleton democrat, to become state liquor administrator. Allen on a recent visit to Salem said that he would probably seek another term in the senate. Allan A. Bynon of Multnomah county is understood to have other plans, not yet ready to divulge, which will eliminate him as a candidate for the senatorship and Isaac E. Staples, the oldest member of the senate, is said to be anxious to retire in favor of some younger man. A change in the boundaries of the twenty-fourth district has eliminated Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county from the forth coming campaign, at least so far as the senate is concerned and the new member from that district will come from either Lincoln or Tillamook counties. Jack Caulfield, Tillamook democrat, one of the floor leaders in the House during the past session, is said to be ambitious for advancement to the upper chamber.

There appears to be considerable room for argument as to what can be expected to happen to the House membership. Last session, the Democrats controlled the House for the first time in more than 60 years with 38 members in the regular session and 34 in the special. Republicans, calling attention to their normal majority in the state registrations, insist that this cannot happen again—at least for another 60 years—in which event there will be a sizeable turn-over in the House personnel on this account to begin with. Democrats, on the other hand, have been digging in ever since their major victory of 1924 and are preparing to defend their gains with all the heavy artillery they can bring to bear on the enemy camp in the approaching battle of the ballots. A number of the House members, however, will not try for a comeback. Howard Latourette, Multnomah county democrat, will try for election as national committee man and E. W. Kirkpatrick, Clackamas county democrat, is already out as an avowed candidate for Congress. Among the republican members several are said to be anxious for advancement to the senate. Among these are W. A. Johnson of Grants Pass and Harvey Wells of Portland, the former having already declared his intentions.

The state supreme court handed the Home Rule amendment a knock out blow this week so far as traffic regulation is concerned. In an opinion by Justice Bailey the court held that when city traffic laws conflict with state laws the latter are paramount. The opinion represents a complete reversal of the court's position in the case of Kalich vs Knapp in 1914 in which a state law was held to be unconstitutional because it attempted to regulate the speed of automobiles in the city of Portland. In its opinion this week the court held that "the state has and retains, either by act of the legislature or by vote of the electorate, the right to enact general laws prescribing the speed of motor vehicles and

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Snow Run-off Carries Away Good Top Soil

The expected run-off of snow water from the fields began Wednesday afternoon when the creeks broke and great quantities of muddy water that would be most valuable next June went running down toward the Columbia with a gentle roar.

It was estimated that there was more than an inch of moisture on top of the ground when the thaw started several days ago. Freezing nights and snowy days held up the break until Wednesday when a chinook wind brought the inevitable end.

There was between ten inches and a foot of frost in the ground and below that there was frost spots that were several inches deeper although not solid. The weeks combat between the melting snow and the frost was decided as all in favor of the frost for little if any of the snow went into the ground where it would have been available for crops.

Reports from several places throughout the section of the county where CCC dams have been built are to the effect that the dams are holding and that practically none of them have been destroyed by the run-off of water. The success of these dams in catching water and silt will be a demonstration of the quantities of dirt that is washed away in the average spring flood.

Little if any damage is reported from the small flood except to the fields where undoubtedly large quantities of soil has been and is being washed away.

Thursday morning the pit and the ground floor of the Moro elevator was flooded with water that came down from the hill behind. Machinery and other stock was made a little dirty until drainage was effected.

Union Pacific Buys New Locomotives

Purchase of fifteen 4-6-4 simple articulated type locomotives for high speed freight service, especially for mountain grades, is announced today by W. M. Jeffers, executive vice president of the Union Pacific. The locomotives will be built by the American Locomotive Company of New York. They will cost a total of \$2,000,000. Delivery is to start in July.

The new engines, which are of Union Pacific design and which will be called "The Challenger" type, will have four cylinders, with two sets of three 69-inch drive wheels on each side. The combined weight of the locomotive and tender will be 432 1/2 tons, and have 110 feet long overall, and have a tractive power of 100,000 pounds. The tenders of the locomotives will have a capacity of 22 tons of coal and 19,000 gallons of water.

Man Receives Cash For Jackrabbits

A means of getting rid of the rabbit troubles in this county is offered herewith: Last week Lester Barnum sent 11 jack rabbits to a Portland produce firm and received fifteen cents each for them, less, of course, the commission and freight.

Now sheepherders and homesteaders have lived on jack rabbits as a meat diet for weeks at a time and they are just as good eating as ever. To poison the rabbits or chase them out of the country when they are useful for food is rather an uneconomic practice. Why not sell them?

Ichabods Play Final Game

The final game of the basketball season for the Sherman county Ichabods who were trying to earn a little money for dues in their organization was played Monday night at Grass Valley against a team from The Dalles city league playing.

Sherman County's teachers of the three Rs carried off the victory by a score of 33 to 16 after a game that was as rough and tough as old time basketball. The visitors ended the game with four men on the floor after having refused to use a school teacher as a substitute. Clayton Vinton acted as referee.

Chicago Polar Bears Take a Dip



Even though the mercury stood at 12 degrees below zero, Chicago's original Polar Bear club considered it just another day for their daily dip throughout the year. The club is made up of men and women, young and old, who swim in the lake every day during fall and winter.

Bank of Commerce Payment Leaves Plenty in Reserve

Further Payments Available With Present Funds When Case Is Settled

Thursday checks amounting to \$15,820.72 were mailed out to depositors of the Bank of Commerce of Wasco which is being liquidated. This is the sixth such payment and represents ten per cent of the approved claims.

The statement of the condition of the bank which was mailed out with each check shows that there is a balance of \$22,622.32 still remaining on hand after this sixth payment is made. This is being withheld until the law regarding stockholder's liability is cleared up by the supreme court.

Unclaimed Deposits in Bank

Determined losses to date are but \$999.03 and strange as it may seem there is still \$159.14 in unclaimed deposits. The approved claims of \$156,332.29 have been about half paid by the 50% dividends already distributed. All bills payable, all secured claims and all preferred claims are already paid and \$14,766.43 has been collected from the stock holders of the bank.

Since liquidation begun the bank has earned \$25,329.58 which represents the \$50,802.92 of interest collected minus the interest paid and the expenses.

Still remaining on the bank's books are \$129,741.01 in loans and discounts and other assets of about \$10,000 more which may be used to pay the claims which are yet unsatisfied. The funds on hand, when and if released, should reduce these to \$30,000 or even less.

Good Crops Help Liquidation

The section of the county served by this bank has had fairly good crops as an average since the bank closed and the liquidation has proceeded satisfactorily and there is now assured hope that complete payment will be made to depositors before the affairs of the bank are wound up and the last page is written in the record.

Funeral Held For Lucy Eslinger

The funeral of Mrs. Lucy Eslinger, wife of Robert Eslinger was held in the Lutheran church Saturday February 22 with the Rev. A. S. Bash officiating and under the direction of Zells. Interment was made in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Eslinger was born in Illinois in 1869 and was married December 4, 1894 at Carthage, Missouri to Robert Eslinger. They came to Oregon in the same year they were married and lived at Dufur until 1909 when they moved to Sherman county where they have made their home every since with brief interruptions.

Surviving her are her widower a son, J. B. Eslinger and a daughter Mrs. R. H. Johnson, both of Grass Valley. Pall bearers for the funeral were E. R. Blaylock, K. Smith, Ray Blake, Alva Eakin, Dell Olds and E. E. Gervais.

Rolfe Tells Advantages of Erosion Work

The second article by members of the erosion board of Sherman county is by T. M. Rolfe on whose place thirteen dams have been built, largely from surface rock picked up from the fields. All were reported to be holding the run-off to capacity.

By T. M. Rolfe

It being known that I have had considerable work done on my own place and the Schenck place by the erosion unit of the government using CCC labor, I have been asked by many what I think of the work.

I am becoming more favorably impressed with this work, the more I see and learn of it. We know that of all our agricultural problems, that of moisture stands above and over shadows all the rest.

Serious Loss By Run-off

In many years in the past, serious loss has resulted by the water running off and carrying lots of good soil with it. Much of that water could be saved if the gullies were well damed. By clearing the rocks from the farm land and damming up the gullies, a twofold benefit is derived.

I believe that by cooperating with this service and using the CCC men we shall realize a great deal of benefit from them. They can do the county much more good by working here than they could possibly do in the mountains cutting brush and making trails.

If we don't use these men they will be taken to the mountains.

About the tillage methods recommended by the erosion service. We all know that straw or stubble on top of the ground prevents evaporation as well as blowing and thus conserves moisture; while such material in the ground tends to dry it out. Then there can be no benefit derived from turning the ground bottom-side up when the wheat roots go clear through to a depth of six feet.

Lytle Says Sheep Disease Caused by Feed

Dr. W. H. Lytle, head of the division of animal husbandry of the state department of agriculture, was here Sunday and pronounced the disease that is killing sheep in this county to be Hemorrhagic Septicemia which is the diagnosis made by Federal Veterinarian B. H. Miller who has been treating stock in this county for the ailment, while testing cattle for Deficiency Vitamin A.

According to Dr. Lytle who has had many years of experience with the disease, it is caused by a deficiency in Vitamin A and it can be cured by proper feeding methods. Long continued feeding of dry feed can cause the disease, as the liver of a sheep can store up but four months supply of the necessary vitamin.

Green feed or commercial cod liver oil, which can be bought for disease and a bit of sunshine is an excellent preventative.

Possibility Of Bank In County Discussed Monday

Eugene Courtney of First National Branch in The Dalles Tells Business Men What Is Needed To Have a Bank Here

A meeting of the business men of Moro with Eugene Courtney and Paul Myers, representatives of The Dalles branch of the First National Bank Monday night at the office of McKean and Searcy cleared up several points regarding the possible establishment of a branch bank here and brought the realization of that end a step nearer.

The meeting was an outgrowth of a hearing in Portland given C. H. Endicott and W. A. Ruggles with J. M. McKey, vice president in charge of branches for the First National.

\$250,000 Daily Average Deposit

Former requirements in the size of deposits have been lowered, and an average daily deposit of \$250,000 is all that is expected of the community now. A year of unprofitable operation is sometimes expected after establishment of a branch according to the representatives at the meeting.

The First National has branches in Heppner, Condon and The Dalles in this vicinity and has 23 other branches throughout the state.

Another Meeting Soon

It is probable that another meeting will be held later in the week when further steps will be made toward accomplishing the goal desired by the community. Business men at the meeting all spoke in favor of aiding the branch in case it was established here.

Waso Woman Dies of Pneumonia

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hicks, who succumbed to pneumonia at The Dalles Friday morning, was buried in Wasco Monday afternoon from the Methodist church.

Mrs. Hicks, with her family, came in 1884, to Sherman county, which was then Wasco county, and lived on a farm a few miles north of Wasco, before moving into town, and here the greater part of her life has been spent.

On December 11th 1887 she was united in marriage with Arthur B. Jory and to them was born one son Arthur Bryant on August 11th, 1889. Arthur Bryant Jory lived to the age of 12 years.

On October 22, 1899, Mrs. Jory was united in marriage with Mr. A. M. Hicks at Wasco. For the past two years she has been an instructor in adult education classes in the county and last summer she completed a course in this type of instruction at Corvallis. She was active in church work, especially as teacher of the Mary Elizabeth Sunday school class of the M. E. church, this class named in her honor. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She will be greatly missed in this community by her many friends.

She was a native Oregonian, having been born near Corvallis May 16, 1872. Besides her widower, she is survived by two brothers, Russel W. Brock of Hood River and Jacob Brock of Cooks, Washington.

Woman's Club To Meet March 6th

The Woman's Club will hold its next meeting March 6th, at the home of Mrs. L. J. Cope. The program will be under the American Citizen Department, Mrs. Vernon Miller, chairman.

Mrs. A. H. Barnum will act as director for the day with Miss I. C. Bourhill and Mrs. Cope as hostesses.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Feb. 20	19	14	.06
" 21	23	17	.34
" 22	45	18	.02
" 23	40	27	.01
" 24	39	19	.00
" 25	41	19	.02
" 26	45	34	.00
Total for week			.45

New Fair Board Holds Second Meeting

The new Sherman county fair board held its second meeting Tuesday afternoon and inspected the grounds and the work now being done there by the CCC boys. A new road is being built into the track from the stock barns to allow stock to be led to the front of the grand stand with less loss of time.

Road To Be Built

A wide rock wall which will be the basis of the new road has already been built and dirt will be moved in to make the road as soon as it is possible. CCC boys under foreman Vic Barr are doing the rock work.

Gentry To Be Caretaker

J. L. Gentry was appointed as caretaker of the fair grounds for the next year by the board. He will take charge March 10.

The premium list was checked by the board members and some changes were made. Hereafter all stock entered in the purebred classes must have registration papers. The book will be smaller than last year because of less detail of classes being given.

The premium for grange exhibit will be set at \$20 for first, \$15 for second, \$12.50 for third and \$10 for fourth. This is substantially higher than last year when a noteworthy exhibit was made by the several granges.

David Reed Files For County Commissioner

The race for sheriff has another entry this week. Joe Truitt, Moro barber, announced his candidacy for the position and his platform appears in another column. This makes two candidates for the Republicans to choose from and one for the democrats. Others are expected to file or apply for petitions within a few days. The race for clerk is still confined to Miss Hansen, acting incumbent.

Mrs. Margaret Peetz, assessor for ten years, has again announced that she will be a candidate for the Republican nomination. No other candidates have been mentioned for this office so far.

Only avowed candidate for the county court to date is David Reid of Rufus who has announced for commissioner at the solicitation of friends. Mr. Reid is a farmer whose farm is east and south of Rufus.

One Month To File

Prospective candidates have another month in which to get their petitions out and their filings done with the county clerk. Officers to which some one must be elected are county judge, now filled by George Potter; county commissioner, now filled by Perry Axtell; Sheriff, assessor, coroner, and county school superintendent, who will be elected on a non-partisan ballot according to a new law. Willy Knighten has said that he will be a candidate for the superintendency which he now holds.

Grass Valley Rebekahs Have Card Party

The card party held last Saturday evening by the Rebekahs was well attended and well enjoyed; being helped out by a nice delegation from Moro and Kent.

A large orchestra from the CCC camp added much to the gaiety of the evening. The women were so pleased that they are planning another party in the near future.

Bids Asked For Crushed Rock

Bids have been asked for the crushing of 5500 yards of maintenance rock for the Sherman highway between Biggs and Moro according to daily papers reports of the highway commission meeting. The crusher is expected to be located between Wasco and Moro near the Sharpstein place now farmed by L. P. Haven about a mile and a half south of Wasco. Work will probably be done this summer and fall.

Howard Parkins New Conservation Agronomist Here

Change In Organization of Erosion Service Decentralizes Work; C. E. Hill Now Supervisor for Eastern Oregon District

A change in the organization of the soil conservation service of the northwest was announced this week. Decentralization will be the aim of the new plan. C. Edwin Hill, well known to Sherman countians through his service at the Moro experiment station, will be in charge of the district in which the Moro camp will be located. Other camps in the district are Wildhorse creek near Athena, Squaw Creek near Gibbon, Willow Creek near Heppner, Rock Creek near Condon and the Warm Spring camp near Simnasho.

Dyer Transferred to Idaho
O. E. Dyer, who has been chief agronomist at the Moro camp, has been transferred temporarily to Genesee, Idaho, from where he will be moved to the Pendleton headquarters of the district within a short time it is believed.

The new agronomist at Moro is Howard Parkins who has been at Condon since the beginning of the work. Mr. Hill issued the following statement regarding the new organization plans:

"The district office will continue to cooperate with the Extension Service and allied federal, state, and local organizations," Hill commented. "Likewise, the same program of 'proper land use', which includes the conservation of crop residues, correct tillage practices, crop rotations, gully control, reforestation and afforestation measures, rodent control, and such other work as will maintain and improve the soil and conserve moisture will be continued in the district."

"The decentralization plan was worked out in Washington, D. C.," Hill stated. "Location of the district office has not been specified, but will probably be announced soon. Temporary offices will be established meanwhile in Athena."

Regional officials states that the decentralization plan was a factor in the movement to strengthen the work of the projects by bringing the advisory staff closer to the work areas. The district office will coordinate the work of the projects afford a clearing house for correspondence and reports for the regional office, and permit machinery to be shifted quickly from one project in the district to another.

Range Improvement Program Is Asked For

Range improvement work in Eastern Oregon will go ahead and the state will be amply provided for if the program requested by the division of grazing, of the department of interior is approved by the administration, it was announced recently by J. W. Biggs, of Burns, chairman of the Eastern Oregon Land Use advisory committee of the state planning board. A letter containing this assurance was received from F. R. Carpenter, director of the grazing division.

A program for range improvements calling for the establishment of at least 12 CCC camps in various grazing districts in Eastern Oregon, was recently worked out by the committee headed by Mr. Biggs. It was pointed out that only one camp in an area containing 12,000,000 acres had been established so far.

"The division is making every effort to obtain a sufficient number of camps to insure all grazing districts adequate range improvements and if the program asked for is approved, the state of Oregon will be amply provided for," Mr. Carpenter wrote. "I appreciate your cooperation and will continue to rely on your support in furthering the program of the division."

22 Killed During January

The Grim Reaper got off to a good start this year with 22 victims killed in automobile accidents during January. That was five more than the record for January 1935. Eleven of the 22 victims were pedestrians. Nine of the fatal accidents occurred in Multnomah county and three others in Yamhill county.