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At least five veterans of the last legislative session who sought a return to the next session failed to make the first hurdle and went down to defeat in the primary election.

Probably the biggest surprise to political observers was the defeat of J. G. Barratt of Heppner in his race for the republican nomination for state senator from the nineteenth district. One of the youngest senators in the special session of last fall Barratt proved himself a forceful debater and of a pleasing personality that made him highly popular with his colleagues and promised to make him an outstanding leader in that body. Barratt was defeated by Rex Ellis of Pendleton who will be opposed in the November election by D. W. Hall of La Grande.

In the House Ellis W. Barnes was the only member of the Multnomah county contingent seeking nomination to suffer defeat. Romeo Gouley of Marion county, a veteran of several sessions, was nosed out for fourth place in the republican race by Mrs. Hannah Martin by a margin of 49 votes. T. W. Mungan of Lebanon was defeated in his race for the democratic nomination in the thirteenth district by Fred Lawson of Albany and in the twentieth district M. M. Hill, democrat, gave way to Mrs. Wm. Munroe also of Hood River.

Oregon's new capitol is to be of modern Grecian design. Experts predict that the structure when completed will be a thing of beauty that will attract the attention of the nation but the residents of the state accustomed to the old state house will miss the majestic dome and the stately columns which they are wont to associate with governmental authority. The new building of three stories and basement will be approximately 400 feet long and the main structure will be approximately 64 feet high or ten feet short of the old state house while the top of the sculptured figure surmounting the cylindrical tower will lack at least 20 feet of obtaining the height of the dome on the old building. Office space in the new building will be confined almost entirely to the first floor except for the executive department which will occupy the entire south wing of the second floor. Work space is provided for some of the departments in the basement.

Another old age pension measure is in the making. The proposed initiative measure is sponsored by the Old Age Pension Defense League, the Non-Partisan Progressive Union and the Oregon Workers' alliance. It provides for pensions of \$35 a month for single persons of 65 years or over and pensions of \$25 a month for each of two or more persons in one family. Funds for the pensions are to be raised by new taxes on industries, insurance premiums, power, mortgage foreclosures, transportation, telephone revenues and incomes. If the sponsors of the measure secure the requisite number of names to their petitions it will be on the ballot next November for action by the voters.

Unofficial advices at the capitol indicate that the sponsors of the peoples' utility districts in Marion and Linn counties will attempt to present the question of organization to the voters at the general election in November.

In an effort to stimulate increased consumption of Oregon prunes Governor Martin has proclaimed the week of June 7 as "Oregon Prune Week." A purse of \$100 is to be distributed in prizes to winners of a prune recipe contest. The contest is open to any resident of Oregon. Recipes to be entered in the contest should be addressed to the contest department of the Northwest Dried Fruit association, 506 Title and Trust Building, Portland and must be mailed before midnight, June 13.

Collections by the new unemployment compensation commission contributions for the first four months of 1936 exceed \$325,000.

A total of \$3,600,000 has been budgeted for new construction work and permanent improvements during 1937 by the state highway department, it was announced this week. Of this amount \$2,045,000 will be supplied by the federal

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Hog Checks Arrive; Wheat Checks Coming

The checks for those who complied with the requirements of the corn-hog allotment program arrived Tuesday morning and are being distributed to the owners. About \$2400 is the total of these checks as fewer farmers were in the agreement. This is the first county in the state to receive the hog checks according to information given out here by N. C. Donaldson of the college.

Word was received here Thursday morning from Congressman Pierce to the effect that the Sherman county wheat allotment payments had gone to audit May 27 which probably means that they will be received within a couple of weeks or so. This is the final 1935 payment.

Music Pupils Heard In Recital

Fifteen pupils of Miss Vivian Trounce were presented in recital Tuesday night at the Presbyterian church. In addition to this number of piano students Miss Agnes Simon of Grass Valley favored the recital with an accordion solo that was highly applauded. Beginning with small pupils who played the simpler pieces the concert progressed to larger children and more difficult music until the famous compositions of well known masters were played by accomplished young ladies and men. Miss Trounce played the final number, Beethoven's Sonata.

Those taking part were Dorothy Miller, Donald Thompson, Lois Platt, Bessie Gentry, Betty Coffman, Clara Mersinger, Betty Vinton, Gene Brinsine, Jocile Peters, Bonnie Peters, Carl Peetz, Gertrude Gillmor, Patricia Powell and the guest musician Agnes Simon.

C. A. Howard Gives Address To Wasco High

Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, gave the commencement address for the Wasco High School last Friday night when eight students finished their work in that institution.

Mr. Howard's address consisted of telling the personal histories of six young men who graduated from high school with him. While it was a unique method of approach for a commencement talk it brought to his listeners in a concrete manner the value of the qualities which make for success.

A brilliant youth who failed because of improper background and a negro boy who made a positive success in spite of his background; a youth who failed to make the best use of the equipment he might have had and a poor young man who won out by constant application; a boy who did not succeed because of lack of will power and another with less natural ability who forced himself ahead were all pictured in the light of memory to make a forceful address.

Many On Program

Others on the program were Miss Vivian Trounce, Rev. Gilbert Carey, Rev. Cookingham, Mrs. A. S. Johnson and William Nisbit who gave out the diplomas. Theodore Proudfoot received the scholarship award and Gene Spencer and Mitzi Johnson were given the plaque for activity and endeavor. Graduates were Theodore Proudfoot, Mitzi Johnson, Gene Spencer, Christine Moon, Margaret Moon, Wayne Bartrum, Sam Crater and Betty McCafferty.

License Examiner Coming

C. M. Bently, Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs, will be in Moro on Thursday, June 11, 1936, at the court house from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bently at this time.

Eight Become Teachers

Eight Sherman county young people are among the graduating class at the Monmouth Normal School. Eva Miller, Lavon Sayrs, Jean Powell, Virginia Helyer, Edwin Clark, John Thompson, Elton Clark and Helene Homewood.

Rain Falls To Raise Hopes For Big Harvest

North End Wet More Thoroughly Than Central and Southern Part; Large Crop Possible If Conditions Remain Favorable

Rain, prayed for, hoped and longed for, came to Sherman county wheat fields over the week end and although in too small a quantity to insure a crop of wheat at this time of year, it did material good.

On the station at Moro 52 hundredths of an inch fell over three or four days but three quarters of an inch fell at Wasco, making farmers there reasonably sure of a bountiful harvest. In the south end of the county less rain fell it is said by residents of that section.

Rain General

The stands of wheat are very good in the southern part of the county and more rain will be needed to make the wheat yield to maximum ability. A really good crop will follow another rainy week if followed by cool weather until the danger of shrivelling is over.

While it has not rained to amount to anything since the first of June the skies have been overcast and rain is continually threatened. Wheat growers are hoping for more rain and it is frequently stated that a fall of an inch more at this time would assure a good crop all over the country.

Clay Belshe Dies Suddenly At Home

Clay Belshe, former Sherman county farmer, died suddenly in The Dalles Wednesday evening, June 3 from a heart attack. He had not been ill and only the day before his son and daughter had been married in a double wedding ceremony at the family home in The Dalles.

The deceased came to Sherman county with his parents in 1882 and has lived here a large part of the time since then until he moved to The Dalles a few years ago. He leaves two brothers, O. L. and Wilford of Moro, two sisters, Miss Nellie of Hood River and Mrs. Lou Kenny of Idaho, his widow and six children, Mrs. Walter Melzer, Wilma and Katherine and three sons, Halbert, Robert and Lloyd.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Old Time Pictures At Court House Cleaned

The pictures that have decorated the court house walls for the past thirty years are being cleaned and refinished by W. A. Raymond who took the pictures, enlarged them and framed them for the Lewis & Clark fair back in the first of the century. They depict farms as they were then.

Sherman County Man Buys New Horse

A new heyday for "old dobbin" is at hand, judging from the number of horses being imported into the United States this year. Imports for the first quarter of 1936 totaled 6,886 as compared with 1,210 for the same period a year ago, and 647 for the first three months of 1934, according to Ellis McFarland, secretary treasurer of the Percheron Horse Association of America at Chicago.

Among the recent buyers is C. I. Laffoon of Kent, who has lately brought into this county the purebred Percheron stallion Red Jalap 197093, which he purchased from Charles Bernard of The Dalles, Oregon.

Red Jalap is a nine year old grey of distinguished breeding. He is sired by a son of the famous imported French stallion Jalap which helped to make Percheron history in Iowa, and on his dam's side he carries the bloodlines of such famous sires as Herald, Jasmine and the \$40,000 Carnot, one of the most colorful stallions of the breed.

Court Goes Road Viewing In North End

The county court was met by a delegation of farmers from the north end of the county Wednesday morning when they arrived. The improvement of some of the roads in that section was asked; the court members spent the major part of the day viewing the roads in answer to the delegation. The Fulton canyon road, the Biggs road and the proposed road from Girkling to Scott canyons were under discussion as well as other lesser routes.

Word from the highway commission was received stating that a bridge crew would be on the ground to start the bridge across Fulton canyon soon and that a bull-dozer was on its way to begin construction of the destroyed grade. It is expected that this road will be completed in time for wheat hauling.

Work of grading the new road through the Sargent place was started this week by the county crew. It will run from the Tom Alley place farmed by Cole & McKinney through Sargent's place to the road near the point where is the present private road.

Work Sheets Being Filled Out In County

"Farmers of the county who intend to qualify for payment under the new Agricultural Conservation Act by plowing down wheat should sign a work sheet right away" said Perry Johnston today. "All of such fields must be inspected so that the committee can certify that the work was actually done."

Accordingly the county has made up the following schedule which allows farmers who wish to turn under wheat to come to his office and make up and sign work sheets showing that intention:

Tuesday, June 9 — Locust Grove
Wednesday, June 10, — Wasco
Thursday, June 11, — Moro
Friday, June 12, — Grass Valley
Saturday, June 13, — Kent

More Time Given For Others

"Other days will be set later for those who wish to sign work sheets but who will qualify in other ways or who may not qualify at all for payment this year. Every farmer in the county should sign a work sheet this month, whether he intends to apply for a payment or not. For example, a hail storm might ruin a crop for harvest but not hurt it for green manure. Unless a work sheet is signed before the dead line, it cannot be signed for this year at all and we do not want anyone shut out merely through failure to sign. The signing of the work sheet carries no obligation in any way."

Sherman County Settlement Days Recalled

By C. W. Barzee
The following article is one of a number to be written by Mr. Barzee concerning his experiences in the settlement days of Sherman County.

Reminiscence of early farm settlement in Wasco, now, Sherman county.

By C. W. Barzee.
Having wintered with my people at Farmington in the Palouse country, then Washington Territory, I started with my folks for the Willamette valley on May 20, 1880.

My friend and former school mate, H. D. Jory, had already located a claim in the Spanish Hollow vicinity about twenty six miles east of The Dalles and, believing Eastern Oregon afforded a better opportunity for a young man to get a start, I decided to locate a homestead before returning to the valley. I was favorably impressed with the drier climate of the region as compared with the more moist condition west of the Cascades.

On June 3, we arrived at Spanish Hollow, made camp and I began a search for a favorable location after having reached the little

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Farmers See and Hear About Grasses On Trip

Dams of Conservation Service Viewed By Survey Party; Native and Adapted Grasses Shown and Habits Explained

The survey caravan which began at the experiment station Friday afternoon and spent the afternoon visiting the grass plots on the station and the scenes of the mechanical aids to soil erosion at nearby points was composed of a lengthy string of cars which were filled with about forty farmers who thus expressed their interest in the erosion work being done by the government men in the county.

D. E. Stephens of the experiment station showed samples of nine grasses and their seeds before starting the caravan. He briefly explained the qualities of the different grasses, their habits of growth and seeding qualities.

Value of Grasses Told

Little Blue Grass, which is the quick growing grass that is well scattered over the county is valuable for early feed. Slender wheat is a kin to Crested Wheat that is thought to be the best of the grasses, a native of Siberia, Crested Wheat is drought resistant and almost sure to live through the hardest winter. It is hard to get started without some pains and trouble, however.

Indian rice grows in the sands along the Columbia. Two types of big blue grass were shown, the ordinary kind with the beards and the smooth awned variety. Idaho fescue in the little, fine bunch grass that is most palatable for stock. Bulbous blue grass is advocated as a good pasture grass and June grass is a slender headed variety that is well known about the county.

Crested Wheat Hardy

Plantings of crested wheat that have been on the station for years were shown as well as plots of the grass that have been pastured for several seasons. New types of grasses and legumes were shown. Yellow and white sweet clover was making a healthy growth on the station grounds.

From the experiment station the group of erosion students drove to Grass Valley canyon where on the Johnston place an impounding dam was shown and the purpose of that type of structure explained by Harlow Parkins, head of the SC Service.

Terracing Shown

The range terracing on the same place was shown to the caravan members later. The ditches made in the fall were full of water when the run off came and the grass near them shows the effects of the added moisture.

A continuation of the trip took the group to the Peters & Ginn place where Crested Wheat had been planted in the road and to the Sayers and Powell places where large dams have been built to stop flood waters and sub irrigate the land below the dams. It is expected that alfalfa or perennial grasses of some sort can be grown over a larger area than formerly since dams have been built.

Sherman County Project Approved

Salem, Ore., June 4—Only one Sherman county project is included in the 1937 program of the state highway department as made public this week. That provides for the surfacing and oiling of ten miles of the Sherman highway from a point six miles south of Kent to five miles north of Shaniko at an estimated cost of \$75,000 of which \$45,750 is to be paid by the federal government.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 28	82	62	.00
" 29	82	48	.10
" 30	72	47	.00
" 31	62	40	.19
June 1	54	38	.21
" 2	60	39	.00
" 3	55	41	.02
Total for week			.52

Licenses Issued To Four Who Want To Marry

Marriage licenses were granted to two Sherman county men this week by deputy clerk Viola Hansen. First to appear were Robert Belshe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Belshe, and Miss Bertha Helyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helyer of Grass Valley. They were married in The Dalles June 2 at the home of the groom's parents.

Second couple to take out the legal papers that precede matrimony were Alva C. Eakin, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin, and Miss Marie Reckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman of Boring, but formerly of Grass Valley. They made application June 1.

Moro Women Act State Convention

Mrs. Art Barnum and Mrs. P. N. Johnston were delegates from the Moro Woman's Club to the Convention of the Oregon Federation of Woman's Clubs held at the Dalles last week. Various other members of the club attended some of the meetings and on Thursday evening, May 28th, during the District Hi Jinks six Moro women put on a skit for the Fourth District. The skit was entitled "Tillie, the Beautiful Typist." Those taking part were Mrs. Carroll Sayers, Mrs. Perry Johnston and Mrs. Mrs. Merle Miller, with Mrs. C. L. Poley as reader and Mrs. Charles Ruggles as accompanist. Mrs. L. H. Mitchelmore gave a musical prologue, introducing the play, which was a take-off on the movies of years ago.

Fair Board Makes Tentative Race Program

The county fair board held a meeting Sunday and decided many of the detailed matters pertaining to the coming fair in September. Minor repairs were ordered which include a concrete facing for the rock wall built by the CCC boys as a base for the road which leads to the race track from the barns and a concrete wall will be built for the loading chute near the cow barn.

A fence will be constructed to enclose the ground between the horse and cattle barns and managers will be constructed so that nurse cows and mares can be tied there to prevent crowding in the barns.

If enough interest is shown by the horse owners of Sherman county the fair board will close all races to outside horses. If such interest is not shown an agreement will be made to bring other horses here for the fair, according to the fair board. Those who have horses who care to enter them in the races should immediately get in touch with members of the board or with Perry Johnston, secretary.

Peter Quick Futurity Billed

A tentative race schedule for the fair was made up. It includes a Boys and Girls pony race for children under 14 years and horses under 14 hands for a quarter of a mile. Prize \$10-\$8-\$7-\$5.

Quarter mile saddle horse race \$15-\$9-\$6.

Half mile pony race, same purse. Peter Quick futurity, for colts of Peter Quick two years old. Purse of \$100 given by Guy Mathews of the Granada Theatre will be divided \$50-\$30-\$20.

Chariot Race, purse \$50.

Perhaps a novelty race will be on the bill.

For the second day the list will be the same with the exceptions that there will be no saddle horse race for half mile and the Peter Quick futurity consolation will be run. This will be open to horses that did not place the previous day. Purse will be \$20-\$15-\$10-\$5. A derby for horses three years old or over may be held.

One contest that is already drawing considerable interest and a few bets is the pulling contest. Complete arrangements have not been made but it will be held one day of the fair.

Backing horses will be on hand as usual to keep the crowd interested between the races and the boys who want to ride calves will be allowed to do so again only there will be a contest this year

County Payment For S. C. & D. A. Set At \$6.40

Summerfallow System Counties Will Receive Half the Payment Of Constantly Cropped Sections; Large Payments Possible

County rates to be paid per acre under the new soil conservation act have been set for Oregon and Sherman county's will be \$12.80. Gilliam county will have a rate of \$9.70 and Morrow county's will be the same. Umatilla county's rate will be \$17.50 and that of Wheeler county \$10.30.

On the land that is farmed by the summer fallow system these rates will be but half of the above rates which reduces the average payment per acre for Sherman county land put in soil conserving crops or farmed in an approved manner to \$6.40.

Farm Rates To Be Set

Individual rates for different farms will vary in the same degree as the average production of wheat varies so that farms that produce above the average will receive a greater payment per acre and farms that produce less will receive less. However, the county manner to \$6.40.

The method by which the county committee will figure the individual farm payments has not yet been made up but it is likely that the four year period used in the AAA program will be used. In that case each farm will receive about forty cents for each bushel produced. Thus a farm that raised an average of 15 bushels will draw \$6.00 per acre payment.

May Plow Up Wheat

For 1936 compliance farmers may plow under wheat this spring or may sow an approved grass this fall—before November 1. Both methods may be used. At least 7 1/2 percent of the land must be put in some soil building crop to receive the full payment and no payments are made for more than 15 percent of the land in other crops.

An example was given by E. R. Jackman, who is in charge of this district for the soil conservation program, when he was here Wednesday to meet with the county committeemen. If a man had 800 acres of wheat land which was half in wheat and half in summerfallow he could put 120 acres into grass and qualify for the Class I payment which at \$7.40 (if his farm had that rate) would make \$888 for the year. Then he might receive up to \$400 in Class 2 payments which includes approved summerfallow methods such as trashy fallow and payment for grass seeding. The maximum he might receive would be \$1288 for the first year. The second year he could get \$1088 and the same there after.

Weed Eradication Possible

There is a possibility that farmers having several acres in weeds may take the land out of production by plowing or may spray the weeds and receive the payment. Winter wheat sown in the spring qualifies the land for the major payment.

Work sheets are being filled out daily and the program will be under way shortly in this county. The county committee will hold meetings soon to decide on the individual rates for the forms of the county.

Green Manure Valuable

C. B. Andrews, chairman of the county board of directors which met Wednesday had a different slant on the problem. He said "Over and above the payment there are some other things to look at. First, if most farmers should sign and turn down wheat this year to qualify and plant grass for next year, the indirect result is raising prices for all farmers. Second, a man can turn down his weediest wheat and by doing it right away he can destroy millions of weeds and keep them from going to seed, thereby helping his own farm and all of his neighbors. Third, a green manure crop turned down is a distinct help to the farm."

E. R. Jackman of OSC, in the county this week commented, "In the long run if the program is

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