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## State Affairs

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With the deadline for filing less than three weeks away petition pushers interested in the success of proposed initiative measures are abroad in the land importing the voters for their signatures 16,371 of which are necessary for a place on the November ballot.

Ballot titles have been prepared for 22 different measures but it is not expected that more than eight or ten will make the grade. Unofficial reports received at the capitol indicate that many of the measures have already been abandoned by their sponsors. The list of proposed measures include three dealing with old age pensions, four fishing measures; six dealing with the subject of taxation and licenses; and two dealing with the liquor regulation.

Only one petition has been completed to date. That covers a measure forbidding by constitutional amendment the prohibition or regulation of any advertisement of any business, vocation, or profession so long as the advertisements state the truth.

Three of the proposed measures are being sponsored by the State Grange. One of these would put the state in the power business another would create a state owned and operated bank, and the third would authorize the board of control to administer proposed laws covering the acquisition and transmission of power until the power board could be elected.

Other proposed measures for which ballot titles have been prepared include the following:

Homestead tax exemption and additional income tax amendment sponsored by the Home Owners Tax Exemption League of Portland.

Old Age and Disability Pension bill sponsored by Bjorn Johannson; Authorizing limited commercial fishing in the Rogue River; Regulating the sale of motor fuel oils;

Providing for annual state-wide elections with no primaries;

Regulating gill net fishing in Columbia river and its tributaries;

Forbidding use of seines and fixed gear in Columbia river;

Levying graduated annual tax on chain stores;

Giving municipalities exclusive control over retail liquor sales;

Diverting 75 percent of liquor revenues to school purposes;

Providing flat tax of \$10 on real property up to \$2500 value;

Creating elective commission to administer old age pensions;

Forbidding tax on any article of food for human consumption;

Abolishing compulsory military training at state schools;

Creating non-political game commission and forestry board;

Authorizing Portland school district to increase 1937 tax levy;

Limiting and reducing permissible taxes on tangible property;

Increasing old age pensions and providing for new excise taxes.

Test boring to determine the character of the foundation upon which the new capitol will rest were being taken this week under the direction of the architects who will design the new building and supervise its construction. The capitol commission has announced its intention of getting the excavation work started as soon as possible, not waiting for the completion of detailed plans for the building itself. This will provide work for a number of men during the fall months. Construction work is expected to start some time in November with time for completion of the job estimated at one year and nine months.

Rumors persist of a plan to attack the validity of the new unemployment compensation act but so far no one has gone further in opposing the act than to voice vigorous protest against the compulsory contributions to the new fund.

Inmates of state institutions are doing their bit this week toward reducing the surplus of Oregon prunes. A carload of the dried fruit was ordered by the board of control and the Oregon product is being featured on the menus of all institutions throughout the week. Governor Martin who proclaimed this as "prune week" has been setting an example for other Oregon residents to follow by substituting prunes for other delicacies.

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## Grade School Tuition Set At \$50 Per Year

Representatives of the several school districts and the Non-High School board met Monday at the office of the county school superintendent to decide the rate of tuition for grade school pupils who attend the town schools from the rural districts successfully objected to a raise in tuition rates.

It was voted at the meeting to make the tuition rate \$50 per pupil per year. Information prepared for the directors showed that the rural districts have a special tax rate of nothing to 2.5 mills while the city districts have a special tax rate of over seven mills without the debt service.

## Alberts Prize Won By William McKinney

William McKinney, son of Mrs. Minnie McKinney of Wasco, has been awarded the Alberts prize at Willamette University. This is the prize that is given annually to a student at Willamette who excels in scholarship as well as being an outstanding member of the student body in other ways. Athletics and dramatics are included in activities. Last year Mr. McKinney was among the three selected by the faculty and this year he was chosen by the students to receive the award. He is a graduate of Moro High School.

## Extension Courses To Be Presented

An extension program for the special benefit of rural youth past the 4-H club and Smith-Hughes ages will be tried this fall in Tillamook, Union and two other Oregon counties still to be selected. According to announcement by F. L. Ballard, vice director of extension, upon his return from Washington, D. C. recently. Mr. Ballard is a member of a special committee of the Land Grant College association which is working out a national program of extension work in this field.

It is apparent, said Mr. Ballard, that extension projects with this group will be developed from a combination of certain features of all existing projects aimed toward the needs and capacities of the age group roughly considered as from 18 to 25. Rather than create any new administrative units for specialized personnel, extension specialists in the established subject matter fields will probably be encouraged to adapt part of their presentations for this special group. Recreation and social features are expected to hold an important part in the new program.

## Oregon Grangers Meeting In Lebanon

Following upon the throngs that were here in the Strawberry City, Grangers have taken the metropolis of eastern Linn County.

Already over 1200 members of the Patrons of Husbandry, familiarly known as the Grange, are domiciled in the homes of the citizens, all of whom have thrown their doors to aid in caring for the visitors. Although Lebanon boasts of but one hotel, accommodations are ample.

Monday evening the open air meeting that has become one of the events of every state convention, took place on the high school grounds. Community singing was led by Mr. Maaske of Salem. Gertrude Skow Sanford of the Extension Service, O. S. C., had charge of the recreational program. Later the audience met at the American Legion hall for a social gathering.

## Dr. Hunter Speaks

Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, Chancellor of Higher Education, will make the main address at the program to be presented this evening by the lecturer of the State Grange Mrs. Alice Goff of Roseburg.

Masters of three state granges are visiting here at Lebanon and will take a prominent part in the discussions. These men are W. W. Deal of Idaho, Ervin E. King of Washington and George Sehmeyer of California. The latter will install the newly elected officers of the Oregon State Grange Friday afternoon.

## Grass Valley Finally Loses Baseball Game

Maupin Wins In Eleventh Inning When Right Fielder Muller Gets Long Hit; Moro And Grass Valley Play Sunday

The Grass Valley ball team suffered its first defeat of the season last Sunday when it met the Maupin team in the North Central League at Maupin. The game went into extra innings and was not decided until the 11th when Muller, right fielder for Maupin, hit a two bagger with L. Miller on second base who scored the winning run. With the exception of the first inning, Miller, Grass Valley pitcher, was in good form, but in that frame he allowed four of the seven runs that defeated him. Grass Valley fell on the offerings of Woodcock, Maupin hurler in the first two innings for four runs to tie the score.

At the end of the ninth the teams were tied six all. Eleven hits and six runs were made by the Grass Valley team and ten hits and seven runs were tallied on the Maupin side. Grass Valley accounted for three double plays during the game.

Next Sunday Grass Valley and the Moro CCC boys will tangle on the Moro diamond for their first clash since the league was organized.

Line-ups for the game were:

Grass Valley	Maupin
Dunlap, 3	Hammer, 2
Moore, s	V. Miller, 3
Roth, 1	Bofto, 1
Fritts, 2	Frale, 1
Rolfe, 2	L. Miller, m
Vintin, m	Muller, r
Peters, r	Renick, c
Rice, i	Morris, s
Miller, p	Woodcock, p
Stark, r	

## Party Given For Retiring Principal

R. S. Macnab and Mrs. Alec Macnab gave a farewell party Saturday, June 6th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz. The party, which was held at the R. S. Macnab home, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The evening was spent in music, dancing and visiting.

Mrs. R. P. Foister, in behalf of the ladies present presented Mrs. Tetz with a beautiful bedspread, after which a delicious luncheon was served.

Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Foister, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Macnab, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Medler, Miss Elda Medler, Mr. Leland Medler, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Macnab, Mrs. A. M. Macnab, and a large group of young people, which made a total of forty people present.

Mr. Tetz has been Principal of the Rufus schools for the past three years.

## Young People Going To Hillockburn

Moro will be represented at the Presbyterian Young People's conference held at the Hillockburn camp ground on Mount Hood from June 18 to 25, according to Rev. Lawrence H. Hitchelmore. This is the first time in several years that the local young people's group has sent delegates.

Lois Melzer and Patricia McLeod have been selected for scholarships.

Mr. Mitchelmore has received official invitations to serve as a member of the faculty at Hillockburn. Others to be leaders are Rev. Henry McFadden, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Portland; Dr. M. M. Stocker, First Presbyterian church of Albany; Rev. Sheldon O. Price, Millard Ave. Presbyterian church, Portland; Walter F. Shaw, Portland unit of Albany college; Mrs. Helen C. Young, Persia; Miss Elanore Ewing, San Francisco; Mrs. Harold Colgan, Salem; Mrs. Dick Morgan, Parkdale; Mrs. J. D. Bryant, Westminster house, Eugene.

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## Club Children Sixteen Strong At Corvallis

Sixteen boys and girls left Sunday evening for summer school and two weeks fun at Corvallis. Along with similar students from other counties they boarded the train at The Dalles and spent the night traveling to awaken early Monday in their new environment.

Those from Sherman county who are making the trip are Bonnie Peters, Frank von Borstel, Lois Kenny, Norma Melzer, Jane French, Beatha Sayrs, Kathryn Richelderfer, Rachael Poley, Vivian Fuller, Donald von Borstel, Bobby King, Wanda Tiller, Kelly Tiller, Audrey Searcy, Carl Reetz and Katherine Tom.

As usual they will broadcast their impressions of the school over KOAC during the school. Time allotted to Sherman county pupils is Friday June 19, between 7 and 7:45 p. m. Three other counties will be on during the same period.

## Political Organizations Will Elect Officers

The organization meeting of the central committee of the two major political parties will be held this week end in Moro. The Democrats will meet Friday night and the Republicans will gather for their first meeting Saturday afternoon, according to notices sent out last week by the respective secretaries of the central committees.

Election of chairmen, secretaries, state committeemen and congressional committeemen will be in order when the party men convene.

## Wasco Auxiliary Preparing Play

Local Talent Rehearsing "The Road To Glory"

Rehearsals are progressing splendidly for "The Road to Glory" the musical comedy which The Wasco American Legion Auxiliary will present at The Wasco Opera house, Wednesday, June 17, with a cast and chorus of sixty-five Sherman county people. This will probably be the most elaborate amateur entertainment ever given in Sherman county, featuring, as it does seventeen songs and dance choruses and specialty numbers.

The story of this musical comedy deals with an election in an isolated mountain province in Mexico with the hero as the leading candidate for Governor. There is abundant comedy, furnished mainly by one, Prof. Buggsby, who persistently pursues certain rare numbers in the insect line. The cast of principals is as follows: Bob Jackson—Candidate for Governor of Juanita—Francis Watkins. Margery Moore—His College Sweetheart—Mitzi Johnson. Joe Joyce—His College Friend—Arthur L. Spencer. Prof. Buggsby—Who Pursues The Stuff—Malcolm Guy. Pedro—Bell Hop in the Hotel Americana—Marion Crews. Virginia Vamuu—The Girl From Wyoming—Betty McCafferty. Manuel—Leader of The Indians—Norman Fields. Carita—The Village Enchantress—Winifred Fortner. Simpson—An American Promoter—Chet Watkins.

Supporting the cast are a large number in the beautifully costumed dancing choruses featuring ballet, Spanish, tap and eccentric dance numbers. Appearing in the various choruses are Sharon Tennagin, Belva Bayles, Shirley Ann, Jean McIntyre, Beverly Yucum, Patricia Kaseberg, Ruth Spencer, Barbara Hines, LaVelle Guy, Jessie Knox, Loal Jane Winnett, Eliene Winnett June Hines, Patricia Yucum, Ruth Cookingham, Donna Knox, Dorothy Knox, June Wilde, Rosie Hatley, Idabelle Spencer, Maxine Kramer, Hazel Marie Watkins, Margaret McDermid, Dessie Hearing, Beryl Sheets, Christina Moon, Gene Spencer, Helan Blau.

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## Farmers Signing Work Sheets For Conservation

Created Wheat Grass Will Be Planted On Several Thousand Acres This Fall If Present Plans Are Followed

Signing of the work sheets that signify that a farmer is interested in the soil conservation and domestic allotment plan has been speeded up this week as farmers from different sections of the county have their day at the county agent's office where Dewey Thompson aids in making out the sheets.

## 50% Farmers Signing

To date about half of the farmers have signed the sheets from the Locust Grove and Wasco districts. Information about the payments that might be given for plowing up wheat is given and several acres will be turned under in the next few weeks.

It is at present estimated that the farm rate can be satisfactorily figured by multiplying the per acre average for four years by 42 cents per bushel. Thus a farmer whose farm had averaged fifteen bushels during the four year period which was taken for the AAA would receive \$6.40, or the county average for each acre plowed under, sown to peas or to Crested Wheat grass.

## Crested Wheat Popular

Orders for Crested Wheat seed are piling up on the file and between four and five thousand pounds have been ordered by Sherman county farmers. Gilliam and Morrow county farmers have ordered a car load or fifteen thousand pounds, for each county and it is possible that as much will be seeded here this fall. The price is 35 cents per pound. The amount sown depends on the manner of sowing it and varies from two to four or five pounds.

## Oregon Counties Fare Well

Corvallis—Oregon counties as a whole fared well in the setting of Class I rates under the new federal agricultural conservation program, reports F. L. Ballard, vice director of extension at O. S. C., who was in Washington at the time the rates were decided upon.

The fact that average yields of staple crops in Oregon are considerably higher than the national average served to put the basic rates per acre for most counties above the \$10 national average.

Farmers in most sections of the county have responded even more heartily than expected to the new program, Ballard found, despite the admitted weak points it contains largely as a result of the haste necessary in developing and introducing it.

Plans are already under way for the 1937 program in which it is believed the weak spots in the present plan will be fairly well worked out as a result of the longer period available for planning.

## Karl Eaton Moved To Gibbon Camp

Karl Eaton, who has been camp superintendent since its beginning last summer, has been transferred to Gibbon, the Umatilla county soil conservation CCC camp. He reported there Wednesday morning. Mr. Eaton states that his family will remain in Grass Valley for a time at least. As superintendent of the Gibbon camp he will work on the Wild Horse project which is directly under C. E. Hill and as a resident of Umatilla county Karl will be among friends for he graduated from high school there back in the pre-war days.

## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 4	62	40	.00
" 5	75	44	.00
" 6	75	48	.22
" 7	62	47	.37
" 8	67	49	.05
" 9	75	47	.00
" 10	75	54	.00
Total for week			.64

## Wheat Checks Due To Arrive Next Week

Checks totaling \$141,901.24 will be distributed to Sherman county wheat growers who were a part of the AAA program. They are expected to arrive some time next week as notification of acceptance was received Tuesday by the county agent.

Checks are made out for 13 cents per bushel without any deduction for local expense which makes this payment somewhat larger than was expected. All but 68 of the contracts will be received says Mr. Johnston and these may be expected later. This payment is the final 1935 payment.

## CCC Boy Comes Back To County

Carl Francis came to Sherman county with the first contingent of CCC enrollees last October. By spring he thought he was through with the wild and woolly west and was among those who took their discharge papers and entrained for Massachusetts and home.

But Massachusetts didn't look so good from the near view as it had from far off Sherman county and Francis obtained seven dollars and started westward with a companion. In nine days they walked into the Moro camp still in possession of five cents of the seven dollars.

The boys hitch hiked to Chicago and from there on rode a freight to Seattle and hitch hiked again to Sherman county. Francis says he made the trip because he wanted to ride a horse again. Karl Eaton, camp superintendent, took Francis out to his ranch where there are horses to ride. The other boy is picking cherries.

## David Vintin Dies After Busy Life

David E. Vintin died at his home east of Grass Valley Sunday night after an illness of several months. For fifty four years he had been a resident of Sherman county having come from California with his parents in 1882.

When the first postoffice was established on the Olds ranch north of town it was Dave Vintin who made regular trips to Grants on the Columbia, through winter snows and summer heat, to bring the mail to the little body of settlers who had taken up land on the bunch grass hills between the John Day and Deschutes rivers. Later he was a freighter and then when the country became well settled he took to farming and had followed that occupation for forty years.

Mr. Vintin was born in California seventy five years ago. He was married in Sherman county to Mary Cushman and to them was born two sons who survive, Guy and Eugene Vintin of Grass Valley and two daughters who are still living, Mrs. Mary Bayer of Grass Valley and Mrs. Laura Campbell now of Cascade Locks. Three brothers, George, of Moro, Roy of Portland and Ed of Coquille survive as do two sisters, Mrs. Stella Snook of Madras and Mrs. Sadie Williams of Portland.

The funeral was held from the Grass Valley auditorium Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Edgar Luther of The Dalles officiating. Interment was made in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

## Co-operative Elects New Directors

The annual stockholders meeting of the Moro Grain Growers was held Tuesday afternoon and election of officers resulted in Frank Burnet and Collis Moore being chosen to succeed W. S. Powell and S. A. Hall as directors. Joe Peters was re-elected to the board of directors. Dewey Thompson and Theodore Johnston are hold-over directors.

The stockholders expressed themselves as favorable to the purchase of the warehouse now being operated by the Farmers National Grain company in the section of the county that has membership in the local company.

E. R. Barzee was chosen as a delegate from the local co-operative to the annual meeting which will be held in Spokane next Monday.

## Wheat Promises Best Yield Since 1928 So Far

South End Has Some Fields Almost Perfect In Appearance; Kent Gets Heaviest June Rains Since Famous 1916 Rain

Those who have grown to expect Sherman county wheat fields to dry up the first of June along with the cheat grass and the hopes of the farmers will find an entirely different story this year when they go out to see the wheat.

Perhaps there are ragged fields in the north end where winter frost and spring wind played havoc with stands of wheat, but in the central and southern parts of the county here is a crop of wheat that is reminiscent of the good years of 1912, 1916 and the later 1928.

The recent spell of rainy weather has obliterated any spots that might have started in the fields and many of them approach perfection in appearance, at least. The field on the Dietjen place west of Kent, now farmed by Shelton Fritts is as level as a floor with every head apparently the same height. It is said that other fields are as perfect and if so they are worth driving miles to see.

## Kent Rainfall 1.66 Inches

Rainfall at Kent has totalled 1.66 since the first of the month which comes as near to insuring a crop as anything could. It is possible that some very good yields of wheat will come from the south end of the county this harvest.

Any resident of a wheat country knows that it is unsafe to count the sacks until after harvest and it is true that unfortunate weather conditions can reduce the apparent yield greatly. A late freeze, a long spell of hot east wind or a hail storm might cut down the yield very seriously but in any event this crop looks like something new, which is more than could be said of any crop in recent years at this stage of the crop year.

## Waterways Ass'n Will Meet June 20th

President C. L. Sweek, Pendleton, Oregon has issued an official call for a meeting of Directors, Regional Vice-Presidents and members of the Inland Empire Waterways Association to be held at Walla Walla, Washington on Saturday, June 20, at 1:00 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium.

In view of the latest developments concerning the program as sponsored by this Association for the development of the Columbia and Snake rivers it is essential that there be present a very strong and representative group from the counties contiguous to the Columbia and Snake rivers in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and Idaho.

The official decision of the Chief of Engineers on the Umatilla Dam and Snake river improvements will be thoroughly analyzed and discussed. We must determine our future action and any delay in this will be rather costly for Congress will soon adjourn and much can be accomplished politically while the Congressional Representatives of the States involved are at home.

Colonel T. M. Robins, division engineer, has been extended an invitation to attend this meeting and it is certain he either he or his representative will be here to give us the benefit of their knowledge.

## Sunday School Rally Due June 21st

Grass Valley will be the scene of the annual Sherman county Sunday school rally on Sunday, June 21, reports R. C. Byers, president. Beginning at 10 a. m. with a county wide union Sunday school in the park, and continuing through the picnic at 12 and at the afternoon meeting there will be interesting activities for every one. Delegates are expected from Wasco, Moro, Kent, Rufus, Grass Valley, The Dalles and other schools of the district. This rally is inter-denominational, and provides opportunity to see what other communities are doing in all departments of the Sunday school, says Mr. Byers.