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With 150 patients on the waiting lists at Oregon's two hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis victims, State Treasurer Holman has launched a drive for the enlargement of the hospital at The Dalles. The eastern Oregon institution, Holman points out, is "unbalanced" at the present time with a much larger administrative staff in proportion to the number of patients, than the Salem institution.

Predicting a raid on Oregon's gasoline tax funds at the forth coming legislative session Governor Martin warns that any diversion of these funds to other than highway purposes will be fatal to the state's road program. Present revenues, the governor points out, are not sufficient to maintain state roads, pay bond principal and interest and match federal allotments for highway construction.

School districts which suspend their own school must provide transportation for the children of the district to some other school, the supreme court held this week in a case appealed from Union county. The statutes make it mandatory upon the suspended district to provide transportation, Justice Campbell held, and this duty cannot be avoided by a vote of the district.

The Oregon Soldiers' and Sailors' commission created in 1919 is no more. Governor Martin abolished the commission by official proclamation this week holding that bonus payments and disability compensation had made the state body unnecessary. Since its creation the commission has spent a total of \$121,205 in state funds.

A total of nearly \$3,000,000 in liquor profits has been transferred to relief purposes to date, according to the liquor control commission. The last legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 of liquor profits for relief with a provision that certificates of indebtedness could be issued against future profits if the cash was not available. Governor Martin has ordered the relief committee to stay on a cash basis and to confine its monthly budget to liquor profits averaging approximately \$150,000 a month.

Conferences between the architects and department heads have resulted in quite a number of changes in the floor plans for Oregon's new capitol building. Among other things it is understood that four of the original planned nine elevators will be eliminated. This will still leave two elevators for use of the public and three automatic lifts for use of the governor and members of the legislature.

A 1700-mile "swing" around eastern and central Oregon last week gave Governor Martin and members of the state highway commission a better understanding of the term "wide open spaces". The officials report a much better feeling in eastern Oregon over progress on highways in that section which are now being treated to a dust palliative. The worst road encountered on the trip was the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada cut-off. This road which extends from Caldwell, Idaho, to Winnemucca, Nevada, is well improved in the neighboring states but Oregon has only made a start on the 120 miles within its borders. The road is said to be of little importance to Oregon, serving a local population of fewer than 1000 people in southern Malheur county, but is of vast importance to southern Idaho, with producers of that section eagerly awaiting its completion as a short cut to markets to California.

Workmen engaged in digging test pits for the new capitol uncovered an old well 300 feet deep which had been used to supply water for the old state house before Salem installed its water system. Excavators experienced much difficulty in their work encountering a steady stream of water at the 15-foot level which seriously hampered their work.

Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls democrat, is an active candidate for election as speaker of the House of Representatives at the forth coming legislative session. Unopposed in the general election Boivin is already busy lining up support for the Speakership so

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Abandonment Of Railroad Cuts Valuations

The removal of the railroad from the Deschutes river will affect several of the school districts that border on the river by reducing the valuation of the districts materially. The total valuation of the railroad is \$499,162 and the taxes paid by it this year were \$9,240.46. The county, of course, will lose as well as the school districts.

District 3 will lose \$391; District 3A, \$38,421; District 5 \$41,011; District 15 \$56,217; District 16 \$78,336; District 17 \$65,010; District 23 \$14,631; District 26 \$108,634; District 33 \$95,213.

District 26, Michigan borders the Deschutes for several miles and will lose the largest valuation of any. The percentage of reduction will be very heavy in that district. Others will suffer to a less degree.

Card Party Series Over At Kent

Thirteen tables of card players were entertained at the Legion hall in Kent Saturday evening by the American Legion Auxiliary.

High scores for the evening were made by Mrs. L. V. Walton and Mr. Roy Wells. Harriet Wells and Theo. von Borstel received consolation prizes.

The season's high scores were made by J. L. Matthes and Mrs. Geo. Barnett. Theo. von Borstel and Floye von Borstel held second place. Mrs. Dorothy Dunlap was the lucky winner of the Sampson card table on the absence of Geo. Wilcox and Charlie Guyton whose names were drawn first.

This closes the card party season and we wish to thank all our guests who have made the success of these parties possible.

The American Legion Auxiliary.

Two Sherman Countians Graduate

University of Oregon, Eugene, June 26. (Special)—Sherman county was represented by two students among the 467 seniors to receive various academic degrees at solemn impressive graduation ceremonies Monday night, June 1.

Seniors were cautioned by Dr. C. Valentine Boyer, president of the University, that the world will henceforth judge them as adults, and will make no allowances for youth and inexperience in the future. In his parting talk, he also pleaded for a recognition of the values of knowledge, beauty and love. These elements, he said, are the creative forces of the world, and the durable satisfactions of life. "It is through the pursuit of these values that man grows, develops his proper proportions, becomes what a human being should become," he concluded.

The two seniors from Sherman county who graduated from the University of Oregon at the ceremonies are:

Doris Amidon

Doris V. Amidon majored in business administration, from which department she received the degree of bachelor of science. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority while in the university. She was secretary of Pan-hellenic, an organization of sororities, during 1933 and 1934 and president the following year. She was also a member of the Women's Athletic Association. She is the daughter of E. Amidon, of Moro, and a graduate of Moro high school.

Harvy Thompson

Harvey Thompson majored in business administration, and from which department he received the degree of bachelor of science. He is the son of Hans Thompson of Moro and a graduate of Lincoln high school.

Auxiliary Offers

Thanks For Support

The Wasco American Legion Auxiliary wish to thank all those who helped so very much in making our recent entertainment such a success.

Through an error one name was omitted from the production staff. Mrs. Everett Watkins acted as chairman of the advertising committee.

Mrs. G. A. Sargent, pres.
Mrs. L. P. Haven, secretary.

Good Indians Made of Warm Springs Team

Grass Valley Wins Easily From Tribesmen As Indian Pitcher Proves Unable To Stop Hard Hitting Locals

Grass Valley very effectually squelched the red menace last Sunday when they made good Indians out of the baseball team from Warm Springs by beating them 15 to 1 in a wild, free hitting baseball game.

The main fault with the Indians was that they failed to make the accustomed four runs off the Grass Valley team in the first inning. Instead they failed to make any. In fact no scores were made until the third when the local team chased over a couple.

Indians Score Once

The Indians made one for a start and then in the Grass Valley sixth, after the Indians had put in a new pitcher, the bombardment began. Eight hits made eight runs and the interest in the game was over for the spectators. In all Grass Valley made 22 hits off the delivery of the Indians while the Indians made nine off Miller. In fact Miller had a very good day fanning 14 redskins.

Next Sunday Grass Valley will play in Antelope against that team.

Grass Valley	Indians
Roth, 2	Meachem, 2
Dunlap, 1	Johnson, m
Moore, s	Babex, s
Vintin, m	Kalamac, c
Fritts, c	Hostley, i
Rice, i	Nelson, 1
Kirkley, 3	McClain, 3
Peters, r	Pratt, r
Miller, p	Cooper, p
Coon, 1	

Government Can Use Agriculturalists

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Junior chemist, \$2,000 a year.
Junior agronomist, junior animal fiber technologist, junior animal husbandman (beef and dual purpose cattle), junior animal husbandman (sheep), junior animal husbandman (swine), junior biologist (food habits research), junior biologist (fur resources), junior soil surveyor, junior soil technologist, junior zoologist, \$2,000 a year, Department of Agriculture.

Personnel officer, \$4,600 a year, principal personal assistant, \$3,800 a year, senior personal assistant, \$3,200 a year, personnel assistant, \$2,600 a year.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Gas Tax Permits Must Be Renewed

Permits to obtain gas tax refunds must be renewed July 1, according to the law passed by the 1935 session of the state legislature. The law provides for annual permits, prescribes a 50-cent fee and provides an expiration date of June 30 each year. New applications must be filed by the claimants and blanks were mailed this week by the state department to all former permit holders.

Refunds of taxes paid on gasoline purchased prior to July 1, 1936 may be obtained under the current permit, but on gasoline purchased after July 1 of this year, it will be necessary to have the new permit. Applications may be filed by mail or presented to the secretary of state's office.

Nearly 14,000 claimants were licensed during the 1935-36 permit year. Increased activity in the gasoline refund division was due not only to the permit requirements, but to the greater frequency with which claims were filed by individual applicants and to the improved business conditions that brought greater use of the motor vehicle fuels.



Where Oregon editors went back to the caves of their ancestors. Rapid action of water has carved the deep channel of the River Styx in the Oregon caves, near Grants Pass, (left); slowly dripping globules form the delicate marble formations in Joaquin Miller's chapel on the right.

Field Day Will Be Doubly Interesting

A study of different tillage methods in their relation to their effect on yields may be made by inquisitive farmers who attend the field day at the experiment station today, Friday 26th. For several years on experiment has been running that contrasts the yields obtained from plowed land and from disked land. Disked land is similar to the new type of rough fallow advocated by the erosion service and the S. C. & D. A.

Grange Picnic Draws Large Crowd

The annual picnic of Sherman county grangers and friends was held Saturday at DeMoss park with a large attendance of county residents.

Early Day Stock-men Lose Herds In Winter of 1880-81

In 1880 the stockmen known to the writer in the Spanish Hollow vicinity were Col. Fulton, of Indian war fame, located at the mouth of Fulton canyon where it empties into the Columbia with a mixed bunch of cattle and horses. A Mr. Gordon, located on the Des Chutes between Millers Bridge and the Free Bridge. His exact location was, probably, where the Dalles Military bridge crossed the Des Chutes. His horses ranged over Gordon Ridge and west to the Des Chutes in a somewhat disputed range between the Walker family, trouble between the two families I may chronicle later. A Mr. (preacher) Walker with two deaf mutes in the family, located at a large spring leading off to the Des Chutes, with mixed stock and fair farming land. A Mr. Price at the head of Fulton canyon, sometimes known as the Price-Fulton canyon. Mr. Price kept travelers and found a market for his hay. At this place a remarkable spring rises up out of a smooth piece of ground which waters a grove about the house and a larger grove across the road, known as the Price grove. I said "remarkable" with regard to this spring. The sand bubbles up continuously and does not flow out since the spring is on comparatively level land. Leading further along the stage road to Heppner was the stage station kept by Jesse Eaton who also kept the Spanish Hollow postoffice located at the head of Spanish Hollow, proper. Mr. Eaton raised rye hay, and kept travelers, as well as the Hostler for the stage horses. He ran a mix

Organization of Camps Changed Again Here

Five Crews Working On Farms Near Moro

A change has been made in the organization of the SCS camps in this area within the past ten days. Instead of the Moro camp having its district headquarters at Wildhorse project near Athena it is now at Condon. W. H. Hill, superintendent at the Condon camp, is now in charge of the Heppner, Moro, Goldendale and Simnasho camps in addition to his own.

Another division is headed at Athena by C. Edwin Hill, former chief of the local organization. Karl Eaton, former field superintendent here, is in charge of the Gibbon camp as supervisor.

Five crews are working in the field from the Moro camp. Barr's crew is on the Johnson place, Overturf's crew and Richard's are on the A. H. Barnum place, Mitchell's crew is working on L. V. Moore's and Tiller's crew is on the E. E. Barnum place.

Replacements are expected some time in July for the local camp. Twenty seven men from Massachusetts will fill the places left vacant by enrollees who have taken other work.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Williams returned Wednesday from their vacation trip to Portland.

Historical Data For County Being Compiled

Joe Tomlinson, A. L. May and L. S. Fritts all of The Dalles are in the county this week looking over county records in the interest of a project for preparing an index of historical records of the state of Oregon. It will be published by the University press.

Mr. Tomlinson is former editor of the Hood River Glacier and The Dalles Optimist. Work of the men includes the listing of county documents of official nature as well as looking through old and musty records for matters of general historical interest.

Missionary Gives Talk on Trip

An interesting number on the program of the Sherman County Sunday School Association meeting on June 21st was an illustrated talk on the missionary journeys of Paul given by Mr. Albert Hatch of Gaston. Mr. Hatch used a large map of the ancient world having tiny electric lights at the location of the various important cities. Five intermediates of the Moro church presented a short play and Priscilla Melzer gave a recitation. Mrs. Della Karnes of Wasco played a piano solo and also accompanied Mrs. Gilbert Carey who sang.

Mr. R. C. Byers was reelected president of the association and Mrs. L. H. Mitchelmore as secretary-treasurer. The vice presidents representing their respective towns were also re-elected.

Trashy Summerfallow Liked In Big Bend

Whether it be protection against the ravages of wind or the washing by water, a rough trashy surface has proven a most effective weapon in checking erosion. Farmers in the Big Bend country and in other areas of the northwest subject to blow, who have worked their land so that the trash and clods are near the surface, have succeeded in holding their soil against blowing. In sharp contrast to this, fields from which the stubble or trash has been burned and which have been finely tilled are potential miniature dust bowls.

Trashy Fallow Popular

In the section of more moisture of the three northwest states, the use of tillage machinery that will leave crop residues at or near the surface, is more wide spread each year. It is natural that the rainfall and melting snow find their way into the soil much more easily if the surface is rough and trashy. Land so treated does not "slick over" as easily as finely-worked summer fallow. Further benefit of the increased moisture absorption by the soil lies in the more complete decay of the vegetable matter.

Farmers from all parts of the Northwest are volunteering information that their crop yields are not cut down by rough tillage or by working the stubble into the top soil.

Indications now, are that a much larger number of farmers than ever before will use these "common sense" practices in 1936.

More People Killed In May This Year

Motor vehicle deaths in May nearly doubled the number in May, 1935, with 24 persons killed in Oregon as a result of automobile accidents. Thirteen fatalities from similar causes occurred in May of last year. Secretary of State Earl Snell calls attention to this increase in car deaths, as well as to the 59 per cent step-up in the number of accidents, which jumped from 1,705 last May to 2,712 in May of this year.

Greater travel on the highways is undoubtedly responsible for much of the appalling increase states Mr. Snell, "but this greater use of the highways should be a challenge to all drivers to exercise greater caution, better judgment in car operation, increased courtesy, and to be continuously 'safety-conscious.' Only through constant careful attention to the rights of others and the rules of the road can we make any progress in improving present traffic trends."

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Grass Valley Celebration All Ready For 4th

Many Features Added By Hard Working Committees In Charge of Program and Events; Two Days Arranged

Grass Valley is going to have a Fourth of July celebration this year that includes all the expected features of the rural celebration of the nation's holiday and some others.

Among the customary entertainments will be ball games between the local club, now tied for leadership in the North Central Oregon League, and Maupin for the Fourth and a game between Grass Valley and either Antelope or Bialock on the third.

Two Dances Billed

There will be dances each evening of the celebration in the civic auditorium on the grounds and two shows will be given.

A patriotic program will be given on the Fourth with local men taking part and with Sam Van Vegstee of The Dalles giving the principal address of the day. Music will be furnished by the Moro High School band.

Then in addition there is going to be trap-shooting, bowling alleys, shooting galleries and some modern horse shoe pitching courts where the most famed of rural sports may be indulged in by attendees at the affair. A tug of war between Grass Valley and another team will be held and then there will be bicycle races and foot races for the boys and other divisions of human kind including fat men and women.

Fireworks Provided

In the evening of the Fourth there will be a display of fire works of which there will be a plenty to light up the entire country side.

Those who come are asked to bring their lunches and dine under the trees in the well shaded park for visiting and renewing old acquaintances is one of the major pleasures of a picnic and celebration in these days.

The Complete Program

Friday
10:00 Band. Tug of War and games.
12:00 Lunch in park.
1:00 to 2:30. Bucking contest and races Eslinger string.
2:30 to 5:00 p. m. Ball game between Grass Valley and Wheatland district.
Fancy shooting, horse shoe pitching, Trap shooting all each day. Moro Band in intervals.
7:00 Picture shows at Masonic theatre.
8:30 Dance at city auditorium ball room.
Liberal prizes given each day.

Saturday, July 4th.
10:30 a. m. Band. 10:30 Speaking by Sam Van Vector of The Dalles, 12:00 Lunch in Park. Band.
1:00 to 2:30 Cow milking contest. Greased pole Chair races. Other events. Bicycle racing etc.
2:30 to 5:00 p. m. Ball game between Grass Valley and Maupin.

Band
7:00 picture shows at Masonic theatre.
8:30 Dance at City Auditorium.
10:00 p. m. Fire Works.
Trap Shooting, Horse Shoe Pitching each day.

Parity At Same Level As Last Year

Crop prospects are definitely less promising in the country as a whole than some week ago, says the latest report on the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the O. S. C. agricultural extension service. In respect to prices, the general level of farm prices is indicated to be slightly higher than a month ago, whereas a downward trend has prevailed mostly for several months.

Drab conditions, especially throughout the southern part of the country east of the Mississippi, account for most of the decline in crop prospects. It will require good and timely rains during the remainder of the season to bring about the usual total output of

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