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## State Affairs

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The state capitol reconstruction commission is going to use Oregon stone and wood in the new state-house if at all possible.

Basic bid for the building will be for complete facing with Oregon granite, according to J. A. McLean, Eugene, chairman of the commission. Alternate bids will call for granite bases with marble or light-colored eastern stone for the superstructure.

Bids will be sought immediately and opened September 2 for preliminary construction work on the capitol, McLean said. First work will comprise clearing the site, fencing the building zone, excavation of the basement and erection of field houses for the supervising architects and PWA engineers. Contracts for actual construction of the building will be drawn in November, and work should be started in December.

Oregon woods will be used to finish the interior of the capitol. Black walnut will be specified for doors, casings and woodwork, especially in the chambers of the house of representatives and the senate. Myrtle, maple, fir and other softwoods will also be used. Only catch to their use will be that Oregon stones be quarried in time and at a cost which can be competitive with materials from other parts of the country.

Every county in the state got \$478.48 for its fair when the state racing commission turned over \$17,115.28 to Secretary of State Snell for distribution. The sum was 25 per cent of the commission's receipts from the dog and horse racing. The state fair and Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland each received \$21,875.75; the Pendleton Round-Up and the Eastern Oregon Livestock show in Union each was sent a check for \$3445; and the Northwest Turkey Show in Oakland, Douglas county, got \$1033.50.

Governor Martin might turn Cupid for a man in West Los Angeles, California. The executive received this letter recently:

"No doubt you are called upon for many things so I am going to ask you to help me with my problem. I have been a resident of your state for some time in the past and that is why I am asking for your assistance. I do not seem to have much luck in finding the right sort of woman that would make a good mate. Either they like their liquor too well and carouse or they want a lot of swell clothes and chase to dance and leave their house in disorder. I am looking for a girl that is free, white and over 21, not over 130 pounds, with a sweet disposition, affectionate, a good cook and will stick with you at all times and does not care to be dancing and drinking all the time.

"I am 40 years old, not bad to look at, do not drink, do not dance, but I do love the great outdoors. I have been a steady worker ever since I was 14 years old, so I am not a loafer looking for a meal ticket. I am just a working man, but due to the depression have no large bank account but am willing to work at all times. Thought possibly you might know of such a girl for me."

The state unemployment compensation commission will probably collect \$1,500,000 in payroll taxes in its first year, D. A. Bulmore, administrator said. The commission was just organized this year. Nearly 145,000 employees are under the provisions of the jobless insurance law, and approximately 4800 employers have registered. Bulmore said he expected 200,000 workers to be benefited by the law before long.

Governor Martin's 40 years in the army stood him in good stead when prisoners in the state penitentiary rebelled recently. An advocate of preparedness, the governor had virtual "war plans" ready for use at the prison. The dispatch with which state police mobilized and penitentiary guards went to their posts was the result of many conferences between the governor, Warden James Lewis and Supt. Charles P. Pray of the state troups.

The riot brought into the open again the oft-debated question of establishing a reformatory for first offenders to segregate youthful penitentiary inmates from hardened criminals. Paul Foreman, state

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## New County Agent Begins Duties Here

Leroy C. Wright, who is taking the place as county agent left vacant by the resignation of Perry N. Johnston last week arrived Monday morning to begin his new duties. He has since rented the Floyd Platt house recently vacated by the O. E. Dyer family who are moving to Rapid City, South Dakota and expects to move his family here next week.

Mr. Wright was born in Lake county, lived in Klamath county, where his parents still reside, for several years, graduated from O. S. C. in 1927 and spent a year as herd tester in Baker county. Since then he has been assistant county agent in Clackamas county and 4-H club leader there.

## Mrs. R.P. Foister Laid To Final Rest

Mrs. Frances Foister, wife of Robert P. Foister of Rufus, succumbed to the effects of an operation in The Dalles Saturday evening. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tate, long time resident of Wasco. She was born in Wasco November 10, 1897 and had spent her life in this county.

She attended the Wasco schools and the University of Oregon and later married Mr. Foister and has since lived at Rufus where she was the postmistress for many years.

She is survived by her widower, a daughter, Joan, her parents and five sisters, Mrs. L. J. Murdock of Eugene, Mrs. R. S. Wittenberg and Mrs. Floyd Ford of Los Angeles and Mrs. G. S. Brown and Mrs. C. F. Barbour of Portland. The funeral was held from the Methodist church in Wasco Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the Wasco cemetery.

## New Principal Elected At Grass Valley

The Grass Valley school board in a meeting held Tuesday night voted favorably on the application of Marvin Schepman who will therefore fill the position as principal left vacant by the resigning of Harold Hughes, who will teach in California this year.

Mr. Schepman is a graduate of the University of Oregon, is 29 and has been principal at Mitchell for the past three years. With the selection of Maxine Vogt as another high school teacher the high school staff will be two-thirds new, Clifford Rowe being the only one remaining of the last year's faculty.

## How Rattlesnake Grade Was Built Told By Mr. Barzee

The history of locating the Rattlesnake road is little known to present day residents of Sherman county. When Sherman separated from Wasco county, as a county it was without milling, banking or fuel and lumber facilities within its borders. Its mercantile facilities were also meager. The great benefits that came to the settlers of those days were duly appreciated but few understood just why this road building so much affected Sherman county.

There had been before the separation of the counties a road built down a canyon on the Moro side of Gordon Ridge to The Dalles via the Free bridge for the special accommodation of Wasco county settlers in that district. A small waterspout had emptied its waters into this canyon and out went a large part of the road bed. The damage was considered too much for county reconstruction, Sherman county at about that time, having its share of Wasco county's indebtedness to meet. That there was a demand for the road was admitted, so application was made by private parties to lease the road bed and place a toll on the travel for their reimbursement. Whether this toll road proposition was or was not influenced by local merchants I leave for the reader to decide. One thing I do know is, that W. M. Barnett told me when I had progressed so far with the location as to obtain the altitude to be surmounted by the proposed road, he pooh-hoohed the idea of succeeding. My mother had always

## Spring Wheat On Station Beats Fall Sown Grain

Discing For Spring Wheat Gives Better Returns Than Plowing, Reversing Results For Winter Grain

The yields of the spring wheats at the experiment station this year has been determined and the Reliable Hard Federation has been found to have done the best of any of them. Hard Federation, selection 71, made a yield of 27.0 bushels per acre to top the list of spring wheats, and of winter wheat too, for that matter.

Second in the list is Hard Federation, 31, which is the commercial variety. It made 26.6 bushels, Federation, which is the most popular of all spring wheats in the western part of the United States and which got its start on this station, was third with a yield of 23.0 bushels.

Baart, a bearded wheat and one that usually brings a high price to the grower, made a yield of 17.6 bushels per acre. The old and well known Bluestem yielded 19.4 bushels and Marquis, another common variety made a yield of 17.8.

Spring barley, as usual, gave the highest return in pounds per acre of any cereal crop on the station. Flynn, a smooth awn barley, made 45.3 bushels, of 48 pounds each, or 2174 pounds per acre. The high est yielding wheat made 1620 per acre indicating the value of barley as a feeding crop.

Peruvian barley brought the highest yield of the group for an average on the three plots of 47.5 bushels per acre. Marquis barley yielded 43.4 bushels and the beardless Meloy barley, which is most popular here because of the fact made 42.4 bushels to the acre.

In contrast to the finding with winter wheat in the discing and plowing experiment, spring wheat made more on disced ground than it did on plowed land. On disced land the yield was 18.7 bushels and on plowed land it was 17.7 bushels.

The reason given for this by D. E. Stephens, the director, is that weeds often lower the yield of wheat on disced land whereas it is possible to kill them when spring wheat is sown.

The station crew has threshed nearly a ton of Crested Wheat grass seed. This is the yield on 5 acres. When it is released it is expected that there will be about 1500 pounds. At 35 cents per pound this will be worth \$525 which is a satisfactory return on a five acre plot.

## Well-Bred Horse Bought By Fraser & Sons

Tom Fraser and Sons received a new stallion Friday from Ogdan, Iowa. The horse is a two year old sorrel roan Belgian, with heavy bone and the conformation of his prize winning ancestors. He was sired by Oakdale Farceur, champion at Chicago and his dam was sired by Echodale Farceur, champion at the Chicago stock show in 1926.

Thus he has the blood lines on both sides of Champion Farceur, champion of all breeds at the Paris exposition, who was never defeated in his life in the show ring. G. C. Good, from whom the Fraser colt was bought, paid \$42,000 for Champion Farceur.

The colt was shipped from Iowa in a box car and is still a little stiff from his journey which required eight days during the heat of the summer.

## Attorney Comes To Wasco To Practice

T. Lester Johnson has located in Wasco for the practice of law. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon law school of the class of 1931, a native of Portland and has formerly been associated with the firm of Teal, Winifree, McCulloch and Schuler. He has his office in the Sherman Hotel building.

## Pomona Grange Postpones Meeting

On account of the lateness of harvest the fall meeting of the Pomona grange has been postponed from the first Saturday, the 5th to the third Saturday which is the 19th. The Rufus grange will be hosts to the Sherman county grange at that time.

## Spring Wheat Prospects Poor Over N. America

Poor spring wheat prospects in North America and unfavorable harvest weather in parts of Europe continued to be the outstanding features of the wheat situation. Private agencies forecast a domestic spring wheat crop from August 1, conditions, at only about 20,000,000 bushels over the 1934 harvest. Prospects in Canada are for the smallest harvest since 1919 with the trade agencies placing the turnout of slightly over 200,000,000 bushels. The drought and heat has caused premature ripening and reduced both the quantity and the grade. Considerable threshing has already been done in the driest sections. According to the Manitoba Free Press, the poorest districts lie in southwestern Manitoba, southern and western Saskatchewan, and southern and eastern Alberta, with the best crops reported in central and northern districts of Manitoba, east and central Saskatchewan, north central and northern Alberta. Between these areas the crop is extremely variable. Abandoned acreage is heaviest in southern and eastern Alberta.

## Europe's Weather Wet

European crop conditions show little change although further rains delayed harvesting in western Europe and lowered the quality of the grain. In southern Europe, harvest is nearing completion, but in northern parts of France and in Germany, harvesting has been interrupted by wet weather. High temperatures have reduced corn prospects in Russia and trade advices indicate little or no wheat for export this season. Russia is planning to sow 36,790,000 acres to winter wheat this fall. This compares with 34,721,000 acres for harvest this season and 32,506,000 acres in 1935. The turnout in the lower Danubian countries, according to the United States Agricultural Attache, is placed at 353,000,000 bushels against 302,000,000 bushels in 1935. The quality of the wheat is generally good. The surplus for export and carryover is estimated at 83,000,000 bushels, which if exported would be the second largest export movement of post-war years.

## Bursting Water Main Floods Station



Photo shows workmen trying to clear tracks at the Union station in Chicago of a flood estimated at three to ten feet deep. A 36 inch water main burst putting 14 railroad tracks out of commission. The water also flooded portions of the new postoffice. Passengers from suburban trains were forced to alight from inbound trains about five blocks from the station. Damage was estimated at \$200,000.

## Republicans Meet To Discuss Plans For Campaign

Local Group Visited By Officials From Portland Office

Officers of the Republican State Central Committee met with members of the Sherman county committee, candidates of that party and officers of the Young Republican club here Thursday noon in an informal discussion of the organization of the party for the campaign.

Coming from Portland were Walter A. Toose, assistant chairman of the state organization, Lars Bladine, secretary, and David Hoss, president of the Marion county Young Republican club. Roy Ritner, candidate for congress, came from Pendleton to be at the meeting.

A round table discussion, led by Mr. Toose, made up the only political aspect of the meeting. Plans of county organization were explained and all were invited to attend a congressional meeting to be held in Bend August 22. The officers are on a trip around the eastern part of the state in the interest of the party. They left immediately after the luncheon for Condon and Fossil where similar meetings were to be held.

Mr. Toose spoke for the candidacy of Roy Ritner, candidate against Walter Pierce, saying that it was high time eastern Oregon was represented by a man of vigor.

## Forms Must Be Signed Immediately

Notices have been sent out to those having wheat contracts under the AAA to the effect that their compliance sheets must be signed and in the hands of the committee by the 20th of August. These papers will have to be in Corvallis by the first of September and some work will have to be done on them at the local office before they can be sent in to the state board.

While it is still harvest time on many farms this matter is held of enough importance that an especial request is made to have the papers signed and returned immediately.

## ATTENDING CONVENTION

Wily Knighten and family left Tuesday for Portland where Mrs. Knighten will go on to Roseburg to attend the American Legion convention. Wily and the children will visit at Castle Rock with his mother. Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Frank Haynes also will attend the convention representing the Kent Auxillary and Mrs. Knighten will represent the Moro unit.

## BOXING COMMISSION SOUGHT

An attempt is being made to organize a boxing commission for the city of Moro and petitions are out requesting the city officials to appoint the members. Fifty signatures of citizens are required. It is understood that if the proposed meets with city approval a boxing contest will be held some time during fair week.

## Fair Race Program Made By Board Monday

Races To Be Closed To All But Sherman County Horses If Enough Enter To Fill Events

A sense of compromise prevailed Friday night at the fair board meeting. Therefore in spite of the fact that too few Sherman county horse owners offered their steeds for the purpose of filling the races at the fair, they still have the opportunity to enter their horses in closed races if enough are available to fill the events.

The races in question are the quarter mile saddle horse race, the half mile saddle horse race and the half mile pony race. All other events will be closed to all but the Sherman county horses.

Local Horses Given Chance

In these three races if enough local horses are entered to make up the race others will be barred. If there are too few local entrants the horses of Duffy Knorr, who had a string of horses here last year, will be allowed to enter in sufficient numbers to fill the races. By filling the board means that five horses must be entered in order to make a race.

A contract was signed with Mr. Knorr whereby he agrees to bring eight bucking horses to the fair and handle them during the two days of program. Local bucking riders may compete. Mount money will be \$2.50 per horse and a prize of \$5.00 for the best ride and \$5.00 for the most spectacular ride will be given each day.

## Program Completed

The race program, as finally finished by the board will be as follows: Boys and girls pony race, for horses under 14 hands, and children under 14 years, closed to all but Sherman county horses and riders, purse, \$30.

One quarter mile saddle horse race, for Sherman county horses if enough are on hand to race, if not to be filled, purse \$30.

The Sherman county derby, a half mile race for any Sherman county horse. Purse \$50.

A half mile saddle horse race, for Sherman county horses if enough are ready to run. Purse \$30.

A half mile pony race under the same regulations. Purse \$30.

## Peter Quick Futurity On

The Peter Quick Futurity, for two year old Peter Quick colts. Entry fee of fifteen dollars will be paid by Guy Matthews of the Granada Theatre. Purse will be \$100. The entrant race for Sherman county colts. Purse \$50.

The second day the races will be the same with the exception that there will be a Peter Quick consolation instead of the futurity. This will be for horses that do not place the first day.

All prize money is to be divided 50-30-20.

## Calf Riding Scheduled

During the afternoon and between the races there will be bucking horses turned into the arena in front of the grandstand and there will also be calves for the small boys to ride.

The rules of the fair call for entries of live stock to be made by the 25th of August which is not far distant and it is time that some live stock owners of the county put their name on the line to show that their stock is coming to the fair.

## Visitor Comes From Iowa To See Farm

Philip Henn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn, of Blanchard, Iowa was here this week to look over the maternal farm while visiting in the west with friends from his native state. Mr. Henn has not been here since he was six years old. He states that the drought in his section of Iowa has been severe this year and that the corn crop is going to be very light in consequence. It is his observation that the farmers of his district are turning away from the present administration.