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Certified lists of measures and candidates to appear on the November ballot have been sent out to all county clerks by Secretary of State Snell. The list includes eight measures—seven initiatives and one referendum—the Columbia river anti-seining bill having been ruled off the ballot by the supreme court because of inadequacy of the initiative petitions.

Democrats filled two of the three vacancies on their state ticket during the week but the withdrawal of another candidate still leaves the party with a net of two vacant positions. In the third representative district—Tillamook county—Al. Boon has been drafted by the Democrats to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Louis E. Hammer while in the nineteenth district—Jackson county—the name of Ralph O. Stephenson has been substituted for the name of Moore Hamilton who decided not to stand for re-election after securing the Democratic nomination. The only withdrawal during the week was that of George H. Wilcox, democratic nominee for the state senate from the 18th district comprising Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Both the State Land board and the World War Veterans State Aid commission report a big boom in real estate sales with farm properties in heavy demand. August sales by the bonus commission exceeded \$100,000 while sales for the first eight months of the current year, totalling \$474,000, almost equalled the sales for the entire 12 months of 1935.

Taxpayers having business with state departments will be able to find parking space for their cars in front of the state buildings now that the city council has limited parking in that area to two hours. State employees who have been wont to drive right up to the front door of the office building will now be compelled to walk half a block or so to their place of employment.

Dart games are taboo in Oregon as a violation of the constitutional prohibition against lotteries, the state supreme court has ruled. "The legislature has no authority to enact any law authorizing or licensing the game," the court declared. The opinion did not deal with the status of pin ball and other games or with bank nights, other games or with bank nights, pending.

The state department of education has lost two valuable employees during the week. Robert J. Maaske, supervisor of high school education, has taken a year's leave of absence to study for his Doctor's degree at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. Kenneth Beach, supervisor of adult education, has gone to Baton Rouge, La., to assume the post of assistant professor of adult education in the University of Louisiana. Prof. John N. Miller of the eastern Oregon state normal school at LaGrande has taken over the desk vacated by Maaske. Beach's successor has not yet been announced.

California is a big consumer of Oregon products according to the State Department of Agriculture. A total of 2663 carloads of Oregon fruits and vegetables were shipped to Los Angeles and San Francisco during 1935, a survey by the department shows. In addition to these railroad shipments, truck lines carried the equivalent of another 1146 cars of fruits and vegetables from Oregon production centers to California markets during the year.

Fire conditions in Oregon are the most serious that they have been at any time this year, according to J. W. Ferguson, state forester. In an effort to minimize the hazard all operations were ordered closed down in the timbered area of Linn, Marion, Clackamas, Multnomah, (except the Mount Hood National Forest) Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties. As a further precaution the Tillamook, Salmonberry and Wolf Creek burns have been closed to enter except upon permit. Eight personnel throughout the state is being strengthened with additional patrolmen and lookouts called out and every preparation made for a strenuous battle against the fire demon.

Counties which attempt to make (Continued on Page Two)

Moro Caucus Dismal Failure; None Nominated

The caucus meeting was a flop. A total of eight persons appeared of whom six were connected with the present city government. It was generally decided that a group of that size was hardly representative of the voters of the city and the meeting was called off. There will be no city called caucus for the nomination of new city officers this year.

However, this does not prevent others from calling a caucus and getting out a ticket. Any representative group may take this action and prepare a ticket. Officers to be elected are a mayor for two years, a treasurer for two years, three councilmen for four years. Councilmen and mayor must have real property assessed at \$250 to be eligible for the office.

Thirty-Seven Men Discharged at Camp

Thirty seven men who have been at the Moro CCC camp for either a year or six months left last Thursday night for their homes in Massachusetts to be discharged from service with that organization.

It is expected that within a few days 67 men will be sent here to begin a six months enrollment and to take the place of the men who have gone. October first is the beginning of one enrollment period. The other date for enrollment is April first. New men will remain until late March at least before being sent home.

City Budget Group Named at Meeting

The city council met Tuesday night and named the men who will serve on the budget committee and make up the city budget for 1937. They are: John Foss, M. A. Bull, J. C. Freeman, J. E. Coleman, Willy Knighten and W. S. Powell. The budget meeting was set for October 6, which is next Tuesday night. Other action taken by the council consisted of paying the bills for the past month and voting to pay another \$500 water bond to the state of Oregon, owners of the debentures against the city water plant.

Reception Held For Kent Teachers

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Home Economics club of Kent cooperating held a reception for the teachers at the school house Tuesday evening, September 29.

The program was as follows: Song of Love from Blossom Time by Mr. and Mrs. Neal McGlasson. Tap dance—Anaejan Knighten. Accordion solo—Albert Gullbrantz. When Irish Eyes Are Smiling by Irving Mobley. Reading—The Ball Game by Mrs. C. L. Poley. Duet—by Duke Clough and Albert Gullbrantz. Song—That Grey Haired Daddy mine by Duke Clough. Trumpet solo—The Commodore Polka by Frank Adams. Rag Doll Dance—by Anaejan Knighten. Gully—and Eunice—Albert Gullbrantz. Violin solo—Barcarolle by Ollie Helyer. Hand balance acrobatics—Albert Gullbrantz. Old Man River—Neil McGlasson. Introduction of teachers. Refreshments.

Grass Seed To Be Distributed Next Week

Crested Wheat grass seed for planting under the soil conservation act will arrive here soon and will be stored at the Moro co-op. Next Wednesday and Thursday Dewey Thompson will be at the warehouse to weigh out the 4500 pounds of seed that will have arrived from Heppner by that time. The price will be 40 cents according to latest announcement.

It will be necessary for farmers to pay cash on delivery of the seed as arrangements have not been made to wait for payment. It is requested that those who have ordered seed call for one of the mentioned days.

Farmers Meet and Vote On Soil Conservation

Five Questions Propounded By Government To Soil Conserving Farmers; Program For 1937 In Process of Formation

A meeting was held at the court house Thursday afternoon with many of those interested in a continuance of the soil conservation program in attendance. Will Steen of the state committee was present to lead the discussions.

Most important part of the meeting was the vote on five questions prepared by the department of agriculture. These queries are designed to give the department an idea of the opinions of farmers throughout the United States on a soil conservation program for the next year. They follow:

Questions Asked

1. What progress has been made in soil conservation in your county under the 1936 agricultural conservation program?
2. What practices in your county should be recommended as most valuable from the agricultural conservation standpoint?
3. In 1937 should a greater portion of the payments be made for soil building practices than in 1936?
4. Should a maximum total conservation allowance be established for each farm or ranch? If such an allowance were established how should it be earned?
5. Should the crop insurance features contained in the present program be enlarged?

Answers Difficult

Even a cursory reading of the questions will convince the reader that they are not to be answered without considerable thought and it is possible that they cannot be answered satisfactorily at all without more information from completed experiments than is now available. It would be difficult at this time, for instance, to definitely say what practices should be recommended from a soil conservation standpoint for this county and it is possible that opinion is what is desired instead of experimentally found facts.

Moro American Legion Schedules Dances

Chris Schultz post, American Legion met Wednesday night and made plans for an active season of entertainment for the coming winter. Dances were scheduled for Halloween night, October 31, for Armistice night, for December 26 and for February 20. Further plans include preparations for a carnival to be given in December and perhaps a home talent show will be presented before spring.

The probability of getting the new state commander, Guy Gordon, to come to the county for a meeting was discussed and newly elected officers and other members were given an invitation from Kent post to a joint installation October 17th.

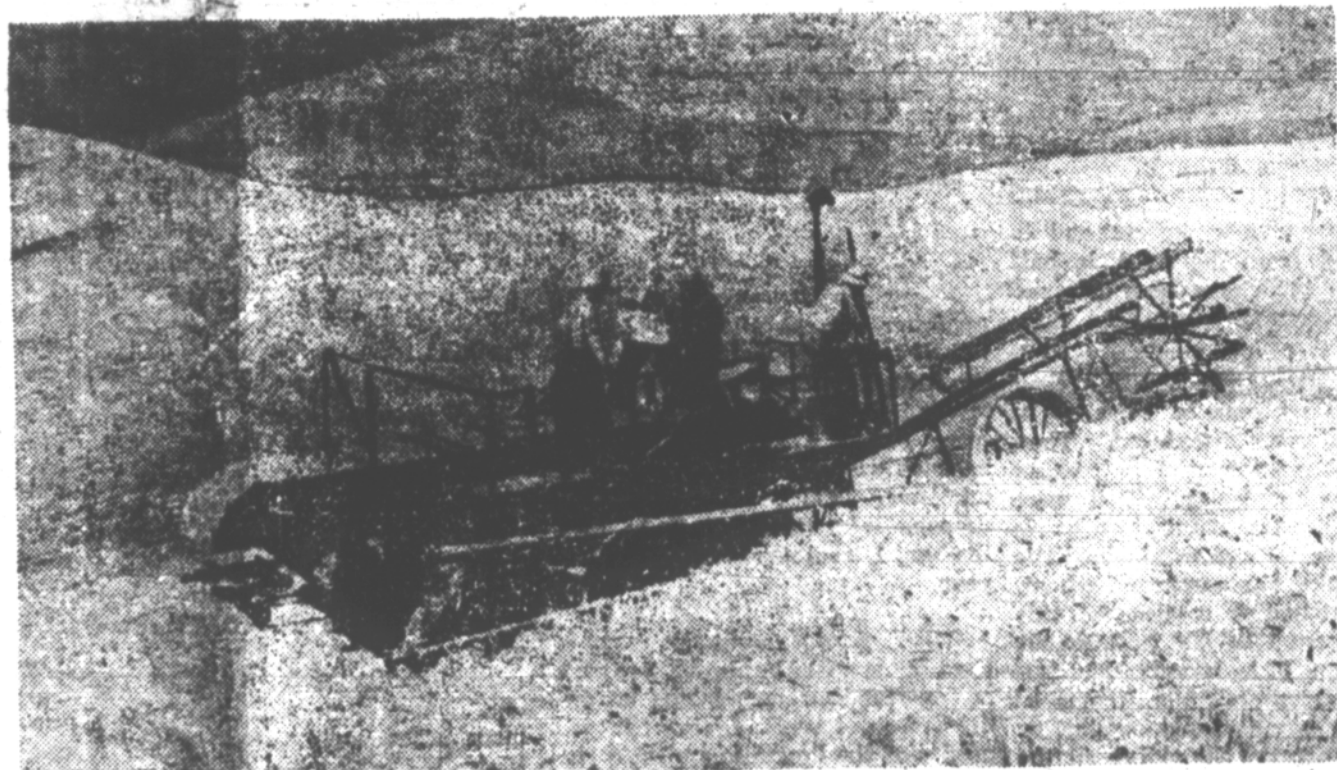
Conservation Work Progressing

Inspection of the work being done by the CCC boys on the Peters & Ginn and Jack Eva farms shows several large dams nearly done. Two have already been finished and another will be done shortly. These dams will stop flood water in upper Peetz canyon and impound them to form two or three lakes until silt has filled the depressions above the dams. The draws above and below the dams will be seeded to grass and the land will be permanently retained with the resulting sod.

WEATHER CLEAR, WARM

Weather continues clear, cool and physically pleasant. Mentally it is not so pleasant for those whose livelihood or financial success depends on getting the wheat sown this fall. Days are sunny with the sun shining from cloudless skies and nights are cool and clear with just a hint of frost but not quite achieving it.

Bumper Crops in the Pacific Northwest



While North Central states recount their drought losses, the Pacific Northwest harvests bumper crops. In this picture, made near Walla Walla, Wash., a combined harvester-thresher is seen chugging to the steep hillside as it moves in narrowing circles around the field.

P.I.L.E. Attracts Conservationists Sherman County 4-H Clubbers

Seven Sherman county youths will be in attendance at the Pacific International this year with 13 beef animals to represent the county in 4-H club work.

Nine fat animals, either steers or spayed or mated heifers, will be taken from this county and four heifers for the breeding classes will also make the trip. Those going are Bobby King, Donald von Borstel, Jack von Borstel, Frank von Borstel, Frank Sayrs, David and Henry Richeiderfer.

Enrollments Asked

There is an opportunity for three new L. E. M. at the Moro camp sometime before October 8, next Thursday. These three men will be enrolled for a six months period from local men who desire to enter this work. The pay will be \$30 per month with board and clothes furnished. It is desired that one of the men be a blacksmith but this is not absolutely necessary. All enrollees must be above the age of 18 years.

Harland View Holds Booster Program

Booster Night at the Harland-view Grange was observed Wednesday night when a large crowd gathered at the invitation of members to witness the program. After the opening drill and seating of members a number of recitations and songs were given by Mac Hall, S. A. Hall, J. C. Thompson, Carl Adams and others. Master Dean Reynolds welcomed members and guests in an appropriate speech.

The secretary's report told of the beginning of the Harlandview grange in November 1926 with 28 charter members and of its steady growth until now 127 are listed on its books as members. Thirteen applications for new and renewing members were received.

Howard Belshee spoke of the agricultural situation in the county and nation and LeRoy Wright told of the activities of the county agent's office in 4-H club work, and allotment payments. He explained the use and method of seeding Crested Wheat grass under the soil conservation program. Dancing and lunch were enjoyed later in the evening.

Kent American Legion Elects Officers

The American Legion and the Auxiliary held a joint meeting at the Legion hall Thursday evening September 24.

Plans were made for a joint County Institution to be held at Kent on Saturday evening October 17. The Antelope Post will also be invited. Mr. Frey of Hood River and Mrs. Donald Knighten of Moro will install the new officers.

New officers elected by the Kent Legion are: Tate Justesen—Commander; Frank von Borstel—vice commander; J. E. Norton—adjutant; Theo von Borstel—Finance officer.

Conservationists Visit Local Station and Nursery

Grasses Being Tested in Series Of Field Experiments

A. L. Hafenrichter, director of the experimental nursery for the northwest soil conservation service, accompanied by Virgil B. Hawks, his assistant, who is in charge with D. E. Stephens of the local soil conservation nursery, and C. Edwin Hill, chief of the Wild Horse erosion station were here Wednesday to confer with Mr. Stephens about grasses adaptable for soil conservation in this area.

Several Nurseries Established

The nurseries, which are located at Pendleton and Dayton in Oregon, Lind, Goldendale, Dayton, Pullman in Washington as well as at Moro, were established for the purpose of finding the grasses that are best adapted to soil conservation practice in these districts. First requisite is a grass that will yield an adequate return to the farmer. Grasses also must be valuable from a soil conservation standpoint and must, of course, be adaptable to the soil and climate where grown.

Many Grasses Being Tried

This is the experimental side of the soil conservation service. Several years ago native grass seed was gathered all over eastern Oregon, Washington, and Idaho and distributed to the stations.

Some years will be needed to determine the best grass as some of those that look the best the first few years are not hardy enough or are too short lived to be of permanent benefit to a soil conservation program. Crested Wheat is one of the most promising of the grasses and seed of it is being sown this fall under the new soil conservation act.

OREGON HAS MOST CRESTED WHEAT GRASS

Oregon will have more acres of crested wheat grass next year than any state in the Union, judging from present plans for seeding this grass by eastern Oregon farmers and stockmen. A jump from about 3000 acres grown this year to about 53,000 acres next year is in prospect, according to E. R. Jackson, extension agronomist at Oregon State college, who has recently checked up on seed supplies on hand.

"As soon as the new agricultural conservation program was put into effect, eastern Oregon county agents sensed the fact that the use of crested wheat grass on sub-marginal grain lands of the Columbia basin and other eastern Oregon sections would provide one of the best methods of cooperating with the program and improving the basic agricultural set-up of the entire region," said Jackson.

Mrs. Hoskinson Named Deputy County Clerk

Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson has been appointed as deputy clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Viola Hansen. Mrs. Hoskinson began work Thursday morning October first. She has had experience in the office having served as deputy under a former clerk, Mrs. Mary Hoskinson.

The appointment was made this week by George C. Vinton, county clerk. It is expected that the new appointee will serve the remainder of the year or until one of the two candidates have been elected. Contestants for the office are Joe Truitt, Republican, and Walter A. Ruggles, Democrat.

Local Woman Dies Following Long Illness

Elizabeth McLachlin Belshee was born on Vancouver Island, Canada. When she was a baby her parents moved to Umatilla, Oregon, and in 1883 they came to Sherman county. She graduated from Albany college in 1902. Since then she had lived continuously in this county, near Moro until 1930 when she was married to Roy Belshee and moved to a ranch near Wasco. She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge in Wasco, the Moro Rebekah and Woodcraft lodges and had long been a member of the Moro Presbyterian church. Surviving relatives are: her husband, Roy Belshee of Wasco; a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Marie Gordy, and grandson, Ray, of The Dalles; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Woods of Dufur and Mrs. Estella Dillinger of Portland; a brother, Daniel McLachlin of Portland and a step mother, Mrs. Frances McLachlin of Portland.

Funeral Held Sunday

The funeral was held in the Community Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Johns of The Dalles officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lawrence Mitchellmore. Mr. Johns was the minister at Spaulding Chapel many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton sang three hymns accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs. Grave side services were conducted by the members of Moro Rebekah lodge. Pall bearers were: Hugh Chisman, J. C. Freeman, J. C. McKean, John Foss, Omer Sayrs and L. L. Peetz.

The church was filled with mourning friends and the many beautiful flowers were evidence of their love and respect.

County Agent May Get Veterinarian

If any farmers in the county wish to have veterinary work done they may drop a card to the county agent and he will make an effort to get a veterinarian in the county. Several farmers want to have horses mouths floated at this time of year and others have problems with stock that need professional attention. It is thought that Dr. Beletaki can be brought here.

Wasco Festival Gay and Joyous Community Party

Entertainment Features Keep Crowd Interested From Start of Parade To End of Dance; Young Oregonians Please

The Wasco Library Festival 1936 vintage, upheld the reputation of former festivals and was a distinct success from both the entertainment and financial side. The parade was held just before noon with many of the local clubs and business houses entering floats. Several very attractive and amusing floats were in the line of march. The school children took part as did the Young Oregonians who came up from Portland to give an entertainment in the afternoon.

Six Man Football Played

The six man football game between Wasco and Grass Valley high schools was won handily by Wasco whose team was heavier than their opponents. Six man football is new to this county except for a few practice games played last year. It is a more open game and easier to watch than the regular game. Because it is an open game there is little piling up in the meles and little danger of injury to the contestants. Scoring is easier than in the 11 man variety of football as the defense seldom plays with a safety man.

Youngsters Have Good Show

The show put on by the Young Oregonians was well received by the house full of spectators. Some very good tap dance numbers delighted the crowd and the magician had great success with his bag of tricks. Ballet dancing, readings and musical numbers made up the remainder of the program.

The two queens were crowned by Mayor Nisbitt and both were given presents, Mary Thomas senior queen, who also celebrated her birthday was presented with a bracelet and little Sharon Rae Hennigan was given a doll.

Garden Club Wins

First prize for organization floats was won by the Garden club with little Derie Hennigan representing. Mrs. Mary, who made the garden grow. The Union Oil company won first for the business house floats.

Children's prizes were taken by Malcolm Richeiderfer, Gene McIntyre, Ruth Spencer, Dale Wright and Dan Kaseberg. Winning other prizes were Mrs. L. L. Funk, card table and chairs; Norma Feldman, garden chair; and Mrs. Everett Watkins, box of candy.

Worthy of mention were the many lovely plants and flowers on display at the show room. There were many visitors from out of town.

The concessions, all locally owned and barked, brought in the money for the library besides furnishing fun for the people who played the games. A goodly crowd of Sherman county people were in Wasco for the event.

Now is the Time To Spray Morning Glory

LeRoy Wright calls attention to the fact that this is the best time of year to do work toward controlling perennial weeds. "At this time of year the sap in the weeds is starting down," said the county agent, "and probably the chemicals used have the best effect now."

The chemical is used at the rate of 3 to 4 pounds per square rod and one pound may be mixed with from one to two gallons of water. This is considered the most satisfactory method. The chemical can be applied dry but usually more is used by that method.

Animals should not be allowed in the field after the chemical is used not because of danger to the animals but because if animals eat the plant the chemical is wasted. Often the living plants are killed but seeds grow giving the impression that a poor kill was made.

Atlatide, one of the most popular weed killers, can be bought in wholesale markets for around 84 cents per pound.