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Governor Martin's message opening the 39th regular session of the state legislature was unique in two respects. It was probably the shortest message ever delivered at the opening of the legislative session in this state. It contained no recommendations for new legislation. On the contrary it called attention to the fate of measures voted down by the people at the recent election and cited these as mandates from the people against any tampering with the tax structure of the state or any fundamental changes in the state organization.

The message, less than one thousand words in length, called attention to the improved condition of the state's finances, pointed with pride to the disappearance of the general fund deficit. Directing attention to the balanced budget prepared by his budget director, Wallace S. Wharton, the governor urged the legislators "not to rock the boat" by exceeding the recommendations of the budget and jeopardizing the state's financial credit or by passing new revenue measures and thus increasing the burden of the taxpayers.

The governor pleaded with the lawmakers "not to be led astray by the deceitful, false and misleading shibboleths of demagogues who maliciously try to create economic, social and political chaos" and urged that they "not be misled by plausible but designed arguments into enacting laws that will further the work of these destructive demagogues."

Demand upon the services of the state library have doubled in the past ten years. The biennial report prepared by Miss Harriett Long, state librarian, shows that 460,027 volumes were lent during the past two years compared to 237,110 volumes in the biennium of 1925-26. The library now boasts a total of 365,354 volumes on its shelves but even these, Miss Long declares, are not nearly sufficient to meet the demand. Patrons of the library have spent approximately \$12,000 during the two years on postage in the prepayment of packages mailed out from and returned. Demand for books on business, trades, skills or crafts increased nearly 50 percent over the previous biennium while demand for books on current problems, economic and social, increased by 40 percent in the same period.

The state supreme court refused to risk burning its fingers by meddling in the controversy surrounding Dellmore Lessard's right to a seat in the senate. Lessard's eligibility as a legislator had been questioned because he had accepted appointment as an attorney for the bonus commission. Holding that neither the court nor the secretary of state had any right to pass on Lessard's eligibility the seven justices passed the question over to the legislature itself as the sole judges of the qualifications and eligibility of its own members. The act of 1935 directing the secretary of state to convene county commissioners to fill legislative vacancies was intended to apply only in cases of vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal from the district, the court held.

Legislators and high state officials together with their wives or lady friends will be guests of honor at the biennial legislative ball to be held in the armory next Monday night. The affair which is sponsored by the Salem chamber of Commerce is in charge of a committee headed by Brigadier General Thomas A. Rilea.

If you are an average Oregon citizen your share of the public debt, not including that of the federal government, amounts to nearly \$200.

Figures compiled by State Treasurer Holman and released in his biennial report show the aggregate debt burden—bond and warrant—of the state and its numerous political subdivisions, to be \$194,136,445.22. But even that figure is \$36,000,000 under the figures for 1936 when the aggregate debt seems to have reached its peak at \$230,200,948.12.

Cities are responsible for the biggest contribution to the aggregate debt load—probably because there are more of them. Anyway the total debt—bond and warrant—of the cities and towns of Oregon amounts to \$76,243,489.84. The

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Legislators From This Vicinity Get Appointments

Committee assignments given out for Oregon legislators this week have resulted in important places for representatives of this district. The senate, being half the size of the house, puts more committee work on its members, especially this year when house committees are comparatively small in number of members.

Heads Livestock Committee

Senator W. H. Stelwer, now exclusively a sheep man since the sale of his bank to the First National of Portland, will head the livestock committee in the senate. He will also serve on the assessment and taxation, banking, irrigation and drainage, military affairs (because of his previous military service) public lands, resolutions and roads and highways committees, most of which are important to the district.

Representative E. R. Fatland will again act as vice-chairman on the alcoholic control committee which will have considerable work to do with the numerous amendments that are proposed for the "liquor act." He will serve on the education and game committees and will again be on the highways and highway revenue committee where his experience as head of the John Day highway association will be of value. As one of the members on the labor and industry committee he will be in position to work for the permanent settlement of labor troubles that beset the farmers of the district.

French On Public Institutions

Representative Giles French will serve on commerce and navigation which may have to handle legislation regarding the development of the Columbia river for navigation. Counties and cities and education will be other committee assignments. He has also been appointed chairman of the committee on public institutions which is expected to handle the building proposals for the state and determine the fate of a new parole system for the penitentiary.

Mrs. Harry Dutton Dies In Eugene

Mrs. Harry E. Dutton, resident of Grass Valley, from 1911 until 1922 passed away at her home in Eugene, New Year's eve. Funeral services were held Monday with interment at Rest Haven Memorial park.

Mrs. Dutton was a member of the Baptist church which she joined some twenty years ago in Grass Valley. She was affiliated with the Rebekahs, Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters. Surviving are her husband, and three sons, Donald, and Joyce of Eugene and Harry of Alturas, California.

Livestock Men Plan To Organize

County stock growers are planning the organization of an association to study marketing, feeding and management of range problems similar to groups in Gilliam and Wheeler counties. Tentative arrangements call for the first meeting at the time the 1937 range program is outlined. Livestock growers will be notified by the county agent's office.

Scales Available

By the time the weather breaks a new trailer scales will be ready for weighing the calves of the 4-H club members in the county. The county agent's office reports that a 1000 lb. scales is being mounted on a trailer built so the animals can walk up the weighing machine. The equipment will also be available for Sherman county farmers.

BIRDS NEED FOOD

Birds, too, need plenty of food this cold weather but they are finding it difficult to provide for themselves because of the snow, in the advice of local Boy Scouts under the leadership of Clyde Gillmor, are giving their Sherman county friends.

Bread crumbs, ground suet, chick feed as well as crushed apples are recommended by the scouts, who warn that food must be placed out of the reach of prowling cats.

Break In The Winter Weather May Come

Six Sub-Zero Days in First Weeks Of Month; Grass Valley School Closed Again

King Winter continues to reign in Sherman county his snow-white cloak, the symbol of his authority. Thursday morning the sun broke from behind the clouds and traces of blue sky pointed to the warmer weather forecast by the government service.

Snow Flurry Wednesday

While there was a flurry Wednesday in this district The Dalles was reporting a snowfall of better than four inches that the highway crew had little difficulty clearing.

Low temperatures of the last week broke a record of several years' standing for the first two weeks of January. There were six days of sub-zero temperature the low being 10° below on January 8. Most farmers felt no alarm over this condition as the nine or 11 inches of snow present in most localities was considered sufficient protection for the ground.

Highway Crews Busy

High drifts in roadways near ranch homes have hindered travel. Several families in a state of semi-hibernation for almost two weeks were seen in town for the first time the middle of the week. The highway crew was on the go constantly. As soon as one section of the road had been cleared, a call that drifts had piled up in another sent them to more cold, strenuous work.

Tuesday morning word came that the Grass Valley schools would close until Monday, as it was impossible for the country children to make their way to town. Other schools of the county continued to operate as usual.

Favorable Prospects Retard Prices

Grain markets were unsettled during the first week of the new year, states the Weekly Grain Market Review of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Wheat turned weaker and lost a part of recent sharp gains, influenced by better crop prospects, increased offerings of Southern Hemisphere grain and a less urgent European inquiry.

Crop Needs Rain

Generally favorable prospects for next season's domestic winter wheat crop and a less urgent inquiry for increased offerings of Argentine wheat were outstanding features in the wheat situation at the beginning of the new year. Although the domestic winter wheat crop still needed rain over much of the Southern Great Plains. Prospects improved materially with snows bringing beneficial moisture and also furnishing protection against the extremely low temperatures in Northern and Western sections. Warm weather in Eastern and Southeastern winter wheat areas hastened growth and the crop was generally reported in good to very good condition. Prospects were generally satisfactory in Central and Southern Europe but crops were rather too far advanced in Scandinavian countries and snow cover was needed in the Balkans and Russia.

Examiner Here

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will again be in Moro, on Thursday, January 21 at the court house between the hours of 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., respectively, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley at this time.

The assistant to the postmaster, Iva Belshe, has moved to the hotel.

Traffic Violators Attend Safe Driving School



Safe driving class, headed by Lieut. Wesley Brown of the Detroit police department, is shown in session. The students are traffic violators ordered to attend the class by the traffic judge, as well as any other auto drivers who may come voluntarily. Applicants for driver's licenses must likewise attend the class before their first permits are issued.

Former Local Resident Dies At Dufur, Jan. 8

W. L. Dillinger, 62, a resident of Sherman county for more than 40 years, but during the last decade living in Dufur, died at his home January 8.

Mr. Dillinger was the son of John and Hester Dillinger, and in his youth lived in the Moro district.

At the age of 19 while attending Spaulding Chapel, he felt the call to the Gospel ministry so obtained an exhorters license in the Methodist church. Later he served two years' pastorates at Gilmer, Wash. Hood River, and Centerville, Wash. While in the last named church his eyesight became impaired and he was compelled to give up his work.

He returned to the farm. During the last few years he has operated a small ranch near Dufur.

Surviving are his widow, Lottie; a daughter, Mrs. Laura Smith of Yakima, Wash.; two sons, Everett, of Salem, and Joyce of Dufur; a sister, Mrs. Vesta Wilder of Portland, and four grand children.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles, Saturday, with Rev. F. L. Johns officiating. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Moro C. E. Named Hosts For Convention

Moro Christian Endeavorers' invitation for the 1937 Mount Hood District convention has been accepted, according to word from Glenn Driskell, president, of Hood River. More than fifty young people are expected to attend from Sherman, Wasco, and Hood River county societies.

The exact date for the convention has not been set but the tentative week end is early in March. A prominent young people's leader has been invited to address the sessions.

Though societies of Wasco and Moro are taking joint responsibility for the convention's success, Moro is expected to have the major share of work. Rev. Gilbert Carey, Willis Douglas, and Lawrence Mitchelmore have agreed to act as leaders.

Albert Gullbrantz, Carl Peetz, Marie McLeod, Irma Mae Morgan, and Dewey Thompson have accepted local chairmanship positions.

Hunter Gets Coyotes And One Bobcat

There are two coyotes and one bobcat less in Sherman county as a result of hunter Melvin Fulkerson's activity during the month of December, according to the report of District agent Roy Fugate of Portland.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Jan. 7	6	-9	.00
" 8	10	-10	.00
" 9	16	-4	.00
" 10	15	-9	.05
" 11	16	-1	.00
" 12	13	-6	.00
" 13	36	6	.08
Total for week			.13

Orren A. Ramsey Columbia Basin Stockmen Will Meet in Arlington

Local Citizen Long A Resident Of County

Orren Avery Ramsey, many years a resident of Sherman county, died Friday, January 8, after a brief illness. He was in his sixty-ninth year.

Mr. Ramsey was born in Richmond, Iowa, on August 28, 1867. Near the turn of the century he moved to Oregon and settled on the quarter section of land at present worked by Clyde Smith near Grass Valley.

On Christmas day, 1900 he was married to Miss Delpha Yarnell. Later the couple moved to Moro where they resided at the time of his death. Mr. Ramsey was known as a builder of good houses and barns. Many examples of his carpenter's skill are to be found in the Moro district.

Though he was seldom seen at public meetings his trade, his family and other home interests keeping him busy. Mr. Ramsey served for several terms as a member of the Moro City council. Colleagues recall that he was a man of convictions tempered with fairness.

He joined the I. O. O. F. lodge in Richmond, Iowa, but never had his membership transferred West. Mr. Ramsey is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Melvin Schadewitz; a brother, Albert of Minneapolis, Minn.; and a sister, Mrs. M. Lemley of Richmond.

Funeral services were held in the Community Presbyterian church, Sunday, January 10, the Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore officiating. Pallbearers included L. L. Peetz, J. B. Adams, J. C. McKean, J. C. Freeman, Art Barnum and F. L. Burnet. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton sang, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs. Interment was at the Moro cemetery.

Highlights Of The Activity of The State Legislature at Salem

A train slipping along the tracks is a magnificent sight to the observer but to the mechanic who has to work with the wheels and gads it is just another piece of machinery. Perhaps the most graceful athlete is merely a bunch of nerves, bones and muscles to the physician. Similarly, the organization of the legislative assembly that seems to roll along like a \$4000 automobile has behind it no little bit of political manipulation.

As every one has surmised for some weeks Harry Boivin, lawyer from Klamath Falls, was elected as speaker of the 39th assembly of Oregon representatives and the vote was unanimous. Those who made and seconded his nomination and those who were chosen to conduct him to the rostrum in simulated dignity were those who had most bitterly opposed his election. There are those who feel that this appearance of peace and good will,

will not last and that the group who have so far dominated the house will lose out in the end. They may, but it is doubtful. They are the conservative, up state men who will probably have the backing of the governor if needed.

Times are said to be better. The governor said so in his message and even then the armory was full of girls, boys, men and women who were merely awaiting the close of his speech to accost the heads of patronage committees and ordinary legislators and plead for a job.

Legislatures attract all sorts of people. Every one who has an idea that will solve the problems of the world or some part of it comes to Salem to button hole a senator or representative and explain the virtues of his idea and ask for support of it. The well dressed cigar smoking, affluent

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Court Makes Appointments For New Year

Jury List On Docket

When Third Adjourned

Meeting Convenes Jan. 18;

Few Changes In Personnel

Although the January 4 meeting of the county court was interrupted and delayed due to weather conditions, the three members spent a full day with business on Monday. By adjournment late in the afternoon major appointments were completed, and drawing of the 1937 jury list was made primary business for the next session of the winter term to be held January 18.

Dr. C. L. Poley was named county physician and health officer. Sheriff C. C. Wilson will act as trustee officer. L. L. Peetz, Roy Powell, and H. A. Walker continue as county road viewers. The Sherman County Journal remains the official county paper.

Election Board Changed

Some discussion arose over membership on the precinct election boards but no drastic changes were made. In a few cases former election chairmen were named judges, the judges displaced becoming chairmen. In the Rufus precinct where two vacancies occurred, John G. Addington became judge and S. A. Wilson, chairman.

O. G. Hilderbrand was named for the three year term on the fair board, his term of office having expired. Other members of the board are Omer Sayrs and T. M. Rolfe.

What to do with the balance of the 1936 emergency fund was decided when the court voted unanimously that it be transferred to the county road machinery fund.

Civil Service Tests Announced

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

Associate home economist, \$3,200 a year, Office of Experiment stations, Department of Agriculture.

Associate exhibits designer, \$3,200 a year, assistant exhibits designer, \$2,600 a year, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and Social Security Board.

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.

Dave Fulton Dies In Philippine Islands

David Fulton, 34, Wasco native son, and ex-newspaperman, died at Ft. Storsenberg, near Manila in the Philippines, January 5. Born on December 8, 1902, Mr. Fulton lived in Wasco for the next 14 years with his parents. Upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin, he did some graduate work at the University of Washington, then took up newspaper work. However in 1934 he enlisted in the army where he was serving at the time of his death.

His survivors include his mother, Mrs. Lulu B. Fulton, Portland; and two brothers, J. G. Fulton of Seattle, and John F. Fulton of Portland.

Eighty-Four AAA Checks Received

Eighty four checks amounting to \$27,608.12 arrived in the county agent's office, Monday. As a result a number of farmers who complied with the 1936 government program requirements are appearing at the court house this week. To date over \$200,000 has been received by Sherman county wheat growers who reduced wheat acreage during the last year. Approximately \$9,000 is still due on approved applications.