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News of the State of Oregon from Salem

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The demand of Senator Ellis of Union county for a special legislative session to provide a more adequate pension for Oregon's needy aged does not meet with the approval of Governor Martin.

The governor calls attention to the fact that Ellis' proposal to provide a pension of \$50 a month was considered by the recent session and rejected. The proposal, according to the governor, is in conflict with the federal program which requires that pension payments be made only on a basis of need.

Ellis' warning that the state will find itself with a deficit of \$12,000,000 at the end of the biennium unless his advice is heeded is not well founded according to Budget Director Wharton who points out that the entire pension program for Oregon calls for an expenditure of less than that amount during the biennium with the federal government carrying one-half the burden and the state and counties sharing the other half. Furthermore the state's share of pension costs is being adequately financed through use of liquor profits, Wharton explains.

Laying of the cornerstone for the new capitol building in Salem last week attracted the largest gathering of notables ever gathered in Oregon's capitol city in many years. Among the estimated 10,000 people who witnessed the ceremony were high state officials, dignitaries of the church and high ranking officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge. Scores of legislators including many former members, were on hand for the ceremony. The list of distinguished guests included two former governors, Oswald West and Ben W. Olcott both of Portland; two former supreme court justices, Lawrence T. Harris of Eugene and O. P. Coshaw of Roseburg; and one former secretary of state, Frank L. Dunbar of Astoria, who served from 1899 to 1907.

The move to run W. L. Goslin as the Democratic candidate for Congress from the first district is more than idle gossip. Prominent Salem Democrats have confirmed the rumor and Goslin admits having been approached on the subject.

That the state Emergency Board has no intention of usurping the functions of the legislature was indicated at its meeting here last week. Of four requests presented for appropriations totaling \$55,000 only one was approved, that for a total of only \$1500. The other three were held not to represent emergencies as contemplated by the legislative act authorizing the board to provide funds to cover extraordinary situations arising between sessions. One of the rejected requests called for an appropriation of \$150,000 to finance the employment of seven extra guards at the state prison so that these employees could be placed on a six day basis. The board held that such a program was a matter of policy to be determined by the board of control and not the emergency board. Furthermore it was pointed out that there had been no change in the situation at the prison since the legislature was in session. Another request for \$3000 to provide for an assistant parole officer failed for lack of support. Governor Martin who presented the request did not press it. Three of the emergency board members voted to restore an appropriation of \$35,000 in the higher education budget which had been lost through slip shod legislation but the four other members voted against the request.

With the cornerstone ceremonies out of the way work is now proceeding with the placing of the marble exterior for the new capitol. At the same time workmen are placing the steel and pouring the concrete for the huge tower that will top the new state house. Work on the building is well ahead of schedule according to Ross B. Hammond, contractor.

Outstanding events in the history of Oregon will be portrayed

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Pre-School Clinic Arranged For County Children

A pre-school clinic will be held next week by the newly formed Sherman County Health Association for the purpose of giving parents of children between the ages of six months and the age to enter school next fall an opportunity to find out about the health of their offspring.

The first day, Wednesday, will be spent at Wasco beginning at 9 a. m. to which location children from the north end of the county will travel. Thursday will be spent at Grass Valley beginning at 9 a. m. and the children from the south end of the county will be contacted there. More children will go to Grass Valley unless given later instructions to come to Wasco.

Drs. Poley of Sherman county and Erickson of Wasco county will conduct the clinic aided by health nurses. A general physical examination of the children will be given.

Free Ferries Lose In conference

The highway commission of Oregon and the highway commission of Washington recently decided not to take over the Astoria ferry and operate it without charge for toll. While not a definite action it may mean that the Maryhill ferry will not be made a toll free ferry for some months to come. There was very strong sentiment in this county and in other towns along Highway 97 to have the states take action on this matter and it will not long be delayed in all probability.

Wheat Harvest Now On In Kansas

Winter wheat harvesting extended rapidly northward during the week with many fields cut in southern Kansas. Marketings increased sharply and receipts at the principal winter wheat markets totaled 3,800 cars, over 75 percent of which consisted of new wheat from Texas and Oklahoma with a few cars from southern Kansas. The quality of the new wheat improved materially with a reduction in moisture. The protein of the wheat inspected at Kansas City averaged 14.81 percent with some of the new grain testing as high as 19.10 percent protein. Test weight was generally good giving promise of high milling quality for the 1937 crop. Usually heavy offerings resulted in a sharp drop in premiums for cash grain.

Sherman County Health Ass'n Formed Here

Organization of the Sherman County Health Association was perfected Monday night at a meeting at the court house. Officers chosen by the organizing group were President, Mrs. D. E. Stephens; vice-president, Mrs. S. L. Richel; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Poley.

Committees Interested

Within a comparatively short time similar meetings will be held in five districts in the county for the purpose of organizing community associations to aid in carrying on the work. These will have officers the same as the county group and will have a set of five committees to care for the work to be done.

Committee Named

Wily Knighten, who acted as temporary chairman, was authorized to appoint a committee to make up a constitution and by-laws and report within five days from the date of the meeting. Later Mr. Knighten named the new president, Mrs. D. E. Stephens, the secretary Mrs. C. L. Poley and Giles French as members of the committee.

Miss L. Grace-Holmes, of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, and Miss Althea Stoneman, county nurse, spoke on the work to be done by the new association and assured it of every support from state sources.

Director of Agriculture to Speak Friday

Solon T. White Will Tell of New Legislation Concerning Farmers of Oregon Since Last Legislative Session

Plans are practically complete for the eastern Oregon farmers' picnic to be sponsored here Saturday, June 26, by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, announces C. A. Nish, Condon, president of the league.

The affair will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, where farmers and their families will gather at the city park, which has recently been improved in preparation for them. In addition to the basket dinner in the park, and music supplied by the Moro high school band, the morning program will include several outstanding speakers, on topics of interest to eastern Oregon farmers.

Sen. Kiddle To Talk

S. T. White, director of the state department of agriculture, is scheduled to talk on agricultural legislation passed at the last session of the legislature which is important to eastern Oregon. G. R. Hyslop, chief of the farm industries division at Oregon State college, will discuss a perennial noxious weed control program for the mid-Columbia district, and Clyde Kiddle, La Grande, chairman of the transportation committee of the Wheat League, will talk on transportation problems in connection with the marketing of eastern Oregon wheat.

Inspection Trips Planned

The afternoon program will include a visit to the CCC soil conservation camp and to the soil conservation project, both near Moro, as well as an inspection tour of the Moro experiment station. Women who do not care to make the trips will meet with Miss Joan Patterson, extension specialist in home furnishings at Oregon State college, who is preparing a special program for them.

Pierce Has Opening For Students

The second congressional district represented by Walter Pierce, will have three vacancies at Annapolis Naval Academy beginning July 1, 1938. High school graduates are eligible.

"The principal purpose of this school is the training for the navy, but it is not essential that graduates should make this a career except when called upon by the nation in times of necessity. Each student is given \$780 a year from the date of admission until graduation after a four year course. Applicants must be not less than 16 nor more than 20 years old, must be in fine physical condition, especially as to eye sight," says Mr. Pierce.

Examinations will be held in October of this year.

The Dalles Celebration Promises Well

It is not just another Fourth of July celebration, that is being staged July 3, 4 and 5 at the Dalles this year. While it will feature many of the old fashioned staples, athletic events, dances and what not, the highlight attraction will be a Pageant of Progress parade.

A two-mile string of illuminated floats and historical pageant, depicting three periods of development of the mid-Columbia country. It will not be a mere "The Dalles" pageant, but will embrace a wide strip of this area, the nucleus of development of the Inland Empire.

Four historic periods will be exemplified by the floats, which will be given vivid coloring with electric lighting effects.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX	MIN	PRECIP	
June 17	61	44	.06	
" 18	67	49	.21	
" 19	69	47	.19	
" 20	72	52	.12	
" 21	68	54	.06	
" 22	66	47	.03	
" 23	63	44	.03	
Total for week			1.30	

SCACA Men Meet For Hearing On New Program

A meeting of the entire group of community committeemen of the Sherman County Agricultural Conservation Association was held Thursday afternoon at the court house for a discussion of proposals for the 1938 program.

Preliminary decisions to allow 80% of the total payment for diversion of wheat land to other crops and 20% for conservation practices. This will permit 80% of the payment to go for maintenance of crested wheat acreage.

Wasco Team Wins From Kent In Rain

The Kent and Wasco ball clubs met in the rain on a rain soaked diamond last Sunday and muddled through seven innings of what was labeled baseball before the rain drove them out. Wasco won 14 to 7 but were off to a bad start when McKean essayed to pitch and six runs crossed the plate in the first inning. McQuillen took up the mound duties afterward and slowed the running somewhat.

The Grass Valley team did not play last Sunday but has a heavy schedule for the week end of the Fourth.

Ben Peetz Married To Portland Woman

News has been received here of the marriage of Mrs. Harriet Nagel to Ben F. Peetz at Portland June 19. They will be at home after June 25 at 135 S. E. 78th Ave. Portland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schaffer and grand daughter, Louise Barzee have gone to Portland to remain for ten days.

New School Directors Named By Electors

Election of new school officials for the various districts of the county was held Monday afternoon with little excitement in most cases. Prize winning attendance must be accorded the Grass Valley district this year for 92 school patrons cast ballots for director and clerk there. T. M. Rolfe, veteran school director, was chosen for the place again and Edgar Alley was made clerk to fill the place left vacant by the removal of W. May Blake from the district. A discussion of school affairs was held after the meeting but no decisive action was taken at the time.

At Moro Melvin Schadewitz was re-elected as director and Joe Truitt was returned to his position as clerk. No opposition developed. Kent re-elected the same men to carry on for another term and J. L. Davis and Frank von Borstel will remain as director and clerk respectively.

Wasco chose J. E. McClure to fill the unexpired term of Lloyd Hennagin who has moved from the district and re-elected Wm. Nesbit as director. Gertrude Mee will act as clerk.

At Rufus Tom Striker was named director and Herman H. Backett clerk for another year.

The Harmony district, the only rural school last year, elected Mark Henkle as director and Clyde Orites for another term as clerk. A vote taken on the proposition of petitioning the boundary board for permission to hold school another year was decided in favor of transporting by bus to the children will be brought to school in all probability.

At Locust Grove C. V. Anderson will continue as director and G. H. Root as clerk.

Hugh Welkunas director and C. Byers as clerk will continue to serve the Demoss district and W. E. Button and George Pettib will remain as director and clerk of the Klondike district.

At Erskine W. C. Fuller was re-elected as director and the superintendent of schools, Wily W. Knighten was chosen as clerk.

At Fairview Harvey Thompson who filled out an unexpired term was elected as was Carl Melzer. Mrs. Abbie Melzer was chosen as clerk.

Grass Valley Celebration Program Made

Base Ball To Be Main Entertainment Feature; Races For Men and Boys and Contests For Women Billed

Celebration of the Fourth of July at the Grass Valley park will combine entertainment features that have proven attractive to residents of this district with the neighborhood picnic that fits so well the shady surroundings of the park.

Major interest will center on the two baseball games to be played between the Grass Valley team and the Warm Springs Indians on the 4th and the Grass Valley team against teams from Oaker, Tugh Valley and Madras to be known as the Tugh Valley Squads on the 5th. Games will be held on the night of the 3rd and 5th with Pritschau orchestra will play.

Speaking Scheduled

On the Fourth the patriotic program will begin at 11 a. m. with band music. The address of the day will be given by Hon. Walter Fisher of Salem, a member of the Oregon legislature. The Declaration of Independence will be read by Giles French. Special music will be arranged.

A picnic lunch will be held under the trees where tables will be arranged for the use of the visitors. The Cascadian Sound Service will announce events and will provide picture shows all three days.

Before the ball game there will be a series of races and novelty entertainment. Boys races, girls races, bicycle races, fat men's races, free for all races and a wheel pin throwing contest and a husband calling contest for the members of the gentle sex are billed.

Booths and concessions will be on the ground and good order is promised by the city officers and the baseball boys who are sponsoring the celebration.

This will be the only celebration of any kind held in Sherman county and it will, as usual, draw a goodly crowd, not only from the county but from the south end of Wasco county whose residents often come across the Deschutes to aid in community functions.

Mrs. McKean's Funeral Attended By Many

The funeral for Mrs. J. C. McKean was held Friday afternoon from the Legion Hall with the Rev. W. I. Eak of the Dalles giving the sermon. O. L. Belshe, O. C. Sayre, Walter May, L. L. Peetz, Melvin Schadewitz and W. C. Henkle acted as pall bearers. Musical numbers were given by a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin and Tom Fraser. Mrs. Hennagin also sang a solo. Members of the Moro Rod and Reel club were in charge of the funeral and interment was made in the Moro cemetery.

Hood River Climbing Given By Legion

What are the things that help you remember about the Hood River American Legion's annual "public climb" of Mount Hood?

The affair, scheduled Sunday, July 18, this year, has become surrounded by much color and legend since its origin 17 years ago.

First outward sign of activity in connection with the climb is the sudden blossoming forth of Hood River townspeople in berets, neckerchiefs and alpenstocks during the week before the climb. The whole population overnight becomes 100 percent alpenist.

Promptly at 10 p. m. the most spectacular part of the whole week begins.

A hand-picked crew of men, strung out along Cooper spur ridge and the northwestern edge of the mountain, simultaneously light more than a hundred inverted V's which form a mighty inverted V with the apex at the summit of the mountain, 11,225 feet above sea level.

The climb itself, beginning at 2

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Changes Being Made In Co-op Organization

Directors and managers of the grain growers locals of Grass Valley, Moro, Wasco, The Dalles, Goldendale and Condon met in The Dalles Wednesday night for a discussion of storage rates and warehousemen's wages for the coming harvest season. No definite decision was reached although it is possible that higher storage rates will be necessary. A plan for fewer directors for the North Pacific Grain Growers was debated. This is a part of a reorganization program that was started the first of the week at Spokane when new directors were named. H. D. Pfundfoot and E. H. Hadden are directors from this district.

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22 COYOTES KILLED

Melvin Fulkerson, federal trapster stationed in Sherman county, accounted for 20 coyote pups in May as well as two adult coyotes. The total coyotes taken during the month by federal hunters was 423 old ones and 685 pups. Fifty-one hunters were employed.

Yield Estimated Average

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The limiting factor of wheat production in this county is nearly always moisture. This year it will probably be stand and weed conditions. Much of the winter wheat is thin from the hard winter. It is also weedy. Spring wheat has improved wonderfully in appearance since the rains began.

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Social Security Board Must Have Reports

Oregon employers are urged by Mr. James E. Peebles, Portland manager of the Social Security Board, to arrange their records immediately to comply with requirements of the Social Security Act.

"Every employer in commerce, industry or professional service having one or more employees, regardless of whether the employee works on a temporary, part-time or permanent basis, will be required to file an information return with the collector of internal revenue in July," Mr. Peebles explained.

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Rain Continues Bringing Joy To Wheat Men

Biggest June Rain Since Records Kept Assures County of Average Crop In Opinion of Most Observers

Rain continued throughout the week and Sherman county fields are soaked to a greater depth than ever before at this time of year. In famous 1916, which will go down in history as a year of fine memories but 1.98 inches of rain fell in June while in 1937 which may come to be historical as well 2.36 inches of rain has fallen already in June.

These figures are for rainfall at the experiment station in Moro, but in other parts of the county more rain has fallen. The gauge at Kent, kept by J. E. Norton showed 2.60 inches up to the 21st. At Bourbon the gauge kept by Henry Peters indicated 2.18 inches. The gauge on the Artell Lemley ranch showed 2.31 and at Wasco the report was 2.10.

Rains Are General

Ordinarily there is dissatisfaction with a rain and many are apt to say that while it might have raised the indicated amount at the gauge it didn't rain as much at their place. This year it is different for nearly everyone believes that he received more rain than is indicated.

In the north end of the county, west, north and east of the town claim to have more rain than is indicated. West of town farmers claim three inches.

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