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News of the State of Oregon from Salem

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So-called "left wing" members of the Democratic party in Oregon are understood to be grooming Dr. J. P. Hosch, Bend physician and member of the lower House of the State Legislature at the last two sessions, as their standard bearer in the 1938 gubernatorial campaign.

Hosch is said to be acceptable to labor, the Grange and the Townsends, three well organized groups whose leaders are out to "beat Martin" at any cost. While the Bend physician-legislator has not expressed himself publicly on the matter he is understood to be very receptive to the suggestion.

Hosch, one of the leaders in the last session by virtue of his dominant personality as well as his previous experience as a member of the 1935 session, served as mayor of Bend for three years and as Mayor of Redmond for 12 years. He was born in Wisconsin in 1880 but was brought to Marion county, Oregon, by his parents two years later.

Political observers visiting Salem during the past week declare the Hosch boom is spreading rapidly over the state and is meeting with high favor.

In this connection it is also interesting to note that a movement is also reported to be well under way among conservative Republicans to change their registration to Democratic in order to help nominate Governor Martin for a second term in case he decides to run again. This move is said to be gaining impetus with the failure of the Republican leaders to suggest any candidate of a calibre sufficient to command the confidence of the rank and file voters.

Circulation of Oregon's public libraries shows an increase of more than 30 percent in the past ten years, according to figures compiled by Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian. Combined circulation of all libraries in the state during 1936 aggregated 5,455,770 volumes compared to an aggregate of 4,105,792 volumes during 1926. The volumes owned by public libraries increased from a total of 787,093 in 1926 to 1,203,482 in 1936. Expenditures for all library purposes show an increase from \$465,729 to \$503,615 a year in the ten year period. Salaries which accounted for \$260,178 of the total expenditure in 1926 had increased to only \$261,276 in 1936.

A total of 117 fishermen ran afoul of the law in Oregon during May and were called upon to explain their derelictions to some unsympathetic judge, according to the monthly report of the state police. Thirty five fishermen were arrested for failure to secure a license and thirty six others were picked up by police for fishing in prohibited areas or out of hours. Fines assessed against these offenders averaged more than \$20 each.

Contract for the construction for the new nurses home at the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton was awarded by the board of control to a contractor employing only union labor but the contract for the plumbing and heating job in the new building went to a firm employing non-union labor. This, too, in spite of a threat of labor trouble. The board held that it was not within the province of state officials to discriminate between organized and unorganized labor in awarding contracts, so long as the successful bidder was responsible and agreed to pay the going wage to his employees.

A spotted fawn has been adopted as mascot by the Revere's CCC camp near Timber in northern Washington county, according to Lynn Cronmiller, deputy state forester. The pet has been christened "Four Bits" which, interpreted, means "half a buck."

Need for more teeth in Oregon's gunnies law if the children of this state are to be safeguarded from attacks by sex perverts has been brought forcibly to public attention this week by the Ingewood (California) "babes in the woods" (Continued on Page Two)

County's Wheat Crop Prospect Very Good

Weather under 90 for the week has aided prospects for wheat yields in Sherman county and increased the degree of optimism among farmers to a higher point than any since 1928. Spring grain although short in some places, bids fair to make a fine yield and winter wheat except for that part that was damaged or too weedy will average much better than usual, it is thought. There is now a basis for hope that the county will produce more than the average during the twenties when wheat production was at its highest point in the county.

Probable failure of the Canadian crop and smaller yields in other grain producing countries has held up the price and contracts may be made for around a dollar.

County Fair Program Made Up

Officials of the Sherman County Fair have practically finished arrangements for the program that will be given during the three days September 24, 25, and 26.

Prizes for the three special races have been made up and the rodeo feature has been hired. The Peter Quick futurity, the Sherman county derby and the Free for all will have good sized purses in order to attract the young horses of the county and encourage early training for the events.

Premiums will be much the same as last year for the various classes of live stock and other exhibited specimens. The list of premiums will be out in a short time and will be distributed to all in the county who may wish to show their stock or work at the fair.

New Gas Tax Law Makes Refunds Easier

Recent amendments to the gasoline tax law simplified methods of filing claims, however, it is still necessary for claimants to make complete statements regarding the use made of the gasoline and the equipment operated, as well as other information requested on the application forms. Each claim must be signed, although it is no longer necessary to verify the signature before an officer qualified to administer oaths.

Some claimants submitting applications for refunds have overlooked the necessity of filling out the blanks fully and others have failed to sign the applications. These oversights necessarily delay the payment of claims.

Court Meets For July Term

County court met Wednesday morning for a brief session after which it adjourned so that members could attend the funeral of J. S. Fowler. Thursday the major part of the work for the month was transacted although the docket was light. An agreement was reached with the banking department, adj. H. W. Champneys, in regard to the county funds in the Moro State Bank, now in liquidation.

A. Edward Boström, of the state health service, talked to the court Thursday morning telling members of the work that may be done by the county to care for the health of citizens.

Farmers May Change Conservation Plan

Now is a good time for Oregon farmers who are cooperating in the agricultural conservation program to check up on their farming practices and their base acreages to make sure that they will be able to qualify for maximum benefits under the 1937 program, according to state officials of the AAA.

Soil depleting and soil conserving bases have been set for individual farms in nearly all counties now, making possible an accurate check up on compliance before it is too late to make certain modifications, it is pointed out. Such a check up is particularly desirable on division farms to see that acreage diverted from soil depleting to soil conserving uses is according to the original plans of the grower.

Grass Valley Wins Two Ball Games Over Holidays

Indians and Squirrels Pe'een As Local Team Settles Down To Mid-season Form; Other Program Weak

The Fourth of July ball games held at the Grass Valley park Sunday and Monday were both pleasing to the few fans who saw them. The local team appeared to better advantage than at any time this year winning both of the contests by good scores.

On Sunday the Warm Springs Indians were defeated by a score of 6 to 1 in a game that was filled with double plays and clever baseball on the part of both teams.

The teams did not blow up and throw the ball around, as is sometimes done by bush leaguers. In fact there were few errors and few of them were expensive.

Three Runs in Six

Grass Valley scored one in the third when Bill Roth got on by an error. The Indians scored one in the sixth and in the last half of that inning the locals made three on hits by Dunlap, Ford, Phifer, Rolfe and J. Roth. Kautz, the Indian pitcher was unable to make his ordinarily wide slant work so well in that inning.

Monday Grass Valley won from the Tygh Valley Squirrels 9 to 3 in another game that won applause from the scattered spectators. Ford pitched most of the game for the locals.

Line Ups

The line-up for the Sunday game was as follows:
Grass Valley: B. Roth, r; Dunlap, 1; Ford, s; Phifer, 1; Rolfe, 2; Kautz, p; J. Roth, 3; Rice, c; Miller, p; B. Rolfe, 1; E. Dunlap, r.
Indians: Katchia, c; Hostler, 1; Orten, 1; Simmons, m; Palmer, 3; Kalama, 2; Kautz, p; Quinn, 1; Halsey, r.

Program Not Given

Other features of the celebration were not so successful. The dances were declared good but the crowds were so disappointing that the program scheduled for Sunday morning was not given. Many local residents spent the day in other places or picnicked under other trees than those in the city park.

Government Wants Painters; Carpenters

The United States Civil Service commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions of senior cabinet maker, senior carpenter, senior electrician and senior painter, for appointment in Washington D. C. and immediate vicinity only. These examinations are open to all U. S. citizens who meet the requirements. The entrance salary for these positions is \$1,860 a year. Applicants must have had at least one year of journeyman experience in the trade for which application is made, subsequent to the completion of a 4-year apprenticeship therein, or 4 years' practical experience in the trade applied for, the substantial equivalent of such completed apprenticeship.

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 postoffice of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

A crew of telephone linemen are here to finish the work began last winter when they were stopped by storm.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX	MIN	PRECIP
July 1	75	49	.00
" 2	78	48	.00
" 3	75	50	.00
" 4	75	50	.00
" 5	75	50	.00
" 6	81	45	.00
" 7	88	48	.00
Total for week			.00



Eugene Ginn, garbed in the colorful pioneer maid attire of the Old West, "smile pretty" through the spokes of an old spinning wheel, one of the several thousand authentic relics which will be used in the Oregon Trail Pageant celebration at Eugene on July 22, 23 and 24. The wheel was originally used by Buffalo Bill Cody's mother and later carried across the mountains into Oregon.

Pre-School Clinic Given By Nurses and Doctors

Wasco and Grass Valley Have Tests Locally

The Pre-School Clinics held in the county last week, were well attended, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Jenkins and Mary Brackett of Rufus, Mrs. A. McIntyre of Wasco, Mrs. Arzell Lemley of Grass Valley, and Mrs. Theodore von Borstel of Kent.

The Clinics were held in the school house, in both Wasco and Grass Valley. Dr. Erickson and Dr. Poley examined all the children. They were aided by Miss Stenman, of Portland and Miss Van Vactor of The Dalles. Mrs. Jean Peterson was in charge of the taking of the histories, several of the local ladies helped her in this work.

Health Good

The health and nutrition of the children of Sherman county was above the average. Seventy-one children were examined in the two days of the Clinic, which is a very good two days work, as twenty is considered a good days work in other places.

Next year we hope to be able to give each community its own day, and we will be able to if our newly organized County Health Association meets with enthusiasm in the different parts of the county. We hope every one will join this organization and do their very best to put Sherman county on the map as a "Health Minded" county.

County Farms To Be Mapped Aerially

Aerial mapping of farms in Oregon under the AAA program will be resumed soon following the recent awarding of a contract for airplane surveys of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Union counties. The contract for mapping approximately 3458 square miles was awarded to the Brubaker Aerial Surveys of Portland at a price per square mile of approximately \$2.88 or \$9959.04 for the entire job.

The bid of the Brubaker firm proved to be not only the lowest submitted in Oregon but the lowest in the entire western region. Surveys in California will cost from \$2.90 to \$3.19 per square mile, and in North Dakota approximately \$3.75.

Ground Crews Used

Ground mapping of territory not being covered by the aerial method is under way by the use of ground crews in many of the counties. The permanent maps will be used in this and future years to determine performance by farmers taking part in the agricultural conservation program.

Aerial mapping, which was tried first for this purpose in Oregon and Washington, has been widely adopted throughout the United States as a relatively cheaper and improved method of carrying out this important function.

Peeping Tom Discovered In Moro Yard

A peeping Tom has made his appearance in town again for the second time this year. This last visit from the inquisitive night bird was on Tuesday night around ten o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles surprised him near the Harry Kunsman home. A bit of good luck permitted him to escape this time. Penalty for such an offence would be a minimum of thirty days and fifty dollars and the maximum would be much more.

Ruling Changes Mailing Custom

A new ruling of the post office department makes it illegal to paste a letter on a package in any place except the front or address side of the package. Letters may, however, be tied to the package. This insures that all writing will be on one side where it will be more easily found by postal men. If a card is attached to a package it must bear three cents in postage.

Canadian Crop Reported Hurt

Harvest prospects continue the dominant influence in the wheat market and drought damage in Canada and threatened spread of rust injury in the United States were largely responsible for the sharp market advance. Some rust was causing damage to winter wheat in limited areas in Central and Western Illinois at the first of July. Infection increased rapidly in Iowa and southern Minnesota but weather conditions also favored normal development of the crops. Rust was also prevalent on the more commonly grown varieties of spring wheat and on barley as far north as Fargo, North Dakota. In certain localities, it was multiplying rapidly as a result of spores deposited by south winds on June 24.

Rust Not Spreading

Despite the threatened spread of rust injury, private forecasts of the winter wheat crop at the first of July averaged only slightly under the official June forecast of 649,000 bushels. Forecasts of the spring wheat harvest averaged approximately 280,000,000 bushels, or slightly above the production indicated by the official June condition.

The Canadian Prairie Provinces suffered another week of unfavorable weather with light rainfall in Alberta and Saskatchewan bringing little relief. Crop conditions in Manitoba continue better than average, with best conditions prevailing in the Red River Valley. West of Winnipeg to the Saskatchewan border however, rain will soon be needed. In Saskatchewan, however, on the other hand, the worst crop failure in the history of the Province threatens with Central and West Central districts showing little likelihood of a commercial crop.

Local Church Celebrating 50 Years Service

Sunday Program To Honor Pioneers of Church

Taking as the theme for the day "Fifty Years Pioneering For Christ", the anniversary committee has practically completed the program of the fiftieth anniversary of the Moro Presbyterian church to be held, Sunday, July 11.

Regular morning services are planned with Sunday school at 10, and the worship service at 11. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore, is speaking on "The Invisible Church." His sermon will be based on material gathered from history of the Moro and Monkland churches. Misses Imogene Johnson, Mary Pinkerton, and Genevieve Nahouse will sing a trio number, "Remember Now Thy Creator" by Adams. Reception of new members and the baptism of infants are other parts of the service planned.

Soon after the noon hour friends and members of the church are to join in a "home-coming" covered dish dinner. A number of former members now living in other communities are expected.

The final session of the celebration will follow the dinner. The young woman's trio is singing two numbers, "God Touched the Rose," Brown; and "Hills of Home" by Foss. Doris Thompson will sing a solo. Letters from former pastors are to be read, and an exhibit of old pictures and other historical keepsakes will be on display. M. Oveson as speaker for the afternoon has chosen a subject that will interest both older and younger generations of Sherman county. During a ceremony of re-dedication for Christian life and service present members are to receive certificates of membership signed in the name of the pastor at the time they joined.

This week the committee received the following letter from W. O. Forbes of Los Angeles: "I do happen to remember some activities of the organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Grass Valley, Moro. The Rev. E. N. Condit, Elder G. W. Rutherford, and myself as chairman of the visiting committee, Presbytery of Oregon, boarded the train at Portland, rode up to The Dalles, ate lunch there and then, taking a stage of some kind worried ourselves through the July heat to the place of our destination. As I remember, we went to Monkland to rest for the night at Mr. Morrison's."

BRACING DANGEROUS IF TIRE BLOWS OUT

If a tire should blow out while the car is traveling rapidly, do not apply the brakes too quickly, advises the safety department of the motor association.

While applying the brakes promptly may seem the logical thing to do, this is what usually causes the car to swerve from its path, it was pointed out. The flat tire, loose on the rim, causes unequal braking action.

"Chub" Fowler Dies From Friday Auto Accident

Collision Between Rufus Farmer and L. L. Peetz and County Road Crew Fatal To One; Cars Wrecked

J. S. Fowler, well known resident of Rufus, died in The Dalles Monday, July 5, from the results of an automobile accident of last Friday evening about a mile north of Wasco.

L. L. Peetz, county road master, accompanied by Lamer Sayrs, Kendrick Dunlap and Clarence Mersinger, returning from the day's work met the Fowler car near the top of the hill near the Barnett estate place and the two cars hit nearly head on as both attempted to swerve to the center of the road and evade the other.

Fowler was thrown to the roadway and probably received his fatal injuries in the fall. Peetz was the worst hurt of the other four receiving a badly bruised chest and several minor hurts. Mersinger and Sayrs in the rear seat were held in place by a main-tainer tire they were holding in front of them. Both cars were badly damaged.

Missouri Native

Joseph Shelby Fowler, (Chub) was born in Pettis county, Missouri May 20, 1880 and came to Sherman county when four years of age. He attended Sherman county schools and after finishing The Dalles high school attended the Portland Business college.

The funeral was held in The Dalles Wednesday with the Elks lodge in charge. Final services were held in Portland crematorium Thursday. He is survived by his widow, Mae and four sisters, Mrs. Cora Stranahan of Hood River, Mrs. Ila Dean of Walla Walla, Mrs. Lella Lamm of Sedalia, Mo., and Mrs. Zella Currin of Portland.

Bank Points To Continued Growth

Continued growth and increased activities of the United States National Bank are indicated by its latest published statement, as of June 30, 1937. Deposits of \$115,626,078.85 indicate a growth of over ten million dollars since the corresponding date of a year ago. Resources increased approximately eleven millions, to a total of \$125,549,819.46. The Capital structure was also enlarged by over a million dollars, to a total of \$9,502,114.27, and Loans and Discounts increased almost six millions, to a total of \$26,839,504.68.

"Not only is the gain in deposits a noteworthy indication of betterment of conditions," said C. R. Harding, Manager of The Dalles Branch, "but the increase in loans of more than twenty-five per cent shows a healthy demand for money with which to carry on in business and agriculture." "The growth of business here at the local Branch is in proportion to that of the Bank as a whole."

Army Recruits Go To Hawaii

A total of 104 enlistments were made in the Portland recruiting district during the month of June according to Major Bagnall, Army Recruiting officer, Portland.

Major Bagnall said the men come from practically every section of the district which includes the entire state of Oregon and parts of California and Washington. During June Hawaiian service was the most popular with the new men as better than forty percent were accepted for this service according to the recruiting officer's report.

The recruiting officer's report also indicates that quotas for July have been received and that eligible young men may be accepted for their choice of foreign or domestic service.

For the convenience of the public, recruiting officers are maintained in the following cities besides the main office in Portland: Astoria, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Medford, Bendleton and Salem, Oregon.