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Legalizing and licensing of various forms of gambling and games of chance as a means of financing liberal pensions for all Oregon citizens over the age of 65 years is proposed by the Oregon Merchants' Legislative League.

Preliminary copies of a proposed initiative measure sponsored by the League were filed with Secretary of State Shell here Saturday. The measure involves an amendment to the lottery section of the state constitution legalizing among other devices bank nights, punch boards, pin-ball, collective pin-ball and collective skill games, raffles and bazaars, bridge studios, pool and billiard rooms, pari-mutual wagering systems, horse and dog racing and other forms of racing and racing establishments.

Under the terms of the measure 65 per cent of the revenues from the legalized gambling activities would be placed in an old age security fund, not to exceed 25 per cent would be given to the city or county in which the licensed activity is located and 10 percent would be set aside for distribution among publicly supported fairs and exhibitions.

Pensions provided for in the act would be paid to all residents of the state over the age of 65 years, regardless of need, with the pension fixed at a minimum of \$35 a month.

If the sponsors of the measure succeed in completing their petitions the proposal will be before the voters of Oregon at the general election in November, 1938.

Oregon employers who are violating the minimum wage for women as fixed by the State Welfare Commission, will face prosecution, Chas. H. Gram, state labor commissioner warned this week. Gram declared that reports reaching his office indicate a "shameful exploitation of women and children in some industries." Since the order reducing working hours for women in Oregon from 44 to 40 went into effect on September 16, Gram said, many employers had reduced the pay of their women employees proportionately in violation of the intent of the minimum wage and hour regulation.

Citizens of Oregon are particularly blessed Governor Martin declared in his annual Thanksgiving proclamation this week. "Here in this beautiful state of ours we can find inspiration at every hand from our magnificent mountains, gentle lakes, rugged coast lines and peaceful valleys," the proclamation points out. "Our future lies ahead of us, for our state is one of untold possibilities for development."

Contract for the construction of a laundry, heating plant and physical cottage at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles was let by the board of control to the firm of Malarkey & Kallander of Portland. The firm's bid was for \$158,800. The federal government will contribute \$52,000 toward the construction program through the Public Works administration, this being one of the last grants approved before the activity of the PWA was ordered curtailed.

Drawing for low numbered license plates of the 1938 issue will take place Friday, according to announcement by Secretary of State Snell. All applications received up to that time will be included in the drawing, Snell said. Mailing of the new plates, however, will not start before December 12. The 1938 plates will be white with black letters and numbers.

Townsend leaders in Oregon will confine their activity in the coming state campaign to a measure committing this state to support of the Townsend National Recovery plan. When Governor Martin two weeks ago turned down the demand for a special session of the legislature to provide for a more adequate old age pension it was indicated by Townsend leaders that they would carry their fight directly to the people through an initiative measure. This week, however, these Townsend leaders filed with Secretary of State Snell a copy of a proposed measure authorizing and directing the state legislature to ask Congress to call a national

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Pension Seekers Over 65 May Apply At Once

Persons over sixty five years who wish to apply for an old age pension to begin after the new law goes into effect January 1, should make such application at the next meeting of the relief committee which will be held early in December. This will permit the receipt of the January pension some time in February. Men and women who are above the age of 65 and who have lived in the state for 15 years and are in need are eligible for the pension.

Mark Henkle's Porch Burned in Early Fire

Tuesday morning before it became light Mark Henkle was awakened by a brightness on his back porch that caused him to bounce out of bed in a hurry. He found the porch to be on fire and called neighbors to assist. The fire was put out before any great damage was done except burning a part of the porch and some of the roof thereto. How it started is still a mystery that Mark would like to solve and he is most thankful to his neighbors for their hurried answer to his call.

Auxiliary Entertains Legion On Armistice

Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary acting in the same capacity as they did in war time, bountifully fed the members of the Legion last Thursday night, Armistice day, at the Odd-Fellows hall. It was reminiscent of the days when the uniform brought food at any of the service organizations. Each veteran was persuaded to tell the group of his whereabouts on the first Armistice day. Group singing of army songs was indulged in by the veterans and cards were played after dinner.

Farm Income Down Since Late Depression

A somewhat less favorable farm market outlook for 1938 than in 1937 is the most outstanding factor of general significance in the voluminous report prepared by the recent National Agricultural Outlook conference held at Washington, D. C., according to L. R. Breithaupt, O. S. C. extension economist, who represented Oregon at the conference. This demand outlook is based principally upon an analysis of the general domestic economic situation and industrial activity. Foreign demand is expected to show little, if any, improvement, although exports may increase as a result of a necessity for finding outlets for a larger volume of farm products.

The report states that "both prices and buying power per unit of farm products are expected to be lower in 1938 than in 1937," and that cash farm income may be

1938 May Be Worse some what less than in 1937. On the other hand, farm wage rates and the cost of most of the commodities used by farmers for production are expected to be higher, except feed and some kinds of seed. The cost of family living items may not change greatly on a whole, but over the country generally there will probably be less money available per family for living and savings.

Major Crop Included

The report deals extensively with the market outlook for all of the major crops and animal products from a national viewpoint, showing considerable variation in the outlook for the different products. Each county agricultural agent in the United States has been supplied with a mimeographed copy so that farmers may have access to the information, even though it is too lengthy for publication in entirety. Parts of the national report will be localized and supplemented from time to time by Mr. Breithaupt and his conclusions published in the form of agricultural situation and outlook reports for more general distribution in Oregon.

Farm Program Leaders Elected For County

New Directors of County Group To Be Chosen From Community Chairmen In Thursday Meeting

Election of officers for the new, 1938, farm program has been in progress during the week with the following results: At Locust Grove G. H. Root, chairman, and county committeeman, A. C. Kaseberg and Fred Hennagin, community committeemen and H. M. Zell, alternate. Wasco: Floyd Root, chairman, O. G. Hilderbrand, Art Smith, directors, Sid Johnson, alternate. Moro: Joe Peters, chairman; O. L. Belshe, F. L. Burnet, directors and Roy Powell, alternate. Grass Valley: George Wilcox, chairman; Wallace May, Millard Eakin, directors, E. E. Barnum, alternate. Kent:

J. M. Wilson, chairman; Kenneth Martin and Lou Clark, directors and Corliss Andrews, alternate.

Committees Meet

Members of the 1937 committee met Thursday morning to figure up final payments for the year and the county committeemen or community chairmen met in the afternoon to plan the program for the new year and elect a board of directors of three from the committee of five which is composed of G. H. Root, Floyd Root, Joe Peters, George Wilcox and J. M. Wilson.

It is doubtful if any definite conclusions can be reached at this first meeting as the county production index has not been set as yet and the percentage of reduction for the nation is not known for wheat.

Mrs. J. A. Sharp Dies At Heppner Home

Mrs. Freda Sharp, wife of J. Arnold Sharp, of Heppner, died at her home Thursday, November 18, from the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Sharp was a native of Sherman county having been born here 31 years ago, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Koepke of Grass Valley. She married Arnold Sharp 10 years ago and since then has lived here, and in Olympia, Washington, until March 1936 when they moved to Heppner where they purchased a bakery, a business in which they had considerable experience.

All members of her family were at her bedside when she passed away. Funeral arrangements have not been completed but it is expected that the funeral will be held in Grass Valley where her parents reside.

Survivors are her widower, her parents, a brother, John Koepke, two sisters, Mrs. Alton Olds and Mrs. Frank Pike all of Grass Valley.

Curt Tom Loses Shed In Fire

Curt Tom has been having lots of hard luck with his buildings of late years. Last week a neighbor's hired man started a fire near one of his machine-sheds and it was destroyed before any one could stop the fire. With it went horse equipment consisting of hitches and some seed wheat. No insurance was carried on the building or contents.

Game Birds Planted

Representatives from the state game farm near Pendleton were here last week to distribute pheasants over the county with the aid of local sportsmen. Over a thousand birds were placed in the most advantageous locations in the county, some of them Hungarians and some Chinas.

MOON HAS PLANE

George Moon, Wasco furniture and hardware dealer, came home Tuesday from Portland with a two passenger cabin plane which he had bought for use in business and for pleasure. He has been taking flying lessons for several months.

Wasco Loses Football Game To Goldendale

The football team of the city of Wasco met another defeat last Sunday when it played the Goldendale OOC team at the Washington town. The score was 6 to 0 and the scoring was delayed until the last few minutes of the game.

The local boys were strengthened by Darrel McQuillen who returned to the backfield after an early season injury and Jim O'Meara who came up from school to take a little exercise at home. Those making the trip were Jake and Clarence Spencer, Jack Hines, Bill McKean, Bill Reid, Edon Neesham, Lane and Marvin Thomas, Leo Watkins, Darrell McQuillen, Lewis Hastings, Ira Fridley, Jim and Philip O'Meara, Kenneth Wilde and Sam Krater.

Well Being Dug At SCS Camp

Camp ground improvement at the Moro Soil Conservation Service camp is progressing rapidly under the direction of superintendent J. R. Chenault and company commander Donald V. Holliday.

A new flag pole is being set up, a new roadway has been built at the south entrance to the camp, and walks are being surfaced with rock. A camp recreational area is being graded down and surfaced, grass has been planted and the entire camp area improved by tree and shrub plantings. Rock borders have been placed around the walks and plantings.

With completion of a well, now being drilled, it is expected that a plentiful supply of water will be available to aid the growth of the new plantings.

Kent Unit Goes To Antelope

The Kent unit of the Auxiliary of the American Legion, was entertained with a luncheon given at the home of Ellen Rooper at Antelope, Wednesday, November 10. Plans were made to sponsor a dance at Kent Nov. 20 and a series of card parties. Constitutional trees were planted by the Auxiliary at the Antelope school house, at the Kent Legion hall and on Henry Baker's grave at Grass Valley. Members visited the schools during educational week and members of Unit and Post attended the banquet and dance at Maupin on Armistice Day.

Father-Son Relations McCulloch Subject

Paul McCulloch, superintendent of The Dalles school system as principal speaker at the Fathers and Sons dinner held at the Community church here Wednesday night criticized the often proposed theory that fathers should make pals of their sons by saying that such a combination of ages and interests could not succeed and that sons wish to hold their fathers in respect and not consider them as absolute equals as the term pal indicates.

The church dining room was full of fathers, real and substitute, and sons, all real, as the ladies of the church served the dinner well designed to fill the inner man and more difficult—to fill the ever aching void of inner sons.

Harry Pinkerton introduced the speaker of the evening and Rev. Mitchelmore, who was responsible for the gathering acted as chairman of the dinner. Members of the local boy scout troop gave a first aid demonstration and Dean Pinkerton and Lyle Nahouse sang a duet accompanied by Carl Peetz. Wayne Frobe, of The Dalles, showed how to make fire by rubbing two sticks together and several songs having fathers and sons as subject matter were sung by the crowd.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 11	45	40	.45
" 12	51	35	.00
" 13	54	40	.05
" 14	53	38	.00
" 15	47	38	.00
" 16	45	36	.10
" 17	44	41	.10
Total for week			.70

Moro State Bank Paying Fourth Dividend Soon

Dividend Will Release Nearly \$15,000 To Depositors Of Bank Closed In 1931

The Moro State Bank Liquidator, H. W. Champneys, has announced that the fourth dividend of that bank since its closing in September 1931 will be paid November 26, giving depositors in that institution just cause for thanksgiving.

Collections have been very good this year and more than enough money is on hand for the dividend which will distribute between fourteen and fifteen thousand dollars to depositors, most of whom are in Sherman county.

Recently stockholders were released from the payment of the first assessment against their stock and another assessment was levied at the same time for the same amount.

A fairly good crop in the south and central part of the county has aided collections and as all indebtedness has been paid by the bank the depositors receive the benefit.

Red Cross To Ask For Annual Membership

The Christmas Seal Sale, starting the day following Thanksgiving, will be handled by mail this year in Sherman county.

We hope you will buy as many seals as possible. We would like to have Sherman county well up towards the top of the list in the number of seals sold per person. Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder is in charge of the Moro Red Cross membership drive.

Drivers Lose Lives, Licenses With Cars

A Series of Weekly Articles on the Problem of Highway Safety By Earl Snell, Secretary of State. Hardly a day goes by but that some resident of this state loses his motor vehicle operator's license as the result of a conviction in a court of another state. Most of these cases come from Washington and California, but there have been instances where the cases originated in courts of far eastern states.

The Oregon law provides that in all cases where the holder of an Oregon operator's license is found guilty in the court of another state of an offense which if committed in Oregon would call for mandatory revocation of his license, the penalty shall be enforced the same as if the conviction had been in an Oregon court. The resultant loss of driving privileges has been a complete surprise to many of our citizens who were under the impression that the fine or other penalty assessed in court and paid ended the matter.

Also under the Oregon operator's law, forfeiture of bail is equivalent to conviction. There have been a number of cases where Oregon residents were arrested in southern Washington towns on drunken-driving charges, forfeited substantial bail (running as high as \$250) and then discovered that the penalty under the law was the same as if they were convicted in an Oregon court so far as their driving privileges were concerned. Revocation of their driver's license for a period of one year was mandatory, in addition, under the requirements of the safety responsibility act, proof of such responsibility must be maintained for a period of three years. Only about five per cent of the drivers coming under the provisions of this act have been able to furnish such proof, and so will be without their licenses for three years.

Penalties are severe for offenses against the traffic laws, and strict observance will not only pay, but will also go a long way toward eliminating Oregon's deaths.

C. M. Bentley will be in Moro on Monday, November 22, 1937 at the court house, from 1 to 5 o'clock p. m. and all those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get in touch with him at this time.

Budget Approved Bridge Closed; Water Rates Cut

The budget committee of the city of Moro met Tuesday night and approved the city budget as published a few weeks ago. While the refinancing plan now in process of acceptance by bond holders does not make it mandatory to levy for bond payment for 1938 a thousand dollars was included for that purpose to get the city off to a good start in paying its remaining \$31,7000 worth of indebtedness.

An order was issued closing the bridge alongside of the Ginn, Coleman hardware store because of weakness. This bridge is in an ally and is little used and it is not expected at this time that it will be repaired. Barriers will be erected to prevent use of the bridge.

No official action was taken on reduction of water rates but the desire of the councilmen present and the members of the budget committee was that water rates be reduced so that 2000 gallons instead of 1000 gallons be sold for the minimum rate of \$1.75 per month and that additional water be sold at 25 cents per thousand. With a well being drilled at the camp it was thought that a better looking city would be maintained under the new rates and water would be available.

University Dads Invited to Eugene

"Dads" of University of Oregon students from Moro have been invited to come to the Eugene campus, December 3 and 4, for what their sons and daughters enthusiastically declare will be the greatest "Dad's Day" week end in the history of the father's club. This year the entire week end will be given over to showing "dad" a good time and giving him a chance to see the University's new buildings, since no other major campus event are scheduled at this time, it is stated by William Cummings, Medford, chairman.

Wheat League President Expects Big Turnout

KONDON—Delegations of wheat growers from Idaho and Washington are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at La Grande, December 3 and 4, announces C. A. Nish, league president. While no similar organizations exist in these states, growers there feel that the problems of wheat growers in the three north west states are identical, and they are interested in the operations of the Oregon league.

One of the principal subjects listed for discussion at this annual meeting is the best use of land and its effect upon production costs. President Nish announces. Although this problem has been considered at many former league conventions, because of the provisions of the 1936 agricultural conservation program and the results of a recent study of the factors entering into the cost of wheat production in the Columbia basin, conducted cooperatively by Oregon State college, and the U. S. department of agriculture, there is renewed interest in the subject, he says.

The weed and seed laws will come in for further consideration this year, with discussions of the operation of the new state laws and what can be accomplished under them. Representatives of the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce will be present to discuss phases of relationships between agriculture and industry, and the labor situation and its effect upon movement of Pacific northwest wheat into interstate and foreign commerce. The possibilities of reduced costs of transportation and power for farms in the mid-Columbia area as a result of the Bonneville dam, is another feature of the program. George E. Farrell, director of the western division of the AIAA, will be present to talk about a proposed agricultural adjustment program for the Pacific northwest.

County and executive committees of the league will convene in La Grande December 2 to correlate their data and formulate reports for presentation to the convention.

Two Trials Enliven November Court Session

S. E. Eakin Given More Money For Injury; Schwartz Estate-Garrett Case Still Being Tried Before Judge

The case of Sylvester Earl Eakin against the State Industrial Accident commission was tried in the circuit court here Monday and Tuesday being sent to the jury, composed of Arvid Anderson, Clyde Smith, Harold Ginn, W. C. Miller, Hildred Zell, E. M. Alley, Dell Olds, W. Ray Blake, Joe Peters, W. E. Bruckert, Harry Van Gilder and Wm. Harder, that afternoon. G. F. Krause of Portland was attorney for the plaintiff and V. R. Griggs for the commission.

Contention of Eakin was that he had suffered a permanent injury to his back when thrown across a plow in the spring of 1935 while working for Frank Medler west of Wasco. The commission closed his case last spring and offered half the value of total permanent loss of a leg or approximately \$1100. He was suing for permanent total disability.

Medical Men Testify

Witnesses for the plaintiff were Mr. Eakin, his wife, Mike Thornton, his father in law, and Dr. Ralph P. Smith of Portland. Drs. Rockey, Dillehunt and Moore appeared for the defence and gave evidence regarding back injuries that was clear and informative to the audience.

The jury's decision was that the commission should allow the plaintiff 90% of the loss of an arm which is approximately double the sum the commission had offered him previously, but considerably less than was asked. Many medical terms were bandied back and forth between witnesses and attorneys and listeners were made familiar with the pronunciation if not the meaning of psycho-neurosis, sacro-iliac, etc. The state contended that Mr. Eakin would recover when no further income could be derived from his injury.

Second Case Draws Large Crowd To Court

Whereas courtroom visitors the first two days of the week were able to hear something of the structure of the back, both in regard to its skeletal formation as well as its muscular and nervous. With the start of the famed Schwartz Est.—Garrett trial there was much testimony, professional and otherwise, regarding the prostate and urinary system.

Those who came expecting to be shocked, and perhaps hoping for such an occurrence, were in the main disappointed for the case, instead of revolving around the moral aspects that were thought to be involved, was based on the physical appearance of Charles Schwartz, who died in November, 1936, a few days after deeding his section of land southwest of Grass Valley to Mrs. Pearl Garrett.

Attorneys for the estate are T. Lester Johnson and Alfred Kelly, who is from Portland. Frank G. Dick is attorney for the Garretts. The case is being heard before Judge Calvin Sweek of Pendleton as Judge Hendricks was in Portland at the time the case was assigned.

Many Testify

The plaintiff's case was nearly finished Wednesday when a number of witnesses were called. Mrs. Garrett testified to the identity of the deed; Miss Anna Schwartz told of the relationship between her and Charles Schwartz and to the events leading up to his death and the legal entanglements following that event. J. Tracy Barton told of the signing of the petition to appoint Tom Garrett as administrator; George Schwartz informed the court of the same event; John Hays, George Wilcox, Henry Clements, W. Ray Blake and E. E. Gervais testified to the health and physical condition of the deceased; Mrs. Mary Bucholtz, a sister, testified as to the night and day previous to Mr. Schwartz' entrance to the hospital; O. M. Fraley and Mrs. J. H. Wilt told of meetings between Mr. Schwartz and Mrs. Garrett; Wm. Brinkert, Mrs. Margaret Peetz and Giles French were asked to appraise the value of the

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