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President Roosevelt's program for curtailment of federal highway appropriations would, if approved by Congress, cost Oregon a total of \$18,300,000 during the next four years according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The proposed drastic cuts in federal aid for highway would delay completion of the state highway system by 15 years, Baldock says.

Elbert Eastman, Portland attorney, is sponsoring a move to remove the political labels from candidates for public office in Oregon and make both the primary and general election strictly non-partisan. Under the terms of a proposed initiative measure filed by Eastman with Secretary of State Snell this week, the primary election would be conducted as an elimination contest of the two high candidates for each office to compete in the finale at the general election. If enough signatures are secured to the initiative petitions Eastman's proposal will be up to the voters at the general election in November, 1938.

More than \$100,000,000 passed through the state treasury department during the period from July 1, 1936, to November 30, 1937, according to State Treasurer Holman. This represents an increase of approximately \$30,000,000 over the figures for the previous similar period ending November 30, 1936. Cash on hand in the state treasury as of November 30, totalled \$13,372,079.35, all earmarked for specific purposes. In addition to current expenses of state government approximately \$6,000,000 will be paid out by the state during 1938 for maturing principal and interest on state bonds.

The interior finish of the new building to be constructed for the State Forestry Department will be of typical Oregon woods, each room to be representative of some native wood of the state. One room will be finished in Douglas fir, another in ponderosa pine, and another room in hemlock, others in spruce, redwood, white fir, myrtle, alder, and ash. The new building which is said to be located near the state highway shops just east of the Salem city limits will be 73 by 100 feet in size, with two stories and a partial basement. Purchase of the site for the building was authorized by the Forestry Board at a recent meeting.

Oregon's chief executive has been selected for the role of matchmaker by a comely eastern miss, who declares her willingness to marry any man who will provide \$500 to pay for an operation needed by her mother. The miss who is said to be finding her man is Donnelle, 20, of Cumberland, Md., who describes herself as a brunette Joan Harlow. She admits that she is "not at all bad looking" in addition to which she is "not a bad cook and housekeeper."

Twenty-four persons were killed in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during November, according to Secretary of State Snell who points out that this was less than 50 percent of the record of 58 fatalities established in November, 1936.

A. R. Hollingshead, Malheur county rancher, told the State Land Board this week that the proposal to block school lands into large grazing areas would put all of the small stockmen out of business because they were not in position to bid for the grazing rights in competition with the big stockmen. Hollingshead gained considerable publicity about a year ago when he attempted to collect tolls from motorists using a state highway across his ranch, claiming that he had never been paid for the right of way.

In spite of protests by eastern Oregon stockmen to the effect that state school lands were of little if any value for grazing purposes the State Land Board has been swamped with proposals to lease the land, with bids averaging approximately three and one-fourth cents per acre per year. Proposals received by the board call for more than 1,000,000 acres of grazing land whereas the state's holdings in the

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Posted for Fair



Beautiful Lorene Phillips displays the first poster issued for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, to be held on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

New Picture Show Will Open In Legion Hall

Sponsored by the American Legion of Moro, Oregon, sound pictures will be shown at the Legion Hall each Saturday night beginning, Saturday, December 11 at 7 o'clock.

The picture shown this Saturday is THE PRINCESS COMES A-CROSS, a roaring comedy with Carol Lombard and Fred McMuray. The hall has been draped so that sound will be effective and echo eliminated.

Every one in Sherman county is invited to attend these pictures, which, although they are not first run, are popular films, such as: Broadcast of 1937, Bolers, Shanghai, General Died at Dawn, Desire, One Sunday Afternoon, College Holiday, and Swing High Swing Low.

Prices are 35c for Adults, 25c for High School students and 10c for children.

Two Local Girls Elected at OSC

Oregon State College—Mary Pinkerton and Dorothy Frazer of Moro, sophomores in education and secretarial science respectively at Oregon State college, have been pledged to the Mu Beta Beta, honor society in 4-H club work.

The purpose of the Mu Beta Beta is to promote interest in 4-H club activities and to increase fellowship among the members and to increase interest in higher education in 4-H. Membership in this honor society is made up of outstanding club members who have been in college at least five terms. New members are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character and service to the club.

Traffic Safer In Oregon In 1937

Traffic safety made greater advances in this state last month, in comparison with last year's record, than during any other month this year, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced today.

Highway travel, measured by gasoline sales, increased six per cent over last October, but accidents increased only 4.3 per cent, while injuries fell 1.5 per cent and fatalities dropped 17.4 per cent.

Especially noteworthy is the proportion of traffic deaths to gasoline consumed. Last year the rate was 20.3 deaths for every 10 million gallons of gasoline sold, while during the first 10 months this year the rate fell to 17.1 deaths per 10 million gallons, Snell said.

"Only seven states in the union had a lower rate last year than the current Oregon rate," the secretary of state declared. "If we continue to improve as we have in the past two or three months, Oregon will soon become known as one of the safest regions in the United States."

Snell expressed pleasure at the wholehearted cooperation of newspapers, radio stations and many organizations in a special campaign to reduce autumn accidents.

County Budget Given Final Approval

Claims and County Business
at Year's End Make More
Work For Commissioners;
Budget Under Limitation

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, DECEMBER TERM, 1937 December 1st 1937 being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, the Hon. County Court did on said date meet in the Clerk's office in the County Courthouse at Moro, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. The following being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; A. A. Dunlap, County Comm.; T. Lester Johnson, District Att.; Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at the said term of court:

In the matter in the payment of claims listed in the claim docket against the general fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims listed in the claim docket against the road fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of Beer license Class C of Mrs. Ida Carlisle approved by County Judge November 27, 1937. Class C Beer License approved.

In the matter of Beer license Class C of Mrs. P. L. Finley at Dinty's Service Station approved by County Judge November 27, 1937. Class C License approved. Re: County Treasurer's report for month of November. Approved. Court adjourned until 9 o'clock December 2, 1937.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of a Tax Budget for the year 1938 and making a tax levy for said period.

The matter of adopting a tax budget for the year 1938 and making a tax levy for said period, coming on regularly to be heard this 2nd day of December, 1937, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. at the County Court Room, Courthouse, Moro, Oregon.

And it appearing that the proposed budget has been published as required by law, and that a hearing has been had thereon, at the time and place set forth in said published budget notice.

Budget Reduced

That after hearing on said budget the same was adopted with the following changes:

Increases	Decreases
\$240.00	\$1990.00

The total amount to be raised by taxation: \$92,507.36

Elementary School Fund 14,461.49

And it further appearing that now is the time and place set by the levying board to make a tax levy for the County Taxes for the year 1938.

Now, Therefore, It is hereby ordered that the sum of \$92,507.36 be and the same hereby is, levied against all property taxable in Sherman County, Oregon, during the calendar year, 1938.

Done and dated this 2nd day of December A. D. 1937.

Attest: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge A. A. Dunlap, County Comm. David Reid, County Comm. Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

(County Court Seal)

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND DECEMBER TERM, 1937.

Claimant	Account	Amount
West Publishing Co.	Law Library	\$116.56
The Dalles Freight Line, Inc.	Freight	26.86
Richard J. Crane, Court reporter	one day	10.00
The U. S. National Bank, Blind		

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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Dec. 2	45	28	.00
" 3	46	33	.00
" 4	38	32	.02
" 5	40	32	.01
" 6	37	32	.00
" 7	34	29	.00
" 8	31	26	.00
Total for week			.03

Wheat League Members Hear Talks On Many Subjects Relating To Farm Life and Farm Income

The tenth meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League held at La Grande last week end, was among the largest of the conventions held by wheat growers of the mid-Columbia basin in recent years, many being attracted by the importance of the problems under discussion in legislative circles that concern farmers.

Meetings were held in the ball room of the Sacajawea hotel and committee rooms were provided for the five groups which met to establish the policies of the league for the coming year. Resolutions were debated fully in several instances and in some cases were taken on to the floor for final settlement.

Debate on compulsory features of the now pending farm bills was of major interest as was the labor situation, the power possibilities. Interest was also added by the presence of Governor Martin who spoke at the banquet Friday night.

Howard Explains Aims

Charles A. Howard, new president of the Eastern Oregon Normal School spoke Friday morning and told of the history of agricultural education in Oregon and the results obtained. He pled for education that trained men and women to vision the welfare of the entire nation instead of the more restricted welfare of a particular group; for farm leaders broad enough to work for the nation as a whole while working for the benefit of agriculture as an integral part of the nation.

W. D. B. Dobson, long time manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce spoke on Bonneville dam and stated that his views were still that the state would be bettered more rapidly and constructively if power developed there was used for industry which would bring more population to the west to consume our surplus of farm products.

J. M. Parrish, secretary of the Tri-State Wheat Transportation Council related the story of the work done by that organization since its formation and gave some examples of rate savings that might be made by the farmers if the fight was carried on successfully.

Trashy Fallow Discussed

D. D. Hill, speaking on trashy fallow, said that in many cases the old moldboard plow with the moldboards removed or shortened made better trashy fallow than did the new type plows because it left more stubble on top of the ground.

It was impossible for George Farrell to be present because of the legislation pending in Washington so C. E. Carter read a speech that had been prepared under Farrell's direction regarding the need for new legislation to protect the wheat grower against surpluses.

The government is making an effort to develop trade, is convinced of the need for acreage adjustment although not in favor of cutting down to bare domestic needs, will not give a subsidy for undercutting the world price and is still looking for means of raising money for needs of agriculture.

Chapman Tells of Labor War

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, was probably the highlight of the first day's session with his talk on "Labor Situation." He told of the troubles of Portland in trying to keep producing in spite of labor jurisdictional disputes. He urged people to express to their representatives their views of the wages and hours bill now before congress.

He related several incidents showing that determined labor leaders are really the determining factor in Portland government.

Employers must agree to labor's demands to continue in business as labor is a more effective peace maker than is the police force. He praised the loyalty that union men feel for their organization and asked that some part of that loyalty be given to the government so that law and order may be maintained and we do not lose our democratic form of government. Patriotism made this nation possible, he said, and it must be continued if the nation is to survive in its present form.

Governor Martin talked at the banquet and reviewed the history of the wheat league and spoke of the various farm plans now being offered through legislation, after stating in his characteristically blunt manner many of the things he later

released to the press in Portland concerning his decision toward stopping labor troubles there.

D. E. Stephens reviewed the several grasses that are now coming into favor in the wheat belt. Better grasses may be expected through crosses with wheat, but a perennial wheat is still far in the future if it is at all possible.

Lewis Wolf of Seattle spoke for the Security Exchange Commission and told of what it is trying to do to make trading on farm crops reflect actual demands.

Prof. George Hyslop explained the weed and seed laws passed at the last session of the legislature.

Ross Sees Assistant

U. J. Gendron, executive secretary for J. D. Ross, spoke for the Bonneville dam administrator, and repeated many of the arguments for wide distribution of power heretofore made. Bonneville will not furnish a third of the power needed in the northwest, he said. It is expected that high lines carrying 237,000 volts will be constructed to Eugene, Umatilla or Pasco, Boise, Missoula and from these points and Bonneville and Grand Coulee, smaller power lines will distribute power to users. Total cost will be eight or ten times the development cost and it is not expected that the government will sell power to any individual but only to power companies or power districts.

George Peck, of Lexington, was elected president, Emil Schano of The Dalles was elected vice-president and Charles W. Smith was made secretary and The Dalles was chosen as the location of the 1938 convention. J. B. Adams was named as Sherman county committee man.

Attending from Sherman county were J. M. Wilson, Millard Eakin, John Reckman, G. H. Root, H. D. Proudfoot, J. B. Adams, D. E. Stephens, W. S. Powell, Glen King, LeRoy Wright and Giles French.

Club Calves Bought For County Boys

County Agent LeRoy Wright and Glen King returned from La Grande Monday night after spending a couple of days following the wheat league-meeting looking over and buying calves for club work in Sherman county next year. Roy Barnett brought fifteen calves home Tuesday.

Calves bought so far this year include seven Herefords, seven Angus and one Shorthorn. Six are juniors and nine are seniors. One of these calves, bought by Bob King, will be put in shape for the San Francisco Royal Junior stock show which is held in April.

Boys taking calves from this group are Henry Richelderfer, 8; Gordon and John Hildebrand, one each; Bob King, 5; Don King, 1; Ben Christensen, 1; Lee and LeJand Barnett, one each and Joe Davidson 1.

Ralph Freeman of Baker county from whom four calves were bought promised that if any of the four calves he sold won first or reserve champion he would allow the boy who fed it to pick any calf in his herd free of charge for 1938. Boys having his calves are Bob and Don King, Ben Christensen and Henry Richelderfer.

More calves will be bought later for others who wish to enter the calf club in 1938.

Camp Night Program Enjoyed By Many

The American Legion met Wednesday night after assembling to watch the camp night program at the camp. About fifty townswomen were present to enjoy the program and Mrs. C. L. Poley, Scott Fortner, Vivian Fuller and Richard Mayfield gave program numbers as did the boys from the camp. Camp nights will be held every two weeks throughout the winter.

Further plans for the starting of the picture show Saturday night with Capt. Holliday and preliminary practice for a program was held at the meeting.

Relief Meeting Due Next Week For Pensions

Carl Sandow, relief worker of Sherman and Gilliam counties, is expected to come here the first of next week to investigate the applications recently made by applicants for old age pensions. It is probable that a meeting of the relief board will be held next week to pass on the applications so that those granted state aid may get their first payment for January. Several applications are already in from persons who are between 65 and 70 and others are expected.

Health Association Hopes For Success

The county health association is checking returns from the seals that were sent out a few days ago to each family. A large part of the money so raised will be retained here for the use of the health association in preventing contagious diseases and testing school children. Those who received the seals are urged to keep as many as possible in order to aid the program of the association which feels that it is carrying on a valuable work in the county.

Woman's Club To Observe Christmas

The next meeting of the Moro Women's club will be the annual Christmas party Friday afternoon, December 17, and we hope to be able to hold it in the new Club House. Instead of the usual exchange of Christmas gifts each member is privileged to bring a Christmas of coin to help swell the Club House Fund as it is necessary to raise more cash before the first of the year when the remainder is due on our building. The entertainment is in charge of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey who is chairman of the American Home Department and of Mrs. Art Barnum, who is the director of this meeting.

Schick Tests Given For Diphtheria

Two hundred and six children in Sherman county schools were given the Schick test for diphtheria last week and all but 51 showed immunity to the disease. Of the total 109 took the toxoid in June and only twelve of these showed that danger of the disease remained. It is expected that another immunization clinic will be held soon to bring the remaining children into the class immunity. This is a work of the Sherman County Health association.

Economic Conference Planned For February

Next Saturday a preliminary meeting will be held at the court house to plan for an economic conference which will be held here February 19 for the purpose of planning agriculture for this county for a period of years. Committees will be named to study the different agricultural industries of the county and report on the probable long time future of them. Wm. Teutsch and Miss Azahela Sager of the state college will be present Saturday. Women will discuss matters pertaining to them under the general heading of rural and home life.

State Debate Topic Chosen

With one of the most controversial and interesting topics in many years, "Resolved: That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation," the Oregon high school debating league is expected to have a record number of entrants for the annual contest according to word received here from the general extension division of the state system of higher education, under whose direction the annual event is carried out. The district plan will again be used this year.

Sherman county high schools are in the North-Central Oregon district, of which Mr. R. E. McCormack of Bend is district director.

Moro Bank Orders Fifth Dividend

More Money Available But
Pending Suit Causing It
To Be Withheld For Present;
Over \$17,000 Released

The Moro State Bank liquidator, H. W. Champneys, has announced a fifth ten percent dividend to be released to depositors Friday, December 17. Those expecting checks may obtain them from him at his office in the hotel or will receive them by mail.

Dividend payments of this bank are now in excess of \$17,000 as added claims have been approved since the first payments were distributed.

The bank holds sufficient money to pay twenty percent more in dividends but cannot release it because of a threatened suit that may be brought against it to set aside the last assessment of stockholders. Three stock assessments were made against stockholders, two of which were held to be illegal. The threatened suit, if filed, would protest the legality of the final assessment.

It is expected that the matter will be cleared up within a few weeks and that the money will be given to the depositors or definitely held for the stockholders.

Knighten Elected Library Head

Wily Knighten was elected president of the Moro Library Board at a meeting held Monday night at the library room for the purpose of electing officers and planning for the benefit card party to be given Saturday night. Mrs. Irwin Morris was named secretary, Mrs. C. L. Poley treasurer and Gertrude Gillmor, librarian.

A good attendance was hoped for the card party as funds raised by it will be used entirely for improvement of the library.

Mrs. Robt. McPherson Buried In Wasco

Nellie Mabel McPherson was born at Adel, Iowa, March 15, 1884 and passed away at Wasco, Oregon, December 7, 1937 at the age of 53 years.

She moved with her parents to Oregon when she was four years of age and has resided at Wasco since 1891.

She was married to Robert McPherson of Wasco, January 16, 1911. She was a very active member in the Rebekah Lodge.

She was brought up in the Methodist church and Sunday school. Surviving are: her husband, Robert A. McPherson of Wasco; a son, Maitland B. Shepard of The Dalles, one sister, Minnie M. Hyland of Paso Robles, California, and three brothers, Earl J. Brown of Portland; Frank Brown of Stockton, California; and Wayne Brown of Paso Robles, California.

Funeral services were held at the Wasco Methodist church, Thursday afternoon at 2:00. Rev. F. L. Cannell officiated. Pall bearers were W. B. Rice, John E. McClure, John Robinson, Carl Everett, Art Barzee and Orville Gilpin. Interment at the Wasco cemetery.

Farmers May Get Aerial Pictures

Jack Ahearn was here Wednesday to take the pictures of Sherman county taken from an airplane to Pendleton for remaking into larger maps and perhaps making one map of the county as seen from a plane. He stated that it will be possible for farmers to get pictures containing their farm if they so desire. The cost will be the same as is paid by the authority having them made. It is not known whether or not aerial pictures of the entire county will be made up for sale or not.

A principals' meeting was held at the court house Tuesday night with principals Jenkins, Cunliff, Baker and McGlasson present to talk over school matters and make up a schedule for the basketball season.