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The Oregon Board of Control does not propose to be caught napping if and when President Roosevelt launches his next pump priming experiment. Instructions have been given to begin the rounding up of state projects that might qualify for federal grants. The board has already signified its readiness to sponsor two building projects if federal aid is forthcoming. One of these is the proposed new tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county.

The last legislature appropriated \$110,000 for this project contingent upon a \$90,000 federal grant. Uncle Sam's pump became dry before the sponsors of the hospital got their bid in but they are now standing in line waiting for the new flood of government money to start. Another project which has the board's approval is an open air pavilion at The Dalles hospital for the accommodation of children afflicted with tuberculosis.

Since the national administration launched its new spending proposal it has begun to be whispered around in official circles that Oregon needs another new office building in Salem. This need has been apparent for some time but because of the state's financial condition no serious consideration has so far been given to it as a project of the immediate future. If federal aid becomes available, however, it is very likely that this argument will be used in an effort to pry an appropriation out of the next legislature.

Restriction of the sale of beer and wine, as well as hard liquor, to state liquor stores, is proposed by the Oregon Anti-Liquor League in an initiative measure filed with Secretary of State Snell this week. The measure would also limit sales of these liquors to holders of liquor permits and sales of all liquors would be restricted to original packages, not to be consumed on the premises. The proposal would, in effect, abolish beer parlors and forbid the sale of beer in all places which now cater to this trade. As a sort of counter-irritant to the harm done by liquor the League's proposal would also set aside four percent of all liquor revenues to finance the purchase of text books dealing with the effect of narcotics on the human system, these books to be supplied to public schools without cost.

The Board of Control has agreed to ask the State Highway Commission for an appropriation of \$3000 to finance a program of roadside beautification. The program is being sponsored by the Oregon Roadside Council. Money set aside for this purpose by the state will be matched by the federal government a committee from the Council told the board at a meeting here this week.

Employees in all state institutions will be placed on a 44-hour week basis next year if recommendations to be made by Governor Martin meet with the approval of the legislature. Most institution employees now work 12 hours a day for six days a week. The governor's proposal for a shorter work week will practically double the number of employees at some institutions.

The closed season in Oregon forests began last Sunday, May 15, according to J. W. Ferguson, state forester, who warns that all persons who use the forests must comply with provisions of the Oregon forest code. Campers and other recreationists must see that camp fires are extinguished and no lighted cigarettes or matches may be discarded on forest lands. Loggers and others who operate in the woods must secure permits. All of the restrictions are imposed in the interest of fire prevention, Ferguson points out in urging cooperation of the public in protecting the forests.

On the eve of Oregon's primary election the outcome of a number of major contests remain very much in doubt. About the only point on which all political commentators seem able to agree is that Friday's balloting will bring out the largest vote ever recorded.

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Grass Field Day Prepared By Station Men

A field day for those interested in grasses will be held at the experiment station Saturday, May 28 in all probability although another date may be selected. Grasses at the station are expected to be in their best condition to show at the end of this month. This will be the second grass day for the station one being held last year which was well attended by farmers who have sown grass and wish to keep abreast of the information regarding it. Plots of native and imported grasses are now headed out.

4-H Achievement Program Coming

A 4-H achievement day program will be given next Sunday at De Moss park when children who have competed and won 4-H prizes will be awarded pins and scholarships by a representative of the First National Bank. H. C. Seymour, head of 4-H work in Oregon will be present and make the address of the day.

Bank Employers Celebrate Anniversary

The force in the Sherman County Branch, First National bank entertained the employees of The Dalles branch at the home of Manager Lloyd Hennagin and wife last Saturday night, the occasion being the first anniversary of the opening of the local branch. All The Dalles bankers were up with two exceptions and the local men were present to celebrate the event.

Farmers Attend Arlington Meeting

A large group of farmers of this county drove to Arlington Thursday to attend a meeting with federal and state officials to make a plea for the resumption of the export program which sold thousands of bushels of northwest wheat out of the country a few years ago.

There is still provision for this corporation but it has been kept inactive for some years. Because of the drop in the price of wheat there is great interest in the resumption of the sales program which accounts for the crowd attending the meeting.

Dan Poling Will Talk At Wasco

Graduation ceremonies for the Wasco grade school were held Thursday night, May 19th, although the students will be expected to attend school until the end of the year. The commencement exercises for the high school will be held the night of May 26 with Dan Poling as speaker for the occasion. In addition to the usual ceremonies the Masonic lodge at Wasco is presenting to the school a replica of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with a stand which makes it a most desirable addition to the school. Pictures of the signers of the constitution are included.

The salutatory will be given by Catherine Hansen and the valedictory by Catherine Fridley, who will also present the citizenship cup for the Wasco individual who has shown the greatest interest in school work and activity. W. A. North will give out the diplomas to the graduating class.

State Librarian Visits In County

Miss Harriet Long, state librarian, was here Monday to inspect the libraries of the county and offer such advice and aid as she might give. Miss Long is especially proud of the new building being built in Salem which will give added room to the state library which for years has been seriously cramped for room. It is her expectation that she will be moved to the new quarters by the first of the year.

Over 300 Attend Picnic and Rodeo In Pine Hollow

New Road Seen By Many For First Time; Car Disintegrates Before Reaching Bottom

Over three hundred people from Sherman county and visitors from Wasco county and from Portland attended the picnic at the mouth of Pine Hollow, east of Kent, last Sunday and watched an already decrepit car become entirely worth less by being run down the hill side and after a picnic dinner watched calf riding and branding. The event was partially in celebration of the new road down Pine Hollow from Kent which was built last winter by citizens of that neighborhood who used county machinery for the job. Residents of the south end of the county hope that the road will become eventually a link in a cross state road from Pendleton to Portland.

The road has an easy grade down Eakin canyon and Pine Hollow to the river. It has a rocky base largely composed of big gravel and will never become muddy. Even the creek crossings are safe for any type of car.

The car that was run down the hillside about noon was probably an old jalopy anyway. It stayed on its wheels for several hundred yards and, after crossing a rock slide, broke into many pieces as it did the wonderful one horse shay of the poem and quietly settled to its final rest without getting to the bottom of the canyon which was intended to be its resting place.

A new corral had been constructed a few yards from the river and when the cattle were brought in the calves were separated from their mothers and the young stuff of the herd. Yearlings were put in a chute and the more agile members of the party took turns riding them out to be dumped unceremoniously on the deep grass of the meadow. In the meantime W. C. Helyer, whose party it was, and his son and others branded and marked calves, burning into their hides the quarter circle P that is evidence of his ownership. There are several gates along the road that were left open on the day of the picnic and this caused considerable trouble to owners of the land along the road who had to gather their stock afterward. They request that users of the road be careful to keep the gates shut when making the trip.

Thirty Eight Out Of Work Here

The final report of the unemployment census shows that in Sherman county there were 38 persons totally unemployed, 31 of whom were men and seven women. One of these was a farmer or tenant, one was a manager or other proprietor, four were clerks, five were skilled workmen or foremen, four were semi-skilled, eight were farm laborers, seven were other laborers and one was a new worker between the ages of 15 and 24 years. Of the women two were professional workers, one a clerk, one semi-skilled, one a servant and two were new workers.

Partially unemployed persons were 44 males and 3 females the larger number of whom were farm laborers. By age groups there were three unemployed between the ages of 15 and 19, four between 20 and 24, five between 25 and 34, five between 35 and 44, ten between 45 and 54, four between 55 and 64 and seven in the next ten year group. The partially unemployed were largely in the 20 to 34 age group. The state unemployment commission has taken care of a part of those unemployed since the census was made although the sixteen weeks payment under that law has nearly expired in some instances.

AUXILIARY MEETS

The Kent Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Mildred Norton, Wednesday afternoon.

It was decided to sell poppies (made by the disabled veterans of the World War) at the high school commencement exercises at Grass Valley and also at the exercises at Kent the evening of May 25.

Blondes Hold Peace Conference



Blondes from many parts of the United States interested in preserving peace are pictured as they answered the roll call at the first National Conference of Blondes to End War. The purpose of the "Blonde Brigade" is to fight war. Should America be invaded, members of the brigade will meet the enemy. They are confident that there isn't a soldier in the world who would shoot a lovely blonde.

Airmail Week Celebration Now Going On

Sherman county joined other counties over the nation today in looking skyward in saluting the air mail service on its twentieth birthday and in taking cognizance of the place which air transportation holds in the daily life of America.

Officially, the week's observance started the 15th, just 20 years from the date when single engine open-cockpit planes first began shuttling over a 218-mile air mail line between New York City and Washington, D. C. That was the start of the air mail service. Today, the country's air mail system embraces 62,826 miles of airways extending over the Americas and across the Pacific, with giant cabin liners carrying passengers, mail and express on schedules which make near neighbors of cities thousands of miles apart.

Voting Expected To Be Light

Voters will go to the polls today to decide who will be the nominees of the parties to run in November and will also determine which of the candidates for non-partisan offices will be chosen for the run off in the fall.

Republican voters may choose between eight candidates for governor a number sufficient to please anyone. Variety is equally sufficient. Democrats must be satisfied with a choice of three but their race has produced the most fireworks during the campaign.

There are two nominations to be made in each party for United States senator, one for the short term which will be merely from election day to convening of Congress in January and one for the full six year term. It is doubtful if the short term senator who is elected in the fall will ever take his seat. One Democrat and three Republicans, however, are trying for the place.

It is not expected that a large percentage of the nearly 1400 voters of the county will exercise their privilege for interest has been very low because of the press of spring work. A vote of not to exceed 60 percent is expected throughout the state, but this county ordinarily votes a higher percentage of the electors than the average because of good roads and an unusually well informed body of voters.

Polls will be open from eight in the morning until eight at night but because counting will not begin until after the closing hour it will be midnight before any large precincts are reported.

COURT MONDAY

No court will be held Saturday. Election day will be a court holiday and it is not considered wise to start a trial at the end of the week. Therefore the case of Mee vs State Industrial Accident will not start until Monday morning.

Lamb Show Preparations Made at Wasco

The annual Sherman county lamb show will be ready for opening next Saturday morning at ten o'clock at Wasco the scene of this event for 1938.

Committees of local stockmen and business men have been working for the past two weeks to make the show ready for the expected hundreds of exhibitors of lambs. In addition there will be a show of fleeces in two divisions, the medium and coarse wool.

Judges for the event will be A. W. Oliver and Oran Nelson of the animal husbandry department of Oregon State college who have judged stock shows all over the state. Johnnie Walker sheep buyer of Portland will also come up for the event.

Judging is planned to begin at ten o'clock in the morning when entries close and will continue until finished. In the afternoon an exhibition of the proper method of cutting up a dressed lamb will be given during the day demonstrations of fitting lambs for show will be given for the benefit of showmen and 4-H club children. Cuts of dressed lamb will be given out as door prizes for the dance in the evening.

The Shepherd's Ball is to be a gala affair of the evening as an orchestra from Portland has been hired for the occasion and tickets have been sold over a wide area to those who enjoy imported music. A large crowd is expected. Wasco business men have cooperated with the committee in charge of the event and the entire community will be prepared to care for the visitors expected.

Classes Graduating Over County

Graduation of five senior classes from high schools of the county will be the next major school activity and the last one for the school year. Rufus held its graduation Thursday night of this week being the first school to finish work. Next week will see teaching cease in the schools and the children will again be free to listen to mom and dad instead of the teachers who have told them when to come and go for the past nine months.

School work for the past month has been broken up by the usual list of events including band and music days, class and school picnics that have come to make the final days of the school year a prelude to the vacation to come, if not a part of it.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 12	65	47	.00
" 13	73	38	.00
" 14	75	44	.00
" 15	77	40	.00
" 16	67	42	.00
" 17	58	43	.00
" 18	55	41	.00
Total for the week			.00

Applegate Case In Hands of Jury

Sidelights of Days At Court

Every recess in the daily grind of a trial gives opportunity for Judge, jurors, attorneys and spectators to go out into the hall and spend thirty or forty cents in federal tobacco taxes.

Sometimes men who are often called to jury duty in this county are going to recommend, as grand jurors, that the county buy twelve padded chairs to make the long hours of listening to testimony more comfortable.

Judge Hendrick's mother underwent an operation in The Dalles last Friday and he has been going down to see her each night during the trial here.

Listening to a trial is like reading a book. One may not be much interested in the characters or the plot but after getting through the first chapter is interested in how it all comes out in the end.

Four Wilsons were on the jury panel and all were called for the first case, but defense attorneys used preemptory challenges on them all but one, John K. Wilson. Relationship to the sheriff was not desired.

This term of court will carry over into next week as the case of Joe Mee vs State Industrial Accident and Endicott vs Conlee must be tried after the State vs Applegate trial is finished.

Many Work Way Through School

Eugene, May 19—"Do students who work their way through college get as much of an education as those who don't?" an answer to that oft-repeated question was evidenced in a recent survey of working students at the university which showed that men who pay 50 percent or more of their expenses are in the highest scholastic brackets.

Nearly 70 per cent, or 2,170 students are either wholly or partially self supporting, and of this group 741 men and 187 coeds support themselves entirely during the school year at a variety of tasks. Grades of students in this group are generally of high ranking, the report said.

Most of the self supporting students work during the summer months at clerking or office jobs, in canneries, in harvest fields, or at resorts, she said. During the school year jobs such as tending furnaces, mowing lawns, gardening, repair work, caring for children, and waiting tables are the chief sources of income. Both men and women earn their living doing house work, it was stated.

General opinion among students, was that the ideal situation was for the student to work during the summer months and devote himself entirely to school during the rest of the year.

Business Still Not Good

Report of the department of commerce on retail business in Oregon during the month of April shows that the state average is 13.9 percent below April of 1937. This is an improvement over March which was over 20 percent below the preceding March.

Best business for the month was mens and boys clothing which showed an increase of 27.7 percent and the worst was motor vehicles which was 34.5 percent below last April. Apparel and shoes were up and drug items sold better but lumber sold poorly despite the building program. Albany was the best retail town of the state showing less than one per cent of decline from the previous April and Oregon City was worst with a loss of 34.2 percent in business. The Dalles business was off 25.2 per cent.

The Moro band, along with the other bands of the county, went to Goldendale last Saturday for the annual mid-Columbia band day.

Larceny Trial Requires Four Days Time; Many Witnesses Called By Opposing Attorneys

The Applegate case went to the jury at two o'clock and no decision had been reached at press time.

The trial of Ted A. Applegate, real name, Ted Allen, for larceny of a drag line outfit and trailer started Monday morning in the circuit court with Judge Hendricks in the chair. T. Lester Johnson, district attorney was prosecutor and D. L. Carter of Weiser, Idaho and C. L. Pepper defense attorneys.

Impaneled on the jury, after several preemptory challenges had been exercised by the defense were John K. Wilson, L. V. Moore, Vernon Miller, A. H. Barnum, Lester Barnum, Claud Coats, Alva Eakin, Richard Dingle, Harry Van Gilder, E. A. Amidon, D. H. Wright and C. H. Kuypers.

The state's case rested on testimony of witnesses Ray Mahler and W. K. Stalker, who lost the equipment, that it was taken the middle of April, 1937 from the gravel pit near the Maryhill ferry. Next persons to identify the defendant and the equipment was State Patrolman Hafstead who saw it between Meacham and LaGrande. It was found the following week, dismantled and parts of it buried on property in possession of the defendant's mother near Payette, Idaho according to testimony by sheriffs and Mr. Mahler, who had traced it.

The case of the defense rested on testimony by Applegate that he made a trip to Portland in April, 1937 to buy a car for his mother and obtain some drag line equipment for use on a job he had in Idaho. He did not deny having the stolen machinery but claimed that he bought it from one so far unfound, Paul Blair, whom he met in the Alaska. Junk warehouse and who delivered it to him east of Meacham a short time before Officer Hafstead met him on the highway.

Corroborating testimony from the people with whom he stayed while in Portland, a great uncle who went around Portland with him, service station employees, a truck driver and his family and neighbors in Payette strengthened his case.

A bill of sale for the property was made out in the office of Don Graham, mayor of Nyssa, according to testimony of the defendant, his wife and Mr. Graham and it was offered in evidence.

Don Spencer, service station attendant at Meacham held that he recognized Applegate—who had stopped there the night in question but a half brother of the defendant testified to the contrary.

Taking of testimony ended Wednesday night and the arguments of counsel took up the morning hours of Thursday after which the jury was instructed by the judge and the case was given to the twelve men to bring in a verdict.

MORO LOCALS

Captain Donald V. Holliday has resigned from the army according to letters sent to friends here and is now engaged in the meat and grocery business in Lewisburg, North Carolina, the home town of Mrs. Holliday.

Fred Haynes formerly of Kent was here Thursday from Corvallis where he has lived since leaving Sherman county several years ago. He was accompanied on the trip by Frank Peddicord, former Wasco resident.

R. H. McKean's foot throttle stuck on his car Monday evening and he took a merry trip from his house to a plowed field west of Wasco before the motor was stopped. No bones were broken but he was badly bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Landry were in Pendleton over the week end returning home Wednesday evening.

Miss Alice Kessinger is expected home today from Spokane where she has been in nurses training.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Douma were among those who attended the Odd Fellows convention in Pendleton this week.

Miss Marjory Knsman and her aunt, Mrs. L. Barnum returned last week from a trip to the valley to visit relatives.