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There is no statutory provision under which the surviving remnants of the proposed Northwest Oregon Bonneville Peoples' Utility district may be organized. So Attorney General Van Winkle ruled in an opinion to the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission this week.

Promoters of the project had contended that the law permitted the commission to approve the organization of a utility district out of those parcels of territory which voted favorably on the proposed district in the recent election in which a majority of the voters returned an adverse verdict.

"There is no provision found in the statute for forming a peoples' utility district of the entire territory included within any proposed district, or of that portion thereof voting in favor of such formation after excluding those municipalities and separate parcels of territory which voted against such formation when the majority vote in the entire district is against the creation of such district," the opinion of the attorney general reads.

The proposed super-district included the major portions of Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, and Tillamook counties. The only units favoring the project were the rural areas of Polk and Yamhill counties, an isolated unit in Clatsop county and a few small municipalities.

The State Emergency Board authorized deficiency appropriations totaling \$22,000 at a meeting here this week. Largest item on the list was a \$15,000 appropriation to cover maintenance of the new capitol from the time it is taken over by the state, about July 1, until the next legislature meets. Secretary of State Snell had requested an additional \$1500 for capitol outlays but the Board held that this was a responsibility of the Capitol Commission, since it includes furniture and equipment for the building and disallowed the item. The Board also approved an item of \$4000 requested by the extension service of the State college in connection with a reseeded experiment in Clatsop county, and \$3000 for the Department of Agriculture to be used in financing Oregon's participation in the World's Poultry Congress to be held in Cleveland, Ohio next year.

The grand review of the Oregon National Guard, now in training at Camp Clatsop, will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 25, according to Major General George A. White. In addition to the review there will be a combat demonstration by the 186th infantry, supported by the 218th field artillery displaying various phases of fire power in repulsing a mythical enemy. At least 25,000 persons are expected to witness the camp on this occasion. On the preceding day, Friday, June 24, the aviators units will compete in a program of military athletics.

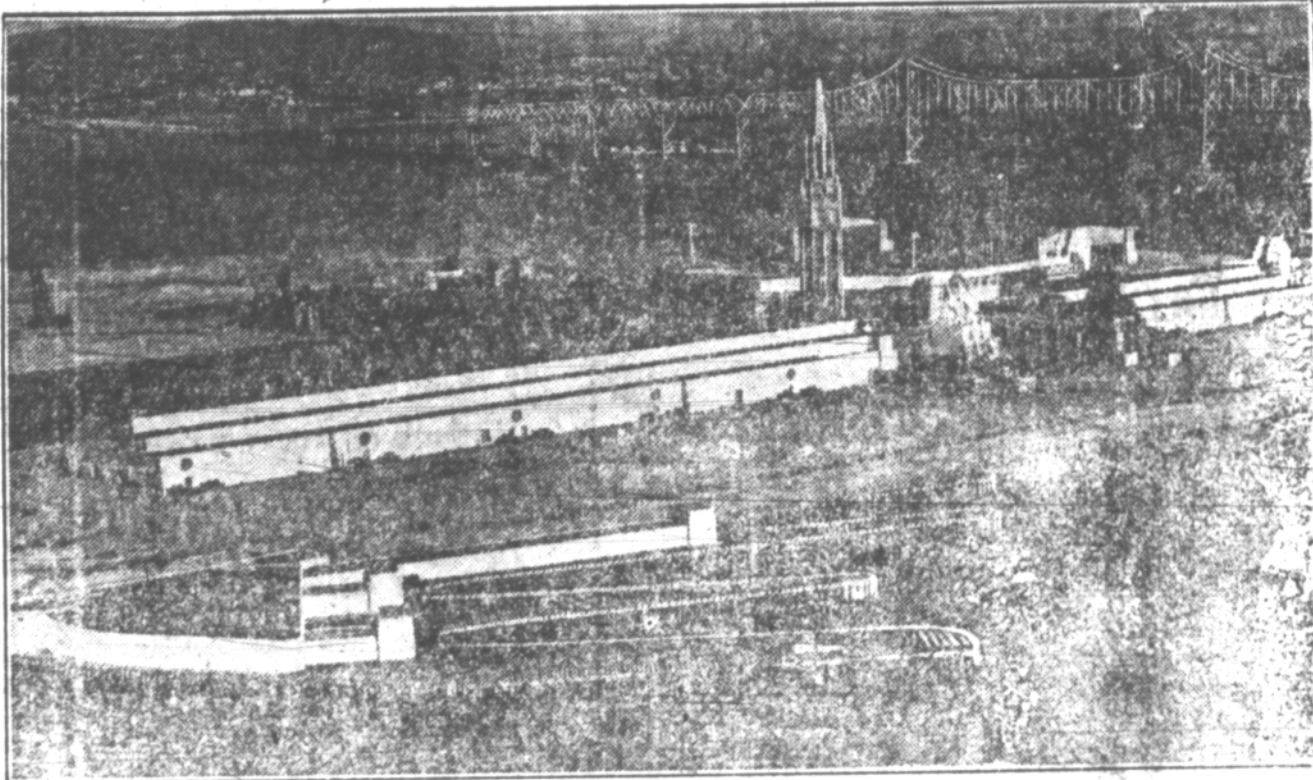
Oregon's relief funds are in good condition according to Elmer Goudy, executive secretary of the State Relief committee. Goudy, however, expressed concern over the lack of seasonal employment at this time and the prospect of a substantial increase of the relief load because of growing unemployment. Any unusual increase in the relief burden, Goudy admitted, would necessarily be reflected in increased drains on the relief fund which has been set up to take care of the situation as it was envisioned at the time the last legislature was in session.

Vacationists are showing unusual interest in Oregon this year. Inquiries received by the travel bureau of the state highway department between January 1 and June 1, totaled 38,058, an increase of 7500 over the same period a year ago.

Oregon counties, particularly those in the western part of the state are confronted with a serious problem through the loss of valuable timberlands from the tax rolls. County Judge Guy Boyington told the State Emergency Board here this week.

Thousands of acres are being de-

1939 World's Fair of West from Air



New aerial photograph showing a corner of Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay and some of the palaces and towers nearing completion for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition. In the background, a view of the East Bay and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The tallest building seen here is the 460-foot Tower of the Sun.

Camp Well Comes In With Plenty Water

What is thought to be a sufficiency of water was found at the SCS camp this week at a depth of 395 feet. Methods of testing the flow were inadequate so it is not known how much water there is. A single action pump and three-inch pipe will be placed in the well at once and the camp will then be independent from the city for its water supply and may have enough water for irrigation of the trees and shrubs that have been planted.

Thompson Clan Holds Reunion

The 17th Annual Thompson Round-Up was held at DeMoss Springs on June 12th. About 75 of the clan was present, with nine guests. The usual basket dinner with home made ice cream started the day. A short program was given after dinner. Reading of the minutes and financial report; vocal solo by Doris Thompson accompanied on the saxophone by her sister Faye; readings by Clara Elliott and J. C. Elliott; talk by Harriet Nish; piano accordion solos by Dale Busch; recitations, Priscilla Melzer and Barbara Meloy; song by the Milo Elliott family and jokes were told by the Thompsons. Recorded during the year was one marriage and four births.

Those coming from a distance were M. Bull and wife of Condon; Jess Thompson and wife of Portland; Harriet Nish, J. O. Elliott and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Elliott and daughter, of The Dalles; Ed Dill and family of Clatsop; J. C. Thompson of Tygh Valley; Milo Elliott and family of Sheridan; Harvey Thompson and family of Donald; Mr. and Mrs. Al Busch and son Dale of Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Belshee of Corvallis and Barbara Lou Meloy of Rowena.

Crafted Wheat Lawns Planted This Year

The Dalles—Five dry land lawns were established for five farm homes in Wasco county this spring as a part of the home beautification project under the point direction of Mrs. Louise Harwood, home demonstration agent, and Grant Parry, assistant county agent. The mixture used consisted of fairway crested wheat grass, chewing fescue and winter blue grass. Contractors on whose farms the plantings were made are D. E. Miller and Raymond C. Clark, Juniper Flat; Roy Bates, Three Mile; Earl Benson, Five Mile; and Eugene Hummel, Columbia.

LOCAL CLUBBERS CHOSEN

Miss Anna Macnab of Rufus and Bob King of Moro were named on the council governing 4-H club children at OSC this year. The youngsters will return this week and after spending twelve days on the campus for the annual summer school.

Rex Wheat Held New Ruling Better Than Federation

A high yielding wheat that is stout resistant and has good quality for milling and baking purposes is the chief aim of cereal breeding work being carried on at the eastern Oregon branch experiment station, reports Dr. D. D. Hill, associate agronomist at Oregon State college, in discussing the breeding program with small grains. Another desirable quality sought is a stiff straw, not too long, as excess growth unnecessarily taxes the limited moisture supply.

"In the years when the Pacific northwest had export outlets for all its surplus we produced a lot of 'Club' wheat for the export market," says Dr. Hill. "Now that a much larger percentage of our wheat is being used in domestic channels, 'Club' wheat is harder to sell. Consequently, it has been necessary to replace a considerable portion of the 'Club' acreage with new varieties of different quality. We must produce what the customer wants, if that is at all possible."

New Varieties Sought

The necessity for continuous search for newer and better varieties was recently demonstrated in the irrigated sections of eastern Oregon, Dr. Hill points out. For years farmers on irrigation projects were entirely satisfied with Federation as a rotation crop, or as a nurse crop for alfalfa and clover. In 1935 and 1936, however, a combination of frost seriously reduced the yields of Federation. There is now demand for a variety which will yield as much as Federation under irrigated conditions, and be resistant to rust.

The new Rex wheat, recently introduced after being bred at the Moro station, is rapidly replacing many other varieties, including Federation. It is a stiff-strawed, non-shattering, reasonably resistant to smut, and much more winter hardy than Federation.

New varieties must undergo years of rigid testing before they are released for general use.

Portland Hotels Still Panning

Portland hotel operator announced Tuesday that all of the eleven hotels, where a number of employees walked out last Wednesday on the eve of the Rose Festival, are now operating on a normal basis and in a position to give their complete service.

Not only have all positions vacated by striking employees been filled without difficulty, states the announcement, but a large waiting list of applicants is on file at the central employment office of the hotel association.

Members of the association report that at no time since the strike was called has it been necessary for patrons to make their own beds, carry their own luggage or wash and iron their own linens, as the public may have been led to believe through certain publicity to the contrary.

On Trucks Affects Packers

Marshall Nauman and Glen G. Foster of the Public Utilities commissioners office were here Wednesday on behalf of the commission. A new regulation regarding the hauling of wheat by truck will be tried this year according to Mr. Nauman who says, "Unless an emergency arises, no temporary truck permits for hauling wheat will be given this year. Those who contemplate hauling wheat for hire should apply for a license before harvest." If enough apply to make it feasible the hearings will be held in The Dalles. It is felt that there are enough trucks licensed as contract haulers to care for the business here, but if this proves to be wrong or there is difficulty getting the wheat hauled temporary permits may be given.

Wheat Exports Big Part Of Trade

For many years wheat has been the major agricultural article of export from the vast area for which the Columbia River is the gateway to the sea, and of the average yearly production of 65,000,000 bushels fully half has gone to foreign markets. Because of geographical location and transportation costs much of the surplus wheat of the Columbia River area must continue to find its principal market in the Philippines, the far East, and the Orient in general.

In the five year period preceding 1937 Columbia River points shipped to the Orient an annual average of 72,600 tons of wheat and 27,000 tons of flour. In a typical year there passed through the Columbia River gateway 190,000 tons of flour, about one half of which entered export trade. On this basis there has been built up in the territory served by the Columbia River a milling industry with a capacity of 405,000 barrels a year.

Milling Industry Helped

Not only the milling industry but the growing wheat itself is dependent upon maintaining an outlet to the Philippines, the United Kingdom, and the Orient for a major part of the production in excess of home consumption. In a large part of the wheat producing area no other crop can be grown on a large scale profitably and a partial closing of foreign markets would spell ruin for the wheat growers.

Maintenance and expansion of these foreign markets are particularly valuable to the Pacific Northwest for the reason that returning cargoes bring a variety of Oriental and Far East products not readily obtainable elsewhere and constituting an important factor in the trade volume of an extensive area the population of which is now increasing at a rapid rate. With this population increase there will result a proportionate increase in farm products with consequent need of further expansion of foreign markets.

Port Celebration For The Dalles Due July 9

Key of Port Expands Biggest Celebration In History of Multnomah District

July 9, 1938, will be a date ringed with red in the history of Pacific Northwest transportation. On that day the first ocean ship will move inland through two mountain ranges for a distance of 200 miles from the Pacific ocean to The Dalles.

Through arrangements of the Port of The Dalles with the McCormick Steamship Company, the S. S. Charles L. Wheeler will leave Los Angeles harbor June 29, and San Francisco July 2, with an allocation of 1500 tons of cargo to be delivered at The Dalles at rates identical with those applying to Portland. When she discharges at The Dalles the steamship will sail for the California ports with cargo, bearing the same rate as applying from Portland to these California ports.

Every effort is being made by The Port of The Dalles and the McCormick line to get as large a spread as possible of this cargo space among inland Empire shippers, in order that the maximum number of business institutions may participate in writing this chapter in national transportation history.

Wheeler To Be First

The S. S. Charles L. Wheeler, with Captain Arthur H. Riggs, master of the Oregon Steamboat Men Association and veteran member of the Columbia River Pilots' Association, on the bridge, will leave Vancouver July 9 at 3 a. m. A naval escort will be furnished by the Coast Guard Cutter Onondago, Commander Higbee, and U. S. S. Eagle, Commander Sass. The Army will be represented by the Corps of Engineer boats, Robert Gray and Feather.

The first center of celebration will be at Bonneville dam, where the marine cortege will arrive at 9:30 a. m. and initiate activities of a program, which will be broadcast over a coast-to-coast radio network. At 10:30, the merchant, naval and army craft, followed by an army of river boats and barges, will move toward The Dalles, arriving at 3 p. m. At 4 a parade will be held. This will be followed by a ceremony, the program of which will be broadcast.

In anticipation of the greatest motor traffic in the history of either of the transcontinental highway links, The Columbia River and Northbank highways, state police are busy setting in motion plans to handle the movement of the thousands who are expected to line up every vantage point of the scenic gorge as they watch shins stream their way beside the precipitous chasms of a major mountain range.

Local Post To Elect Officers

The American Legion, Chris Schultz post, met on Wednesday night to arrange for election of officers and delegates to the state convention which will be held in Pendleton September 1-2-3. Such election will be held next Wednesday night, June 22, at the court house and all members are requested to attend. Other business regarding the repair of the hall is also expected to come before the post.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual Sunday School rally of all Sherman county Sunday schools will be held at the Waco Valley next Sunday, June 19 at the levee park. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock in the morning and a picnic lunch will be served with free coffee furnished by the committee. The different schools will make up the program for the occasion.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	MO.
June 9	62	38	.00
" 10	75	32	.00
" 11	83	42	.00
" 12	82	51	.00
" 13	73	48	.00
" 14	73	49	.00
" 15	72	52	.00
Total for the week			.00

Circuit Judge Sustained In Bank Case

The Oregon supreme court handed down an opinion this week concerning Judge Carl Hendricks in the case concerning the payment of interest on deposits in the Bank of Commerce. This makes it mandatory on the bank to pay interest on deposits from the time the bank closed. Banks that pay all of the deposits must pay interest in full before the remaining assets can be returned to the stockholders, according to the decision.

Previous to the suit waivers were requested by the bank's stockholders on the interest with the understanding that they would not be used unless a sufficiently large percentage of them were obtained.

SCS Men Hurt In Accident

O. W. Dyer and Bob Marvin were in an automobile accident Tuesday south of Arlington on the John Day highway as they were returning from Condon, in an SCS pick-up.

They had stopped or nearly stopped in the road when they were struck from behind by an oil truck and trailer which ruined the pick-up and damaged the oil truck. Mr. Dyer suffered a possible fractured pelvis and bruises and Marvin was also bruised in the smash.

Bible School Ends Classes

Pupils of the fifth annual Moro Community Vacation Bible school are holding their graduation exercises and demonstration at the Presbyterian church tonight (Friday) at 7:45. All parents and friends of the local boys and girls are invited to attend, according to L. H. Mitchelmore, school principal.

With the largest local Vacation school held in a number of years and the prospect of the largest number of youngsters ever to receive diplomas the exercises are expected to draw a large attendance. All who have been present seven of the 10 days are due diplomas. Awards for Bible story finding will be announced. Memory work, dramatization, Bible study, songs and craft exhibits have been planned for this last session of the 1938 Bible school.

Members of the staff who have assisted Mr. Mitchelmore the last two weeks and will help direct the exercises tonight are Lois Melzer, Florence Lawrence, Ardis Truitt, Clara Mersinger and Merle Miller.

Wheat Insurance Applications In

Government wheat crop insurance applications will soon be available in all counties where wheat growing is part of the farming program, announces Clyde Kiddie, state supervisor of government crop insurance, who is now maintaining offices in connection with the state AAA headquarters at Oregon State college.

A series of 16 county and district meetings to explain the details of the insurance program is being held throughout the state the last two weeks in June, after which the county AAA committees will be in a position to accept applications for insurance. In major wheat growing counties these meetings have been for the growers themselves, where detailed explanations of the program was given.

In western and some southern Oregon counties, only the county committees and county agent with their assistants attended the meetings, and these in turn will be in a position to pass information on to the growers.

All applications for insurance on the 1939 crop must be filed before seeding is done this fall. The national offices are now ready to receive applications and have recently announced receipt of the first one from a grower in Texas.

GRADE DAMAGED

Visitors at Rattlesnake grade discovered last week that the road to the river had been plugged with rocks again after it was recently cleaned out by a county crew. What action will be taken about the keeping it passable is not known.

School Elections Coming Monday Over County

Consolidation of Schools

Vote To Be Taken At

Grass Valley and Rosebush

Along about this time of year school affairs have a temporary period of popularity when new directors are elected. Next Monday is the day when school voters, usually few in number, meet to name the men to handle educational affairs of the district. All districts must elect one director, at least, and one clerk and arrange whatever other important matters that might need to come before the voters.

Consolidation Coming

In some districts there are important school affairs. The Rosebush district at the Grass Valley district will consolidate on Monday, June 27, which is a week later than the regular election. Around Kent is consolidated with the Kent district to make school matters in the south end of the county a much more simple procedure than in the remainder of the county where there are innumerable local school boards, charges and counter charges galore.

The vote in Rosebush is evidence that the movement is coming north and that small districts with few or no pupils will soon be discontinued in favor of larger units.

District Ten Annexed

The county boundary board agreed last Monday to the annexation of District No. 10, Webfoot, to Dist. No. 30, Klondike because the Webfoot district has no children and has held no school for some years. Pupils of both districts are taught in Wasco. A meeting of the non-high school board will be held Saturday night at the county superintendent's office. A re-zoning of the county is forced on this board as districts consolidate and the territory in which a non-high school board can function is reduced.

No serious fights are expected in any of the school districts over the election of officers and it is probable that a majority of the directors and clerks will retain their positions.

Oveson Appointed As Station Head

Merrill M. Oveson, who has been assistant superintendent of the experiment station for the past eight years, was appointed superintendent by the state board of higher education this week. He will succeed D. E. Stephens who has been head of the station for over twenty-five years and who has recently accepted appointment as co-ordinator between the SCS and the bureau of plant industry. He will have headquarters in Washington but will travel over the nation extensively. Mr. Stephens will leave next month and his family will follow later in the year.

Kent Auxiliary Meets At Antelope

The Kent Auxiliary held its regular meeting the afternoon of June 8, at the home of Mildred Norton and filled out their annual report. Three hundred poppies were reported sold.

Plans were made to assist the Legion give a series of dances during the summer, the floor of the Legion hall being in excellent condition and the piano having been tuned recently. The first dance of the series was held June 11, with about 100 people attending and the second dance will be held June 25.

A vote of thanks was given to Cassie Holmes who made one suit, three dresses and five blouses size 14, for Child Welfare. These were on display at the meeting.

Hilma Rooper invited the members and their escorts to meet at her home in Antelope on the evening of June 23. Mildred Norton, finance chairman planned a program for this meeting and asked the members to come dressed in a costume of one of the World War Allied Nations. France is the Nation to be studied.