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Thirteen measures will be on the state ballot next November. Four of the number are measures that were referred to the voters by the last legislature. Two others are enactments of the last session which have been referred by petition of the people. The other seven the initiative measures. Three of these made the grade during the closing hours of filing last Thursday.

The list of initiative measures on which the voters will be expected to pass judgment follows: Stream Purification bill, creating state sanitary authority and committing state to a policy of stream purification; sponsored by Stream Purification League of Oregon.

Anti-picketing and anti-boycott regulating picketing and labor boycotts; sponsored by Associated Farmers of Oregon and other agricultural groups.

Columbia River Fishing bill, prohibiting the use of fixed fishing gear on the Columbia river; sponsored by Oregon Wildlife Council.

Anti-liquor bill, regulating and restricting sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; sponsored by Anti-Liquor League of Oregon and affiliated groups.

Gambling bill, legalizing certain forms of lottery and gambling; sponsored by Frank B. Watson and a group of Oregon merchants.

Townsend Recovery Plan bill, requiring Oregon legislature to petition Congress to call national convention to sponsor a constitutional amendment embodying principles and philosophies of Townsend Recovery plan; sponsored by Glen C. Wade and others.

Citizens' Retirement plan, providing for transactions tax of two per cent, proceeds to be pro rated among Oregon citizens 65 years of age or over upon condition that they cease gainful employment. Sponsored by Elbert Eastman, Portland.

Construction of a third state state tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county is now practically assured with word from Washington that the Public Works Administration has approved a grant of \$90,000 for the project.

Location of a hospital in Multnomah county was authorized by the voters of Oregon at a special election in May, 1934, but no money was available for the project until the last legislature appropriated \$110,000 contingent upon a federal grant of \$90,000 which has just been approved.

Plans of the new institution which will consist of a hospital building with beds for 75 patients, have already been drafted and the Board of Control has announced its readiness to award the contract as soon as details in connection with the federal grant have been completed.

The State Planning Board spent nearly \$236,000 in the 21 month period from July 1, 1936, to March 31, 1938, according to a report of the audit division of the State Department. Of this total, however, only \$38,000 came out of state funds and a little more than \$60,000 out of the several counties. The remainder was financed through federal funds.

All three members of the State Board of Control—Governor Chas. H. Martin, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman and Secretary of State Earl Snell—were in The Dalles Saturday to help celebrate the opening of the new inland sea-ferret.

Oregon's new \$2,500,000 capitol is now fully occupied—that is as fully as it will probably ever be except during legislative sessions. Secretary of State Snell started moving his office force into the new quarters last Wednesday and completed the transfer last Friday. The State Department, including the motor registration division, occupies the entire basement and first floor of the east wing of the building.

State Treasurer Holman also moved into the building last week as also did the State Land Board. Governor Martin deferred moving until this week as also did the

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New Threshers For Crested Wheat On Trial

A new type of thresher is being tried in this county this year with the purchase of two cylinder-less combines which will be used mainly for threshing Crested Wheat grass. The machine cuts five feet and the grain is moved straight up and back to the rubbing board which is the same length. From there it is shoved onto a straw walker and sieve placed crosswise of the machine. A power take-off is used from the tractor for power. Several hundred acres of Crested Wheat will be threshed this summer and if successful the machines may make this heretofore arduous job as easy as threshing wheat.

Men Wanted For Government Work

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below.

Home Extension Agent, \$2,600 a year, Junior Home Extension Agent, \$1,800 a year, Indian Field Service, Department of the Interior.

Home Economist, \$3,800 a year, Associate Home Economist, \$3,200 a year, Bureau of Home Economics, Department of Agriculture. Optional subjects are food economics and family economics.

Land Bank Aiding Farm Purchasers

In the first quarter of this year the Federal Land Bank of Spokane made 17 farm mortgage purchase loans in Oregon in the amount of \$42,023, which were designed to assist in the purchase of farm properties. Aside from that, the bank, through mortgage and contract terms, sold 70 of the farm properties temporarily in its possession for \$191,397. This total of \$233,420 for financing the purchase of 87 farms in the state compares with \$157,757 for the same period last year to assist in the purchase of 70 farms. Such is a statement made today by the Farm Credit Administration of Spokane, which extends loans to livestock men and farmers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The statement continues to show that from May 1933, when the Farm Credit Administration was established, to the period covered by the last quarterly report of the Federal Land Bank (March 31, 1938), this institution made 3,711 long-term first mortgage loans to Oregon farmers for a total of \$15,206,000. Over the same period 5,600 Land Bank Commission loans in the sum of \$11,956,000 also were made. Outstanding on March 31 of this year were 8,365 Federal land bank totaling \$27,456,000 and 5,122 Commission loans amounting to \$10,269,000. The total of these two types of loans, \$37,725,000, represent 31.5 per cent of the total farm mortgage debt of Oregon as computed by the census of 1935.

More Motorists Expected In Oregon

Heavy rains and good crop conditions throughout the dust-bowl area of the middle west appear to have resulted in a marked slackening of the migration from that region to the Pacific northwest, Secretary of State Earl Snell indicated today.

Non-resident permits issued to motorists from the six states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Oklahoma declined more than 15 per cent during the first five months of this year, as compared with a similar period in 1937, Snell declared, while the number of non-resident motorists generally was on the increase.

"Unquestionably, the prospect of good crops in the mid-west has kept at home many farmers who otherwise would have visited the northwest seeking new locations," Snell said.

He said that tourist travel from the region east of the Mississippi, and from the neighboring states of California, Washington and Idaho, has registered a small but definite increase since last year, when all tourist records were broken.

Celebration of New Port Held As Ship Arrives

Parade and National
Broad's Part of
Port Inauguration

Sherman countians in large numbers were in The Dalles Saturday to see the first ocean going vessel dock at the terminal. As an indicator of what might happen for shipping in this region it was a momentous day for ocean freighters within twenty miles of wheat fields would surely tend toward reduced rates for shipping.

The celebration itself had but one high light—that was the arrival of the boats about three o'clock in the afternoon. The Charles L. Wheeler, larger appearing than all the others together, slowly made the turn at Crates point and started the final mile to the dock.

An up river breeze rippled the flags giving the scene a more than usual holiday cast and making a fine picture for the camera enthusiasts who lined the bank. Very slowly the vessel came to the dock occasionally reversing the propeller to slacken speed until it was barely moving when it reached the pier.

There were few cheers, no clanging of bells or sounding of sirens, and the Wheeler might have been the hundredth boat to nudge the dock instead of the first.

Large crowds were in The Dalles for the occasion and public officials, men wanting to be public officials and governmental appointees swelled the crowd. They made their own entertainment except for the boat arrival and the brief parade. The national broadcast over CBS gave listeners a word picture of the Columbia valley and its possible development.

The banquet in the evening was attended by officials who were given but brief moments before the microphone. Judge Wilson presided. High light of the event was the telephone conversation between Col. Thomas Robins in Washington D. C. with Edward C. Pease and Governor Martin and Robins short talk to the audience. Places were laid for over 500 but, as local people were excluded, fewer than that number were in attendance.

Small Fires Scare Residents

Small fires that threatened to become large ones have caused a bit of excitement here this week. Last Thursday afternoon just before the sudden shower fell lightning struck on the Barnum place in grass and burned several acres when the rain stopped its progress. Tuesday a fire started on the station grounds near the railroad track and burned for a few minutes before being extinguished. Roy Powell was burning weeds and caused a grass fire that threatened his buildings for a time but help from neighboring crews and from town put it out. No serious damage was done in any of the blazes.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday of August, that being the 8th day of August, 1938, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Margaret W. Peetz,
County Assessor.

Clyde Kiddle, crop insurance administrator for Oregon, was here Wednesday helping the local force in charge of the program here set up the proper books and accounts and forms for the operation of the system which will be put into effect this fall with the final application date set for August 30.

Bountiful Harvest Season



Symbolic of thanks for this year's bountiful harvest, these pretty farmerettes design their own horn of plenty, a display of products grown in all sections of the United States.

Truck Burns On Highway Near Wasco

A truck driven by Vernon Eakin burned on the highway just south of Wasco and near the buildings on the Sharpstein place Saturday night. Eakin and his companion were coming home from Portland when they noticed that their load of furniture was afire. Efforts to put out the fire were of no avail, although fire trucks from both towns were called and the loss was practically a total loss. Some damage to the highway was done but the trees near the fire were not injured.

Wheat Crop May Be Larger

A Northern Hemisphere wheat crop larger than last season and probably the best in recent years is now in prospect. The United States winter wheat crop apparently has escaped serious rust damage and outturns have increased and the quality has improved as thrashing has moved northward. Spring wheat has continued to make favorable progress with moisture supplies in most areas ample to carry the crop to maturity. Rust damage, however, is still threatened with weather conditions during the week extremely favorable for rapid rust development.

A trace of stem rust has been found throughout the spring wheat area, with fungus developing rapidly on susceptible varieties of wheat and barley in many localities. Varieties of grain susceptible to previously forms of stem rust are likely to be injured but the degree of injury is still unpredictable as the situation will be greatly influenced by weather conditions during the next few weeks. Thatcher, which comprises a large percentage of the spring wheat acreage in certain parts of the Dakotas and Minnesota, so far has remained almost free from stem rust.

Heavy rains improved spring wheat prospects in the Canadian Prairie Provinces but moisture was still needed in southern and central Manitoba, north central Saskatchewan and northern Alberta. The moisture situation, however, is about 86 per cent of normal as compared with 65 per cent at this time last year and about 90 per cent a few weeks ago.

Loan Rate Set On 1938 Wheat

LeRoy Wright received word Thursday that the loan basis for wheat for this year has been set at 67 cents, Portland with a deduction of four cents for a years storage. The freight will also be deducted which makes the loan value around 53 to 55 cents in this county. This rate is at present slightly under the price for wheat considering the charges made against the loan.

Wheat Harvest Begins With Good Yields

Harvesting has started in the county and although it is not a general movement as yet by another week nearly everyone north of Nigger ridge will be cutting grain.

Preliminary reports of the yields are encouraging. Highest yet reported is 18 sacks from one field, but 14 sack yields are well substantiated which is about what conservative estimates were after the rain in June.

The weather has been cool for the week with the exception of two or three days but there are some reports of damage to late sown spring wheat. It is still very green for mid-July and unless the kernels are farther advanced than the appearance of the fields would indicate there is danger of shriveling if hot weather is continued for several days at a time. Early sown spring grain is nearly ripe and promises a good yield.

The straw on the winter wheat is very high reaching almost to a man's shoulders and the heads are small in proportion and although well filled will not make as many bushels as the looks would indicate.

John Kaseberg recently made a trip to Sherman and Gilliam counties and states that wheat will average 20 bushels in Gilliam and 25 to 305 in the north end of Sherman.

Several are thrashing on the point and both Barret and Ragdale are cutting near Moro. Every house in the system of the Sherman Grain Growers at Wasco is receiving wheat or all ready for it.

New Rebekah Officers Installed

The District Deputy President Hazel Truitt installed the following officers of Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 for the ensuing term, on the eve of July 12: Bell Conlee, P. N. G.; Mrs. Vernon Miller, N. G.; Mrs. Charles Wilson, V. G.; Florence Johnson, Secretary; Hattie Brishine, Treasurer; Edna Freeman, Warden; Hazel Woods, Conductor; Florence Martin, Chaplain; Elizabeth Schaeffer, Inside Guardian; Fred Rice, Outside Guardian; Mabel McKee, R. S. N. G.; Ethlyn Pearson, L. S. N. G.; Nettie Rice, R. S. N. G.; Catherine Eakin, L. S. V. G. After lodge was closed refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PT.
July 7	96	56	.07
" 8	78	55	.06
" 9	87	45	.00
" 10	80	55	.00
" 11	79	54	.00
" 12	91	47	.00
" 13	97	53	.00
Total for the week			.13

County Court Claims Paid For July Term

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, JULY TERM 1938.

July 6, 1938 being the time for the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom at Moro, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.

The following members were present: Geo. A. Potter, Judge, David Reed, Commissioner, A. A. Dunlap, Commissioner, T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney, Joe Tuitt, Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said term of court:

In the matter of payment of claims presented against the General Fund. Claims allowed as presented. Ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the Road Fund. Claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

In the matter of the County Health Nurses' report of work done in Sherman County during the month of June, 1938. Report accepted and filed.

In the matter of the Diesel Agreement between Shell Oil Co. and Sherman County. Signed and filed.

Re: County Treasurer's report for Month ending June 30, 1938.

Re: Application of John S. Brown for Class "C" Beer license. Application allowed for Class C Beer.

Re: Price of gravel if obtained from Fulton pit at Biggs. Price of 5c per yard as per letter of June 2, 1938 by J. S. Fulton for future record.

Re: Semi-Annual Report of County Treasurer of Sherman County, period ending June 30, 1938. Report accepted and ordered filed.

COURT ADJOURNED, SUBJECT TO CALL OF COUNTY JUDGE.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, JULY TERM, 1938

Claimant	Account	Amount
First National Bank General Assistance	Law	\$62.79
Foss & Company, Library	Law	11.00
Arthur Cormier, Law Library	Law	2.50
West Publishing Co., Library	Law	47.00
Bancroft-Whitney Co., Library	Law	57.50
American Law Book Co., Law Library	Law	120.00
S. M. Munson, Well Driller	Law	91.75
Clarence Mersinger, Labor at DeMoss Park	Law	15.50
Labor at Courtyard	Law	49.00
First National Bank Blind Assistance	Law	64.50
Old Age Assistance	Law	5.77
Aid to Dependent Children	Law	206.85
General Assistance	Law	147.66
Althea Stoneman, Salary of Health Nurse	Law	75.00
Expenses \$25.00	Law	100.00
Oregon State Agricultural College, Agricultural Agent	Law	800.00
State Department of Agriculture, Sealer of Weights and measures	Law	3.76
D. J. Butcher, Employment service	Law	15.00
City of Moro, Water at court house	Law	11.65
Bucholtz Confectionery, Meals for prisoner	Law	5.65
D. C. Wax Equipment House	Law	4.31
Assessor's expense	Law	37.50
Geo. A. Potter, County Judge's salary	Law	12.50
A. A. Dunlap, Commissioner's fees	Law	10.50
David Reid, Commissioner's fees	Law	11.50
T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's Expenses	Law	50.00
Otis Baker, Janitor	Law	5.35
State Industrial Accident Commission (Peace Officer's protection)	Law	2.05
Douma Bros. Board of prisoners	Law	5.00
C. C. Wilson Stamps for Sheriff's office	Law	17.70
May & Son, Board for prisoners	Law	25.85
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., Telephones for all offices	Law	36.22
Pacific Power & Light Co., DeMoss Park \$3.50; Court-house \$32.72	Law	2.50
R. A. Stow, Justice fees	Law	

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County Courts Meet In Moro For Discussion

Five Counties In District
Send Officials To Plan
For Better Conditions

County judges and commissioners of the Sixth Oregon district of the state association of county officials met in Moro Thursday for an all day discussion of problems affecting counties.

A large part of the time was spent on the distribution of highway funds received by the counties from the state and the possibility of a diversion being made in behalf of the cities. At the last session of the legislature these funds were increased to \$2,000,000 and there is still a desire for a larger sum to be spent on county roads.

A report has recently been issued by the state highway department, written by C. B. McCulloch, engineer, that develops the theory that the roads should receive the money in direct proportion to the use that is made of them. This would give a greater part of the state's money to the main road system and a much smaller amount of money to the counties.

The report was criticized heartily by the judges and commissioners present who contended that roads that now were used but little would receive more traffic if improved, which would be impossible under the plan proposed in the bulletin. They also disliked the tendency to stop the opening of new roads by giving money only on the basis of use.

The report classifies roads as rural 1, 2, and 3 and as urban, 1, 2 and 3. Rural roads including primary and secondary roads carry 56 per cent of the traffic, and other county roads only 8 per cent. Main city streets, connected with the main highways carry nearly 18 per cent and the lesser used city streets carry 16 per cent of the traffic of the state. If money was distributed on this basis development of new streets and roads would be hampered, thought the county officials present.

Present for the meeting was F. L. Phipps, former county judge of Wasco county and now secretary of the association of county judges and commissioners and George A. Potter, Sherman county judge and chairman of this district for the association.

From Wasco county were G. C. Schultz, judge and Mace Fulton, commissioner; from Gilliam county Glen Richards, commissioner; from Morrow county, Bert Johnson, judge; from Wheeler county, Sam Howard, judge and Charles Jackson and L. A. Goehner, commissioners. Commissioners A. A. Dunlap and David Reid attended from Sherman county. The meeting continued into the afternoon after luncheon at the hotel.

Bonneville Juice Turned On

Federal development of the vast hydroelectric resources of the Columbia River has at last become a reality. After five years of intensive construction activity, the initial power from Bonneville Dam has been delivered to two nearby cities.

At a signal from Administrator J. D. Ross, power from the 43,200 kilowatt generators surged north and south into the towns of Cascade Locks, Oregon and North Bonneville, Washington. Lighting displays flashed on the main streets of the two communities, and each celebrated the distinction of being the first city in the State to enjoy the low-cost power generated at the navigation and hydroelectric project on the Columbia River.

Both Cascade Locks and North Bonneville will pay for the power at the rate of \$17.50 per kilowatt-year, which is the uniform wholesale charge for electricity everywhere on a broad federal network. The projected transmission system includes nearly a thousand miles of high tension lines, extending westward to the Oregon and Washington coasts, and eastward into those States toward Idaho.