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### Governor's 20-day Bill Consideration Amendment

This measure as its short title implies involves a proposed amendment to the state constitution. As such it has been referred to the voters for their approval or disapproval by the legislative session of 1937. The measure is designed to increase the time allowed the governor for consideration of bills after the legislature adjourns. Under the present constitutional provision the governor is allowed but five days after adjournment for a legislative session in which to analyze and pass upon the bills which the lawmakers have approved during the closing days of the session. Because of the large number of these bills demanding attention it is often physically impossible to analyze them intelligently within the five day period. As a result meritorious bills are sometimes vetoed out of an abundance of precaution on the part of the governor. On the other hand vicious legislation frequently escapes detection in the rush and is permitted to become law. The proposed amendment would extend the five day period for consideration of bills left with the governor upon adjournment to 20 days. In all other respects the constitutional provision remains unchanged.

C. C. Hockley, PWA administrator for Oregon, has served notice on the Board of Control that the completed plans for the new tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county, must be in his hands by August 16 if the state is to save the federal grant of \$90,000 which has been approved for this project. Construction work on the project must be started by September 27 according to Hockley's ultimatum. Architects are now engaged in whipping the plan into shape and expect to have them ready before the deadline is reached.

Shelving for the new state library will require the use of 400,000 pounds of steel, according to figures submitted to Harriet Long, state librarian, by the architects. There will be a total of 26,173 shelves with a capacity of 525,000 volumes. Shelving now being installed will take care of the library expansion for a number of years, according to Miss Long.

Souvenir hunters have been making free with ash trays, ink stands, and other mementos of their visit to Oregon's new capitol. One of the more ingenious members of the tribe even made away with numerous pieces of plumbing from several of the wash rooms. The prize chiseler, however, was the one who carved his initials in the linoleum in the private office of W. L. "Pinky" Gosselin, private secretary to Governor Martin. Gosselin has offered to give the linoleum to the carver if he can identify the initials.

State officials this week called attention to the fact that Oregon is not in position to qualify for and grants, other than that for the new tuberculosis hospital, under the present federal pump priming program. No other building projects have been authorized and by the time the next legislature meets it is feared the federal pump will be dry again.

The proposed Cascade Locks peoples' utility district is entirely feasible and could be a financial success if it could be assured a monopoly on the business within the proposed district the Hydroelectric commission of Oregon pointed out in a report on the project this week. In conformity with its usual policy the commission refrained from making any recommendations, confining its report to the findings of its engineers based upon certain stipulated conditions.

Reports on two other proposed peoples' utility districts are due soon. One of these will cover the proposed Wasco county project. The other will deal with the proposed project to include most of Hood River county.

Sponsors of a proposed district in Lane county filed a petition with the commission this week asking for a report on their project which would include practically all

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## Club Calves Continue Gain Despite Heat

Weights for the club calves being fattened for show purposes at the Sherman County Fair September 23-24-25 were high for July despite the hot weather that is not considered good for fat cattle.

Highest gain for the county was made by Henry Richelderfer's senior Angus with 115 pounds in 30 days. Next was Carsten von Bortel's senior Hereford that gained 114 pounds. Third was Henry Richelderfer's junior Hereford with 111 pounds, Lloyd Kelly's senior Shorthorn with 110, George DeMoss with 100 and Frank LeMaste's with 97 pounds gain.

Thirty eight calves are being fed by the members of three beef calf clubs. These are the Wasco, the Moro-Grass Valley and the Kent clubs. Inter club competition this fair will consist of a class of five boys from each club with one calf each. The best club will receive ten dollars and the second and third \$7.50 and \$5.00 respectively.

## County Exhibits Now Being Planned

Oregon counties planning to exhibit at the 1938 Oregon State Fair, September 5 to 11, at the Salem fairgrounds, should submit their entries by August 15, Manager Leo G. Spitzbart said this week.

Because demand for space are unusually heavy this year, Mr. Spitzbart has asked that counties make reservations immediately. The deadline set in the premium list will be adhered to. Several counties have already made their applications, it was announced.

Other space is reported going rapidly, with all available room in the machinery shed taken up. The biggest machine exhibit in years is predicted.

"Many new people are coming in and asking us for space this year," Mr. Spitzbart said. "In several instances former exhibitors have doubled their orders. It begins to look as if we will have to turn many away."

## FSA Ready To Loan Funds

Farm Security funds for loans to Sherman county farmers unable to secure necessary credit from other sources for purchase of livestock, equipment, feed, seed and other production goods, are available under the 1938-1939 program, announced Milburn A. Stout, county FSA supervisor, 2 Franz Building, Hood River. Where pure bred sires and heavy equipment can be more economically provided on a joint use basis, loans will be made for cooperative purchase of such facilities.

Farm plans based on estimated livestock production and crop yields are worked out by the borrower in cooperation with the local supervisor to provide for best use of the loan. Home plans provide for meeting most of the food needs on the farm. Where debt adjustment is necessary to place the farm on a sound basis, this service is worked out through negotiations between debtor and creditor prior to making of the loan.

General qualifications governing FSA loans are:

1. Applicants must be bona fide farmers unable to secure adequate commercial credit to purchase necessary production goods.
2. Applicants must be located on a productive farm capable of supporting the family and repay the loan on the basis of an approved farm and home plan.
3. Applicants not owners of their farms must have a satisfactory rent, lease or other tenure agreement.
4. New settlers from within or without the state must supply references from their place of origin as to farming experience and integrity.

## EUGENE GARLICK

Eugene Garlick, one time resident of the Moro vicinity, died at his home in Portland July 27 at the age of 85 years. Surviving are two sons Ruf and Charles. All will be remembered here by old timers.

## Crop Insurance May Be Prepaid For Two Years

Dewey Thompson Named  
Supervisor For Sherman  
County Insurance Program

How wheat growers may set aside enough grain this year to pay for their federal crop insurance for both 1939 and 1940 has been explained by officials of the federal crop insurance corporation. Provisions for accepting wheat to cover two years' premiums was made in the amendment to the federal crop insurance act toward the close of the last session of congress.

When a grower turns over wheat to pay the premium on insurance for his 1939 crop he may, if he wishes, turn over just double the amount, it is explained. The extra wheat is considered as a deposit and it not the same as a premium payment, although the advantages to the grower are practically the same. The corporation is not permitted to sell crop insurance policies for more than the current year, but the corporation will accept the extra deposit of wheat and will pay storage costs on it in case the grower takes out a policy later for the 1940 crop.

### Payments For One Year

A farmer may not deposit more wheat than the number of bushels he pays as premium for his 1939 insurance. This amount may be slightly more or less than his premium will be for 1940, as the exact rate will not be determined until next year, but it is expected that it will approximate his premium for 1940 insurance. This plan provides an additional outlet for surplus wheat to insured wheat growers, as it enables them to put aside wheat now for payment of premiums next year when the price of wheat may be different.

The appointment of William Clohessy as manager of the Spokane office of the federal crop insurance corporation has also been announced by the AAA. Mr. Clohessy has been AAA wheat specialist in Portland since 1936, handling the four export program. He has been in grain marketing during his entire business experience.

Clyde Kiddle, state supervisor of crop insurance for Oregon, with offices at Oregon State college, says that all county offices are now prepared to receive applications for wheat insurance.

Dewey Thompson will be supervisor for Sherman county.

## Rodeo Ready For Antelope Show

Antelope, under the leadership of John Silvertooth, held a rodeo a week or so ago and it was so successful that another one is to be held next Sunday afternoon. Riding and racing are the events given most time in the event and horses direct from the ranges are used to provide the amusement. Calf roping and bull dogging are also on the program. The old Antelope ball grounds, in the flat near town, are used for the event.

## County Court Has Easy Day

County court meeting for August was one of the least important for several months because of harvest and the lack of anything of importance for the court to do. A list of bills were ordered paid and minor matters were disposed of by the court but nothing of moment to the county or the taxpayers was transacted.

## Decisions Made In Schwartz-Garret Case

Decision in the Schwartz vs Pearl Garret case tried last spring before Judge Sweek of Pendleton was handed last week. The defendant, Mrs. Garret was awarded undisputed ownership of the land in question and was also given the wheat produced last year and held in escrow until the decision was rendered.

An appeal to the supreme court may be taken.

## Wheat League Honors Stephens With Dinner

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League was host last Saturday evening for a dinner in honor of D. E. Stephens at Arlington. About seventy members of the league were present to bid good bye to one who was acclaimed as friend and benefactor during the lifetime of the wheat growers organization. Mac Hoke of Pendleton, former president of the league, made the principal talk although representative farmers from each of the counties spoke for the farmers of their districts. Harry Proudfoot was the speaker for Sherman county and in addition to giving praise for the experiment station director as a developer of new wheats told of his qualities as a citizen of the community. George Peck, league president, presided.

## Futurity Colts Getting Trained

Peter Quick colts being trained for competition for the Granada Theatre futurity number nine this year, a large enough group to insure an exciting race. The Granada pays the entrance fee of colts in this class as part of the purse of the race.

Owners of these colts are Roy Phillips with two, Gerald Holzappel, A. H. Baum, Dell Olds, Olan Stark, Sam Davis and W. C. Heller who also has two. Training of the colts is going on at the fair grounds with an attendant exercising the colts daily in order that they may be in shape for the race which will be held Friday, the 23rd. Consolation for the futurity will be run off Sunday.

## Two Small Fires Burn Stubble

Fire broke out again this week in two places in the county. Monday fire started on the George Lamborn place south of Wasco and burned several acres of grass on that place before being driven east by a high wind to cross a half section of stubble at a good rate of speed before being stopped by summerfall. It was kept from burning down the roadside by nearby farmers who came out to save their fields. The same day a small fire started from the train burned over a few acres of stubble on the Glen King ranch north of Grass Valley. Some grass was also burned. No heavy losses were involved in either fire.

## Crested Wheat Being Harvested

It is expected that 1000 acres of Crested Wheat grass will be cut for seed in this county this year and much of it has already been through the thresher and the results known.

Yields from 75 to 350 pounds per acre and it is expected that this will clean away about a third. This should make yields of clean seed from 50 to 230 pounds and the price is 25 cents per pound. One field south of Grass Valley made 440 pounds from ten acres of very clean seed indicating a good return. This was J. B. Adams Crested Wheat. The patch of Wallace May's made 46 sacks from 23 acres for another good income from a small lot of ground. The Condon Grain Growers are able to clean this seed to 95% purity at a cost of 14 cents per pound. Their machine will also take out the clusters and rethresh them to save the seed. All seed handled in the county will be by the Blue Mountain Seed company of LaGrande, a co-operative, that will care for the selling of the seed at a cost of not over 2 cents per pound.

## FORMER RESIDENTS HERE

Ernest and Leslie Webb and a couple of helpers are here this week to do some repair work on their building now occupied by the post office. Ernest is teaching at Beaverton where he has been for fifteen years and Leslie is in California.

## CANDIDATE HOLDS "ROADSIDE CHATS"



Word of "fireside chats." Charles A. Sprague, republican candidate for governor, is holding "roadside chats" during the summer months. Here he is shown visiting with C. M. Wessert, Lane county farmer whom he found in his dairy barn. Sprague is taking his campaign to the "grass-roots" meeting with voters in all walks of life, and "being more listening than speech-making at this stage of the campaign. He expects to visit all parts of the state during the summer, prior to opening the fall campaign.

## Social Security Cards No Identification

In order to protect the interest of merchants in Sherman county and surrounding area the following statement has been issued by the Social Security Board, according to John F. Richardson, Acting Manager of the La Grande Field Office of the Board:

"Possession of a Social Security Account Number Card is not evidence of anything except that the holder has established the right to have set up for him a wage account under the Federal Old-Age Insurance system. The wage account is for use in the eventual determination of the amount of old-age insurance to which the wage-earner will be entitled when he reaches the age of 65 or dies.

These same account numbers are used in connection with the administration of the State Unemployment Compensation laws.

The Social Security Account Number should not be accepted as exhibited by persons who wish to open accounts or to have checks cashed, nor should it be regarded by employers as evidence that a young person may be hired in accordance with child labor requirements.

### Does Not Affect Minors

The responsibility of an employer to comply with the Federal and State laws regarding the hiring of minors is not affected by the fact that the applicant for work may display an account card.

All information given by applicants for account numbers is of a confidential nature, and therefore the account number card is of no value for identification purposes other than in connection with the administration of Old-Age Insurance of State Unemployment Compensation.

## Boys Return From Fire Zone

The boys from the local CCC camp returned Monday from Curry county where they had been for two weeks fighting the fires there. Foremen Wm. Mitchell and Roy Tille also returned, glad to get home so they could catch up on some of the sleep lost while in the fire zone. At one time seven and a half hours elapsed between sleeping periods while the fire was at its height, food was slow in getting up to the front and there was plenty of work to do.

## 3,000,000 Bushel Yield Depends Spring Wheat

Average of 22 Bushels Will  
Give County Estimate of  
Optimists

Harvesting wheat in Sherman county is half done and estimates of the quality of wheat can be made with fair accuracy and estimates of quantity may be made with more assurance than a few weeks ago.

In some sections of the county the yield has not been up to expectations and is little better than last year. This is largely true of the country north of Wasco toward Rufus where returns are good, but not excellent, being from twenty-five to thirty bushels on the average.

Good yields from the west side of the county from Nigger ridge north are the usual thing with some wheat going as high as fifty bushels in favored spots and other fields making forty. The average for this strip of country will be between thirty and thirty-five bushels in all probability for it must be remembered that the yields that get the greatest notice are the larger ones in a year of good crops.

The eastern side of the county has much better crops this year than last and some wheat is making over 35 bushels. Certainly it should make between 20 and 25 bushels on the average.

Whether the county produces a total of 3,000,000 bushels or not depends on the spring sown wheat of which the larger part is in the south end of the county. If this grain makes over 20 bushels it is almost certain to bring the total up to the 3,000,000 mark for this year.

It is estimated that there is nearly 135,000 acres in wheat this year. Some was cut for hay and some was volunteer or for other reasons will not produce a good crop. An average for the county of 22 bushels will produce the above estimate.

## Minister Leaves For Vacation

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Mitchelmore and son, Charles, left for Myrtle Point Monday where they will spend several weeks visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchelmore. During the local pastor's absence the pulpit supply is being arranged by a committee from the Session. The first two Sundays in August, Earl Shipley Linfield college graduate preparing for the ministry, will speak at the 11 a. m. service.

Mr. Mitchelmore is to be in Turner, August 22 to 28, acting as Dean of boys and faculty member at the Oregon State Christian Endeavor conference. It is hoped that one or two members of the high school C. E. society of the Moro church may attend as regular delegates.

## COUPLE DROWNED

Mr. and Mrs. Babin were drowned in the Columbia river Wednesday while swimming. Mrs. Babin was a sister of Arlie Duvall, and granddaughter of Mrs. Susie Hastings. Mrs. Babin was reported to have cramped while in the water and her husband tried to save her with the result that both lost their lives. Five children survive.

## 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, 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.

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