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(NOTE—This is the third in a series of weekly articles dealing with the 13 measures to appear on the state ballot in November.)

LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION CON- STITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

This measure represents another attempt to increase the pay of members of the legislature. Passed by the last session it requires approval by the voters before becoming effective. Under its provisions the legislators would be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$8 per day while attending a session, except that pay for a regular session would be limited to 50 days or a maximum of \$400; special sessions would be limited to a maximum of 20 days. Oregon legislators are now paid at the rate of \$3 per day but may not claim more than \$120 for attendance upon any regular session; extra sessions are now limited to 20 days. The proposed amendment would reduce travel allowance for legislators from the present rate of 15 cents per mile to 10 per mile. Presiding officers would receive one-half daily pay—additional—or \$12 per day, compared to the present two-thirds additional pay which gives them only \$5 a day.

In the first seven months of its operation the claims department of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission has paid out a total of \$4,500,000 in benefits to 67,000 jobless workers, according to a report issued this week.

The fire alarm system in Oregon's new capitol was given its first test this week. An employee proudly exhibiting the building to a group of friends inadvertently tripped one of the alarms connected with the Salem fire department. Two pumps and an aerial ladder responded immediately. The experiment demonstrated the efficiency of both the alarm system and the Salem fire department.

Every silver lining has its cloud, it seems. The state has just completed installation of a new telephone switchboard designed to expedite handling of calls to the various departments. Now it develops that the new system makes it impossible to put through station to station calls. Instead all incoming calls are charged for at the higher person-to-person rate. The Board of Control has protested the policy and asked for a new deal.

An international incident was amicably settled this week when Secretary of State Snell approved a claim for 95 cents filed by the Latvian charge d'affaires at interim at Washington, D. C. The foreign diplomat, it appears, was a recent visitor to Oregon. While in the state he purchased 19 gallons of gasoline on which he paid the state tax of five cents a gallon, or a total of 95 cents. The Latvian official promptly filed a claim for refund with Secretary of State Hull who just as promptly forwarded the claim on to Oregon's secretary of state, Earl Snell.

One hundred and twenty nine dead and 2971 injured was the toll taken by traffic accidents on Oregon highways during the first six months of 1938 according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Snell. The record, however, reflects an improvement over the situation in 1937 when 150 persons were killed and 3186 injured in the same period.

Forty nine persons lost their lives as a result of fires in Oregon during 1937 to set a new high record for this state according to the annual report of Hugh H. Earle, state fire marshal.

"Most fire casualties were entirely avoidable and the direct result of carelessness," Earle declared in commenting upon the situation. "The most common causes resulting in these deaths were misuse of kerosene and gasolene, smoking in bed, or standing too near a stove or fireplace." Fire losses over the state during the year totalled \$3,270,279 which was approximately \$46,000 above the 1936 record but 22.9 per cent below the average for the previous ten-year period.

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Crop Report Shows Large Wheat Crop

The August first crop report indicates that Oregon will raise a smaller crop of wheat than it did last year because of the poor crop of spring wheat in the Willamette valley where hot weather in July reduced the yield seriously. The total crop of wheat for the state will be 20,029,000 bushels if the report proves correct.

Washington is more fortunate and is expected to have a wheat crop that will be the second largest of the state. It will total 51,618,000 bushels.

The United States will have a large crop of wheat according to the August first estimates. It is expected to total 956,000,000 bushels, the largest wheat crop since 1915 when the war time market demanded lots of wheat. There is a carryover of around 200,000,000 bushels also to be considered in counting all wheat.

National Grange Coming To Portland

Portland is rapidly making ready for its great November event, the entertainment of the National Grange, when the latter organization goes to Pacific Coast for its 72nd annual session. The Portland event of November 16-24 follows last year's convention at Hassburg, Pennsylvania, and twice before the National Grange has met at Portland, in 1904 and 1921, both times with pleasant memories of a city thoroughly awake to the privilege of entertaining such a nation wide gathering and doing the job well.

Friday, November 18, will be the big day of the Grange convention, when the supreme ritualistic degree will be conferred in the beautiful municipal auditorium at Portland, supplied with all the accessories needed for such an event. Even now there is assurance of a Seventh Degree class of upwards of 5,000 and enthusiastic Pacific Coast Grange leaders venture a still higher figure.

P. I. Offers \$100,000 In Prizes

\$100,000.00 cash premiums from all sources will be the approximate amount offered at the Twenty-eighth Annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, Oregon, October 7 to 9th, inclusive, as announced by President T. B. Wilcox, Jr., and O. M. Plummer, General Manager.

Premium list may be had by addressing 308 Wilcox Building, Portland, Oregon. Fifteen performances in the huge arena will feature the Horse Show and most thrilling outstanding Rodeo in America and as a special attraction, the "Lord Strathcona Horse" of Canada will send a troop of their renowned riders with all their colorful setting; their maneuvers and drills being most spectacular and attracting crowded houses at every performance. The Pacific International Horse Show during its entire history has featured each year large stakes in all classes which attracts leading stables from all parts of the United States and Canada and again after the absence of a year, the famous Six Horse Driving competition will be staged, which always creates enthusiasm.

Crop Insurance Date Extended

Wheat crop insurance will afford producers improved credit for their production operations, say those in charge of this AAA program. Regulations of the loan corporation specifically provide that wheat crop insurance may be assigned as collateral for a loan used for the care of the crop. An insured crop is considered good security. Time for filing insurance applications has been extended to November 30 in Oregon and other Pacific northwest states.

INJURED GIRL HOME

Mrs. Isabelle Urquhart Hunter was here Monday on her way home from Bend where she had been to get her daughter, Jean, who was injured in an automobile accident with her aunt, Mrs. Lyman Taylor. They visited Mrs. Jessie Hegrichs while here.

Fair Plans To Have Starting Chutes This Year

Bids For Concessions
Called for Next
Wednesday Night

The problem of how to start the horses at the Sherman County Fair may soon be settled with the receipt of information that starting chutes have been used at John Day and Prineville and designs may be had from those towns. Purchase of the chutes is a possibility.

If chutes for starting are built this year it will remove one of the troubles of the racing program management for there always has been disagreements about the starting that kept officials, the board and the secretary in hot water until the end of the fair.

Racing rules will be adhered to this year if early resolutions are followed through.

It is at present planned to keep down the dust around the fair grounds as much as possible this fall by watering, if possible, or oiling will be done if not too expensive.

Trees Make Growth

Trees at the fair grounds have made a phenomenal growth this year and will provide much protection against the wind and also will add to the general appearance of the grounds when the visitors gather for the fair. New plant on the buildings is also adding a brighter appearance.

Bids for the concessions at the fair grounds will be opened next Wednesday night, August 24. Persons in Sherman county may submit bids for selling of drinks, lunches and stands at the grounds during the fair. Two stands were in operation last year. Usually the concession for grandstand sales go with the grounds concession. Rental of the Legion Hall by the Moro Fireman who will give the fair dances was done this week. The firemen promise two dances and have hired a popular orchestra for the occasion.

Henry Lloyd Buried In The Dalles

Henry Lloyd, long time resident of the Wasco territory and who at one time pumped water for the city of Moro, died in The Dalles Saturday, after a long illness that has kept him incapacitated for several months. He has lived in Sherman county since 1922 and has worked at many mechanical jobs until recently.

Mr. Lloyd was born in Omaha, Nebraska November 17, 1872. His wife, who accompanied him to Sherman county died at Wasco in 1929 and he has lived alone since that time. Interment was in The Dalles.

State Fire Marshall Reports Few Fires

The report of the state fire marshal for the year 1937 has just been issued and it gives Sherman county an excellent record for that year. Only losses were two small fires in Wasco whose total losses were \$196 and which were all paid by the insurance. Insurance on farm buildings was paid to the extent of \$15 which was also the total loss. A loss of \$111 was sustained in crops and equipment and of this amount \$107 was paid in insurance. The total loss by fire was slightly over \$300 and owners sustained practically no loss.

During the year 49 persons were burned to death in Oregon and 179 were injured because of fires.

Better equipment and less dangerous conditions from the point of view of fire hazards have reduced insurance premiums in Oregon from six to four million dollars. The report does not give the premium payments by counties.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	MO.
Aug. 11	78	52	00
" 12	73	45	00
" 13	71	50	00
" 14	76	51	00
" 15	55	47	00
" 16	86	49	00
" 17	82	56	03
Total for the week			03

Model Kitchen Coming To Fair In September

Mrs. Virginia Schneider, assistant in the Home Economics Extension Service of Oregon State college, is in charge of the traveling kitchen demonstration. The traveling kitchen will be on display at the Sherman County Fair September 25, Sunday.

This modern kitchen on wheels has many valuable suggestions on construction of built-ins and kitchen arrangement for families who are planning to build and for families who are planning to remodel. Suggestions are also given for rearranging kitchen equipment in order to make the farm kitchen more convenient.

Kitchen Attractive

Some of the features of the built-ins of this modern kitchen consist of a floor-to-ceiling cabinet for the storage of packed groceries and cooking utensils, a specially designed wood box, a cabinet for the storage of farm records and bulletins, and a play cabinet for the children.

An interesting and new color treatment has been used throughout in the finishing of the walls, woodwork and accessories.

The kitchen will be exhibited in 14 counties in Oregon in the summer and fall of 1938. Local arrangements for the traveling kitchen display are in charge of LeRoy Wright.

Ross Asks Study Of Power District Law

Administrator J. D. Ross has been asked to analyze Oregon's public power law to determine whether under its terms districts will be able to distribute Columbia River power. The request came from the Bonneville Federation of Oregon, an association of municipal electric systems and people's utility districts.

Immediately upon receipt of the resolution, Administrator Ross instructed John C. Fischer, general counsel of the Bonneville Project, to investigate fully the practicability of selling power to public districts organized under the law. The analysis will include a study of the methods of financing power districts, acquiring electric distribution systems, and paying taxes out of revenues.

Committee Appointed

A committee to consider revising Oregon's power district law, appointed by M. H. McGuire, president of the Bonneville Federation, called on the Administrator for a complete examination of the present power situation of the state. Mr. Fischer suggested that the Oregon statute, passed in 1931, be compared with the public district laws of Washington, Nebraska and other states. Within a short time the Bonneville general council will prepare such a comparison and submit it to the federation, together with an opinion on the districts' power to organize and sell energy at cost.

Employment Office Hires Some Men

The Dalles employment office covering Sherman, Wasco, Wheeler, Jefferson and Gilliam counties accounted for 69 or 12 per cent of the 5072 job placements in Oregon during July.

The Portland metropolitan area maintained its lead with 1104 placements, or 19.5 per cent but the percentage of the state total was off 5 per cent from the previous three-month period.

Largest gain was shown by Eugene, 9 per cent, and the biggest drop was recorded in Hood River where a seasonal fruit crop lull caused a 4.4 per cent drop.

July showed a 13 per cent improvement for 91 per cent of placements. Of these, 449 were veterans. Of these, 449 were veterans. Women got 463 jobs.

Job seekers 20 years of age were most successful, landing 110 jobs. Those 22 years old were 101 jobs. These three job groups maintained relative positions during the past three months, commission figures reveal.

Forty seven per cent of all placements were in private industry.

Headed For State Fair



Two hundred head of the wildest eastern Oregon's wild horses were recently rounded up near Burns. The "hottest broncs" will be shipped to the Salem fair grounds where they will appear in the "bucking contest" which will be a feature of the fair on September 5 to 11.

Weed Killing Chemicals May Be Made Here

The proposed project to establish a government plant for the manufacture of chlorates at Bonneville using surplus power was discussed recently at a special weed meeting held in Baker county.

With many valuable fields having to be abandoned because of the inroads of perennial weeds such as white top, such a project would be a real soil conservation measure it was pointed out. Some have estimated that chlorates could be supplied farmers at around 2 and a half cents a pound if produced in this manner.

In discussing weed killing chemicals, authors of recent bulletins on perennial weed control in Oregon point out that sodium chlorate comes the nearest to being an ideal weed killing chemical among those now in general use. Other forms of chlorate are on the market but are not so effective as sodium chlorate.

Chlorate Treatment Good

Under most conditions, the chlorates will actually kill the weeds if enough of the chemical is applied. At first it was thought that the plants were killed only as a result of the absorption of the material by the leaves, but for the past 8 years or more it has been known that most of the killing was due to contact of the chlorate with the roots of the plant. Since this is the case, any condition which prevents contact with the roots will prevent success of the method.

Places where it does not work satisfactorily include steep slopes where water washes the chemical down the hill, gravelly sub-soils where the chemical is soon washed away, overflow and swampy locations, peat soils or stack bottoms with excessive organic matter, areas with a fluctuating high water table, and soils with such hard surfaces that they resist penetration.

Numerous findings that make uses of chlorates in weed control more effective are listed in the new bulletin, as well as precautions necessary to safe use of chlorates. The fire-hazard with this type of chemical is particularly important unless most rigid precautions are observed. Extension bulletin 510, "Control of Perennial Weeds in Oregon," may be had free at extension offices.

Legion Hall Job Plans Proceed

Preliminary plans for the reconstruction of the Legion hall have been drawn and the necessary application blanks to the PWA are being made out this week by George Updegraff preparatory to sending in an application for government funds to rehabilitate the structure. As previously planned the work will consist of building an addition on the street side and putting a picture show house in the northeast end of the building, and providing room for an orchestra on the street side of the building. If the application is allowed the work could begin immediately and be finished in time for the winter season of plays, dances and other community amusements.

Crop For 1938 Expected To Be 3,000,000 Bus.

Good Yield Of Spring
Grain In South End
Raises Expectations

It now appears entirely possible that the total bushelage harvested in Sherman county this year will be around 3,000,000. This is based on the yield of spring grain in the south end of the county which is doing better than it was expected to do a few weeks ago.

While the exact acreage of the county in wheat this year is not known it is likely that 132,000 acres are in wheat. This is as large a crop from the acreage point of view as was general in the twenties. It is probable that 137,000 acres were seeded this year but some deduction must be made for hay land.

An average yield of 22.7 bushels per acre would make 3,000,000 in the county and it is entirely possible that the crop this year has made that much.

County Income Good

The return in money will be but slightly less than last year if the 3,000,000 is realized. This means an income of \$1,500,000 on wheat alone if the price obtained is fifty cents average. Last year the average was not over seventy five cents per bushel which would have brought in \$1,668,750 while this year \$1,500,000 would be brought in through the sale of the crop.

This does not mean that everyone would receive the same income for variations are bound to occur but the county income from wheat will be very similar to 1937 unless there are further declines in price which are not expected at present.

Spring Wheat Yield Well

Quite a bit of wheat remains to be cut as may be seen by a drive through the south end of the county where the spring grain matured slowly because of the June rains. Light rains have delayed harvest this week and still threaten.

Yields of 25 to 39 bushels of wheat are reported from the wheat around Kent and it is likely that nearly all the spring grain there will make 20 bushels per acre except on very light land or in case of late sown wheat.

Fewer Killed In Highway Accidents

With five fewer highway deaths reported during July of this year than during last July, Oregon continued the traffic fatality reduction which has been virtually continuous since the first of the year, Secretary of State Earl Snell reported this week.

July's decline brought the seven month total to 165 deaths, 26 below the figure for the corresponding figure last year, according to Snell.

"High speed continues to figure in a large proportion of this state's fatal accidents," Snell declared. "In the year's worst accident to date, five boys were killed in Union county when their automobile apparently being driven very fast, failed to keep to the road on a curve, turned over. There were no skid marks or other indications that the brakes had been applied or that the car was out of control."

"In cases like this the driver shoulders a grave responsibility when he drives at a rate he does not know to be absolutely safe. It is true that most of our newer highways have been engineered for certain safe minimum speeds, but there are still hundreds of miles of road in this state containing curves which vary greatly in sharpness and the degree of banking."

"For this reason a driver following an unfamiliar road should never wait until he has entered a curve before slowing down. Observance of simple safety measures such as this will help to reduce even further the Oregon highway death totals."

BIG DANCE HELD

One of the largest dances of several years was held Saturday night when the Firemen gave the annual Harvest Ball. Two hundred and forty numbers were sold.

County Pioneer Dies In Portland At Age Of 87

Mr. John A. (Jack) Thompson of Portland passed away Tuesday, August 16 at his Portland home, 5612 S. E. Lincoln St. Mr. Thompson was born in St. Catharines, Ontario November 28, 1851. He left Ontario for Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1870 where he met and married Eliza Ann Cantrill who passed away in Sherman county in 1891. In 1876 he came west to California where he followed the lumbering business until 1883 when he came to Oregon settling in Sherman county. He has resided in Portland since 1903, having retired from his interests in Eastern Oregon. On December 14, 1892 he married Susie Pine of Stratford, Ontario, who survives him. He is survived by Mrs. Elia Thompson of Moro; Layton M., Mrs. May Kuka, Mrs. Lillian Montag and Mrs. Edna Schwaryman, all of Portland. He also leaves two step-daughters, Mrs. Rosa Norcross of The Dalles and Mrs. Henry Becker of Rupert, Idaho and a step son, Mr. Wm. Pratt of Weed, California. Funeral services will be held in Portland on Thursday, August 18, at 2:30 p. m.

Students May Work Way Through School

Students of collegiate grade who are in doubt as to how they will pay their tuitions and buy books this fall will be heartened by the announcement this week by Ivan G. Munro, Oregon director of the National Youth Administration, in which he stated that funds available for Student Aid projects in Oregon colleges have been increased \$19,000 this year for a total of \$134,000. In Oregon there are 23 schools in this group which will receive proportional allotments based on their past enrollment.

College Heads Judge

These student aid funds are available for needy college and graduate students in regular attendance in institutions of collegiate and university standing for part-time work during the academic year. Individual earnings are limited to an average of \$15.00 per month for students of collegiate standing and \$30.00 for graduates. Rates of pay at the individual institutions are determined by the college or university authorities. No provisions are made for direct loans or scholarships.

Oregon Cow Breaks Record

An Ayrshire cow owned by Oregon State college has established such a high lifetime production record that the breed association has obtained permission to show her this fall on the fair circuit throughout Oregon and western Washington.

Oregon Rena Douglas, born January 8, 1925, at the college, has produced 104,518.3 pounds of milk, containing 4063.05 pounds of fat, and is still a profitable milker. She holds many records herself, and is the daughter of a world record Ayrshire, Oregon Panetta Q, also bred and owned by OSC.