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Lawmakers and lobbyists coming to Salem for the biennial session ten days hence will find the legislative set-up much changed from that to which they were accustomed in the old domed capitol.

While one naturally expects to find improvements in modern buildings many of the features to be encountered in the new capitol will be downright disappointing in this respect.

For instance, whereas in the old capitol it was only a step across the lobby from the House to the Senate in the new state house the legislative chambers are separated by the length of a good city block. Neither will there be the opportunity to fraternize with the legislators that was presented in the more democratic atmosphere of the old capitol. Not only will the old waist-high brass rail around which legislators and lobbyists alike were wont to gather during spare moments, be missing but in planning the new capitol the architects and builders made adequate provision for keeping the law makers separated from the rank and file of the citizenry. Private elevators at either end of the building have been provided for the exclusive use of the legislators so that they will be enabled to reach not only the House and Senate chambers but any of the committee rooms as well without entering the common lobby.

Neither does the new building provide seating accommodations for as many spectators in the visitors galleries as did the old legislative halls, and many who were wont to sit in on inaugurations and other ceremonies in the old days will find themselves unable to gain admittance to the new legislative chambers because of lack of room.

True the new set-up with its modern furnishings, and rich appointments is much more attractive than was the old with its battered desks, its worn carpets and the hideous characters of former governors arrayed about the walls but many of the veterans of past sessions are going to miss the friendly atmosphere and the simple dignity that characterized the old.

In turning thumbs down on the plan of Umatilla county to finance a new court house by issuing warrants based on delinquent taxes the state supreme court probably spoiled the dreams of several other counties which had similar plans. The high court in the Umatilla county case held that there was a marked distinction between taxes levied and taxes collected and that to issue warrants against delinquent taxes about the collection of which there could be no certainty, would be a violation of the constitutional provision limiting the indebtedness of counties to \$5000.

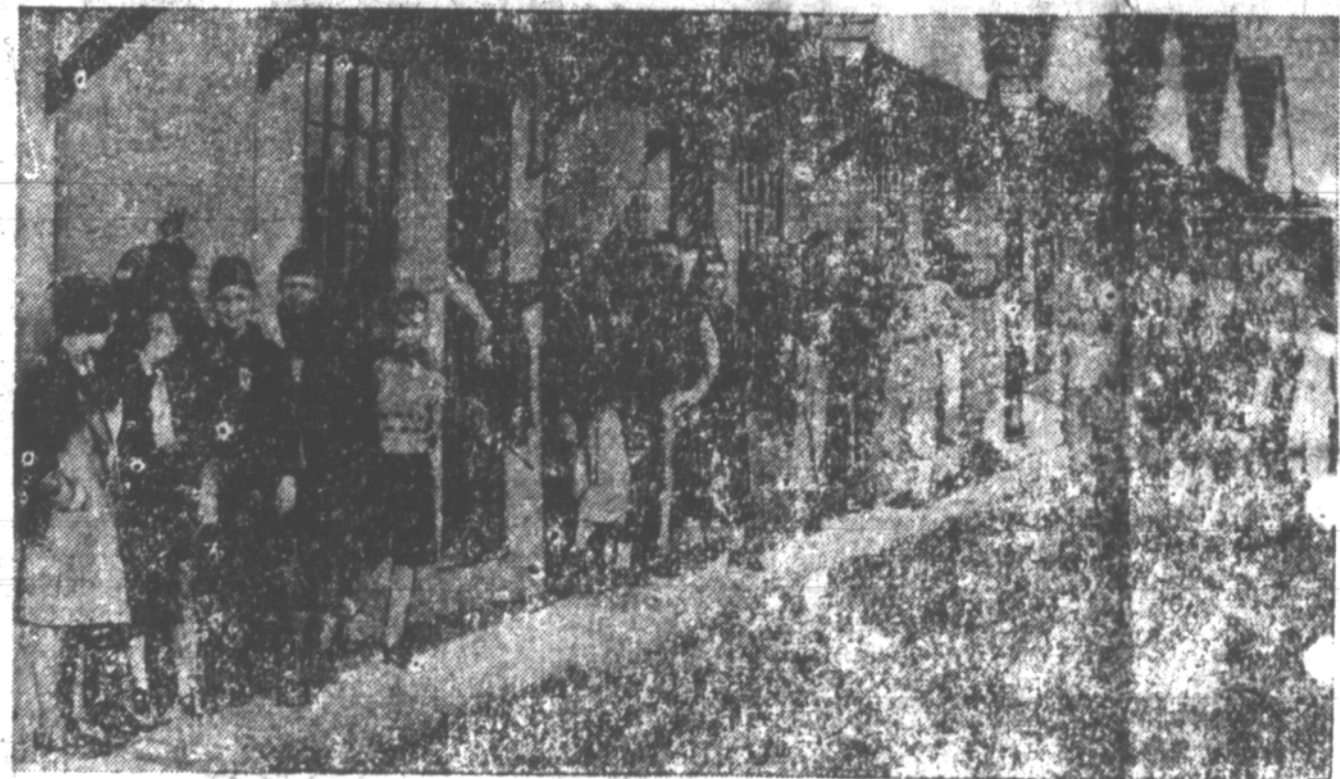
The federal Social Security Board is expected to pass on the acceptability of Oregon's new anti-picketing law some time this week. Labor leaders have attacked the law as conflicting with the rights of workers under the unemployment compensation set-up. Attorney General Van Winkle has held that there is no such conflict, that the two laws are entirely separate and distinct. Governor Martin in a speech this week declared that "only rotten politics" could prompt the federal board to rule against the Oregon set-up.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, is enroute to Santiago, Chile, where he will represent the United States at the Pan American road conference which will open January 13 for a twelve day session. Baldock does not expect to return to Oregon before the middle of February.

Roy Buchanan, Pendleton democrat, and member of the Industrial Accident Unemployment Compensation commission, is scheduled for retirement shortly after the first of the year according to rumor current around the capitol. Buchanan was appointed about a year ago to succeed Albert Hunter who resigned because of ill health. His term will expire on January 2. Ordinarily and in the case of reappointment the announcement would be made well in advance of

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Jewish Children Await Adoption by British Families



Two hundred German-Jewish refugee children are as happy as they can be in the orphanage at Dovercourt, England, shortly after their recent arrival from Germany, they await adoption by British families. They range in age from 12 to 15 years.

Births Keep Doctor Busy Over Holiday

Births of children about Christmas time exceeded that of any other period of the year, although none were born on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay are parents of a girl born December 24. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bekkadahl have a baby boy born on December 26th. Mrs. Bekkadahl was formerly Juanita Mitchell and the baby was born on Mrs. Wm. Mitchell's birthday. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mee also on December 26th. Dr. Polcy attending at all the births.

Doris Thompson Married To Ray Siegenthaler

At an impressive holiday wedding in the Moro Community church on December 23, at 3:00 o'clock, Miss Doris Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson became the bride of Mr. Raymond Siegenthaler of Portland. The Rev. F. L. Cannell, of Wasco, read the service and the bride's father gave her in marriage.

The bride wore a gown of white net over satin with a trimming of white velvet ribbon around a circular train. The veil was arranged with a coronet of white bouvardia. The bride carried a white prayer book with a shower ribbon of white bouvardia.

Sister Attends Bride

Attending the bride were, her sister Faye as maid of honor in an apricot chiffon gown trimmed with a rinstone girdle; her sister Claudine and her cousin Vivian Fuller as bridesmaids in taffeta frocks of harmonizing shades who wore attractive corsages; and Priscilla Melzer as flower girl in a long pink taffeta dress who also carried pink roses.

Best man was Wayne Siegenthaler of Portland, brother of the groom. The ushers were Lloyd Sutherland, Haris Ross and Jim Carnes.

Before the ceremony, Miss Ellen Cox sang "Because" and Allen Fraser sang "O Promise Me." Both were accompanied by Miss Vivian Truone who also played the wedding march.

White, yellow and lavender chrysanthemums, tall white tapers and evergreen boughs were used to deck the church.

After the ceremony, a reception was held for the bridal party and near relatives of the bride and groom, at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson. Mrs. Wesley Fuller poured and Mrs. Martin Melzer cut the wedding cake. Lois and Norma Melzer and Florence Lawrence served.

Immediately after the reception, the bride and groom left for a few days at Timber Lodge. For going away, the bride wore a teal blue tailored suit with wine accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. After the honeymoon the bride and groom will return to Portland where they will make their home.

Winter Wheat Acreage Cut By 10 Percent

The area of winter wheat sown in the United States in the fall of 1938 for harvest in 1939 is estimated at 46,173,000 acres. This is 18 per cent below the 56,355,000 acres sown in 1937 and 20 per cent below the record acreage seeded in the fall of 1936, but it is still about one percent above the average acreage sown to winter wheat during the ten previous years.

In most of the important producing states, the acreage sown to winter wheat is substantially below the acreage sown in 1937 and 1936. In the Pacific Northwest, the combined acreage sown in the three states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho is estimated at 2,496,000 acres, which is 10 percent under the 2,761,000 acres seeded in the fall of 1937 and 12 percent under the 1926-35 average of 2,830,000 acres. As regards the individual states of the Pacific Northwest, seedings in comparison with the fall of 1937 are down 3 percent in Washington, 15 percent in Oregon, and 15 percent in Idaho.

For the United States as a whole the condition of Winter Wheat on December 1, 1938, was 72 percent of normal compared with 76 percent a year earlier and the 10-year (1926-35) average of 80 percent. Based on the past relationship between December 1 condition and yield per seed acre, with some allowance for the probable effect of weather conditions during the past summer and fall, the indicated production of winter wheat in 1939 is about 485,000,000 bushels. It is expected that abandonment of acreage sown in 1938 for the United States as a whole, will be above the average of 18.3 percent and will probably be between 20 and 25 percent.

Students At University About 21

The average student at the University of Oregon is now just about old enough to vote, statistics revealed by Dr. Earl M. Pallett, registrar, show. The average of the 3334 regular students at the start of school three months ago was 20.8 years.

Freshman students, as might be expected, average youngest, with men at 19 years and women 18.1. Sophomore men average 20.9 years, exactly one year more than women at 19.9. The age gap closes up at the junior year, with both men and women averaging 21.2. In the senior class men average 23 and women 22.4. Men in professional schools average 23.3 years, and women 20.5.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

A meeting of the Sherman county agricultural conservation committee will be held at the court house January 3 to start work on the next year's program. Elected to this committee this month were Joe Peters, Wallace May and Arthur Smith in whose hands will rest the direction of the farm program until the next election.

Sherman County Has Seven At U of Oregon

Every one of Oregon's 36 counties, listed alphabetically, is: Baker 23, Benton 29, Clatsop 63, Columbia 22, Coos 66, Crook 4, Curry 7, Deschutes 38, Douglas 61, Gilliam 9, Grant 5, Harney 9, Hood River 26, Jefferson 3, Josephine 27, Lake 19, Lincoln 13, Linn 45, Malheur 30, Morrow 14, Polk 24, Sherman 7, Tillamook 11, Umatilla 62, Union 19, Walla Walla 14, Wasco 41, Washington 55, Wheeler 3, Yamhill 30.

Enrollment by other counties, listed alphabetically, is: Baker 23, Benton 29, Clatsop 63, Columbia 22, Coos 66, Crook 4, Curry 7, Deschutes 38, Douglas 61, Gilliam 9, Grant 5, Harney 9, Hood River 26, Jefferson 3, Josephine 27, Lake 19, Lincoln 13, Linn 45, Malheur 30, Morrow 14, Polk 24, Sherman 7, Tillamook 11, Umatilla 62, Union 19, Walla Walla 14, Wasco 41, Washington 55, Wheeler 3, Yamhill 30.

Mrs. Mary Young Dies At 83

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Young was held in Wasco Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. Gilbert Carey minister of the Christian church, officiating. Zella funeral home was in charge.

Mrs. Young was born March 24, 1855 in St. Joe, Missouri where she lived until 1884 when she came to Oregon bringing her children after the death of her first husband. In 1885 she was married to Alonzo Young, a pioneer of the west, and she has lived in this county since. Mr. Young died in January of 1907.

Surviving the deceased are four children, Joe Weatherford of Wasco, Mrs. Marie Richardson of Klamath Falls, Grover Young of Graas Valley and Mrs. Alta Ireland of Moro; ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, a brother and sister, John and Susan Carmichael of Weiser, Idaho and a brother, Joe Carmichael in Missouri.

Mrs. Young died Friday at midnight after suffering a stroke of paralysis at her home in Wasco earlier in the day. For a number of years she has made her home with her son, Joe Weatherford in Wasco.

Grass Valley Maid Tells of Engagement

Wednesday afternoon Miss Vivian Reynolds gave a tea at her home announcing her engagement to Mr. Warren T. Elliott of Monmouth. Those attending were the Misses Barbara and Sybil Belshie, Helen Stark, Mildred Alley, Norma and Lois Melzer, Georgia Blalock, Eva Miller, Ellen Esklin, and Mesdames Willard Barnett, Don Smith, Edgar Alley, Vernon Esklin. Little Miss Priscilla Melzer handed out the little hearts bearing the announcement, stating that they are to be married next summer. Both the bride-to-be and her fiancé teach in the Hillsboro schools.

County Agent's Report Shows Number of Calls

Agent Is Most Often

Host and Guest of

Any County Resident

The report of the county agent for 1938 has been completed after long hours of typing, much gathering and compiling of data and considerable looking up of monthly reports. It has been sent to the state college where, with 35 other similar reports, it will be used to make up the report of the state extension division.

In this county the agent, LeRoy Wright, visited 710 farms and homes during the year for an average of about two per day including Sunday. He had 5743 calls at the office or better than 15 per day likewise including Sundays and holidays.

He, or some one in the office, reached for the receiver and said, "County Agent's office" 1782 times during the year and activities of the office were considered to be news on 125 occasions.

Many Bulletin's Given

In addition to this 2664 letters were written and 30 circular letters sent out. Of the bulletins which decorate the walls of the office 709 were given out to those who came to ask for information about some of the subjects from breaking horses to killing weeds.

A total of 2771 persons attended the meetings held under the auspices of the county agent during the year which is nearly an average of one meeting apiece for every man, woman and child in the county.

The soil conservation program must have occupied the time of the county agent to some degree for 577 farms comprising 291,398 acres are reported as under the program. Of these ten farms had 3000 acres of blow land on them which certainly puts this county in the list of those that will be interested in soil conservation programs. Approved summer fallow methods were tried out on 80 farms comprising 60,000 acres during the year.

This is the statistical data about what a county agent does with his time. The actual work done is in other parts of the report which tells of 4-H club accomplishment, the county fair, weed control plots, seed wheat certified and the other agricultural matters coming under his jurisdiction.

Banks Have Deposits Three Times Loans

Mr. O. A. Houghum, Vice President of the First National Bank of Eugene, Oregon, and President of the Oregon Bankers Association, in reviewing the status of banking in Oregon during 1938, today issued the following statement:

"The banking business in Oregon shows improvement during the year which is now drawing to a close. Upon examination of figures available at this writing, we find that loans made by Oregon banks had increased from \$95,370,000, on December 31, 1937, to \$100,325,000, on September 28, 1938, the date of the last call. Upon closer examination, these figures disclose that practically all of this increase took place since June 30 of this year when loans stood at \$95,564,000. This indicates greater business activity during the last half of 1938.

"Total deposits of all Oregon banks, on December 31, 1937, were \$306,434,000; and on September 28, 1938, stood at \$306,478,000. However, on June 30, of this year, they were down to \$293,869,000.

On Christmas day J. M. Axtell reached his 86th birthday and despite some stiffness in his legs still gets down town every day for his mail.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	MO.
Dec 22	40	22	.00
" 23	44	36	.00
" 24	44	31	.00
" 25	42	33	.00
" 26	35	19	.00
" 27	48	27	.00
" 28	46	34	.19
Total for the week			.19

Crop Loans Come Close To Million Dollar Mark

With only a day or two to go and with but three or four loans waiting the total for the county of crop loans has reached \$955,992.58 since loaning on 1938 wheat was begun early this fall. This means that 1,738,717.9 bushels of wheat has been put up for collateral with the federal government agency for an average of 54.58 cents per bushel.

There is probably a million bushels not loaned on in the county or already sold which brings the income from wheat up to nearly a million and a half dollars. That is considerably more than was realized from many wheat crops during the drought.

Mrs. Mary McDaniel Dies In Portland

Mrs. Mary McDaniel, widow of Hilward McDaniel, for many years clerk of Sherman county of which he was a pioneer, died in Portland last week at the age of 81.

Mrs. McDaniel was born in California, the daughter of Obed Cushman and Elizabeth Cushman. She came to Sherman county with her parents in 1882 and was married to Mr. McDaniel in 1891. After serving for over 20 years in the clerk's office they moved to Portland where she lived until her death.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. America Moore of Portland and a brother, Eugene Cushman of Stevenson, Washington. The funeral was held in Portland.

N. A. Dodd Made Assistant In AAA Office

Recent changes in the administrative setup of the agricultural adjustment administration have put two farmers, one of them from near Oregon, in charge of the western division of the AAA.

C. C. Conser of Montana has just been promoted to director of the western division succeeding George M. Ferrell. Since Ferrell's transfer to another division of the department of agriculture, Conser has been acting director. N. E. Dodd of Haines, Oregon, is the new assistant director, filling the place formerly occupied by Conser.

Conser, before entering AAA work in 1933, had been a farmer in eastern Montana for 35 years. He is particularly familiar with the wheat grower's problems and has been in Oregon a number of times to confer with leaders here on the wheat program.

Dodd Is Farmer

Dodd, who owns and operates a stock farm in Baker county, has also been active in the AAA program in this state since 1933, when he was on the Baker county committee for both the wheat and corn-hog program which started that year. When Oregon had difficulty in adjusting its hog quota, Dodd took an active part in the controversy and was finally placed on a state board of review, which succeeded in bringing about an agreement.

With the inauguration of the new soil conservation and domestic allotment act in 1936, Dodd was placed on the first Oregon AAA committee, where he has served as chairman every since. He was called to Washington frequently to confer in regard to national and regional programs, and was recognized by national officials as one of the keenest and most practical students of the farm situation.

Dodd began his business life in Oregon as a pharmacist and operated drug stores in several eastern Oregon cities before entering the livestock business as a buyer, covering the states of Montana, Idaho and Oregon. He later acquired land of his own, on which he has conducted extensive livestock feeding operations. His familiarity with the livestock industry resulted in his taking a major part in formulating the present range improvement program of the AAA, which has proved so popular among western livestock men.

Survey of Crested Wheat Grass Coming

Farmers Asked To Report

On Experience With New

Forage and Seed Crop

Preparation for a survey of experiences with Crested Wheat grass is being done by LeRoy Wright, county agent, in an attempt to find out what farmers who have sown this substitute crop really think of it.

Questionnaires will soon be sent out asking each farmer to put down how much of the grass has been seeded in each of his several fields, how old it is, what use was made of the land before the grass was sown, how much forage it gave, why it was seeded (which will tell whether it was put in because of its reputation as a grass crop or to obtain federal payments therefor) the yield of seed in pounds per acre, the kind of stock pasturing it.

Grass growers will also be asked to compare Crested Wheat grass with native bunch grass. Extension workers in Montana have made a survey of the grass grown there which shows that it produces much more feed than the native bunch grass, but it is not thought that conditions here are entirely parallel.

Although this type of grass has been grown on the experiment station for twenty years it has been grown but a short time on Sherman county farms. The oldest seedlings are about five years old but that is considered long enough to give farmers an idea of its value as a forage crop and a profit producer as a seed crop. It is not expected, of course, that Crested Wheat grass seed will continue to be so profitable a crop as heretofore, however.

There is no doubt that the soil conservation service will be interested in knowing the opinion the farmers have about the grass it has recommended although that is not the primary purpose of the survey that will be made in this county.

Washington P.P.&L. May Be Purchased

Public utility district commissioners from Southern Washington have asked Administrator J. D. Ross to recommend a fair price to offer to the Pacific Power and Light Company for the electrical facilities in their area.

Representatives from Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Benton and Franklin counties gathered in Prosser on Tuesday to form the Southeast Washington Utility Commissioners Association, and unanimously voted to negotiate for purchase of the existing generation, transmission and distribution systems in their districts.

The Bonneville Administrator agreed to investigate the value of the Pacific Power and Light Company properties and said he would try to submit his recommendation to the utility districts within sixty days. He expressed the belief that the stockholders and bondholders would consider a fair offer for their holdings.

The Bonneville chief urged the Washington commissioners to avoid building competitive lines. A policy of uneconomic duplication is harmful both to the district and private utility investors, he pointed out. The power of condemnation should be exercised only as a last resort, he said, and should not be used as a threat.

In purchasing the power lines, Administrator Ross recommended that the districts acquire the Pacific Power and Light Company properties as an integrated system. "It is poor policy to chop up a utility network," he said. "I believe some plan may be worked out to purchase all of the company's facilities that comprise a single unit."

The frost has been drawn out of the ground rapidly this week by warm winter days and nights either slightly above or below the freezing mark. Tuesday night rain of 1.9 of an inch aided the ground defrosting and over majority of the county the fields are ready for a snow or rain. Clouds have threatened to send more moisture since Tuesday but none has fallen.