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Relief and revenue will constitute the major issues before the state legislature which convenes in biennial session here next Monday. In addition there will be many minor problems clamoring for attention, some of which might easily develop into major proportions. Among these might be listed the highly controversial anti-picketing act which will undoubtedly be up for attention, revision of the state parole system and the ever present fish fights.

The interim commission on state and local revenues has let it be known that it will probably recommend that the counties be relieved of any responsibility for relief financing. That will mean an increase of the burden carried by the state and the necessity for the state to find just that much more revenue. In connection with this recommendation the same commission will probably sponsor a gross income revenue measure, approval of which would be expected to provide adequate funds for all present state needs.

Labor leaders are expected to carry their fight against the anti-picketing measure into the legislature either to secure its repeal or at least to eliminate some of the measures which labor finds so objectionable. Agricultural interests which sponsored the bill can be depended upon to oppose any tampering with the measure and in this stand they will probably have the support of the state grange which has always taken the position that measures passed by the people should be amended by the people.

Two bills proposed by Governor Martin's special committee on parole and probation problems are even now ready for introduction into the legislative hopper. One would take the parole power out of the governor's hands and vest it in a parole board of three members. The other would liberalize and modernize Oregon's parole system.

Oregon Wild Life association has announced its intention to seek legislation closing all coast streams to commercial fishing, a proposal that will meet with the opposition of coast fishermen, fishbuyers and packers.

The reception to be held by Governor and Mrs. Sprague in the executive department of the new capitol from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock Monday night will be open to the public. There will be no receiving line and the affair will be strictly informal. Admittance to the inaugural ball to be held in the armory beginning at 9:00 o'clock that same night will be by invitation only.

Governor Martin announced this week that he had given his "full approval" to a recommendation for the creation of a three man parole and probation board. The recommendation contained in a report of the governor's special commission on paroles and probation will be submitted to the legislature for action. Under the recommendation all parole power would be vested in the new board relieving the governor of this function.

A postponement in plans to occupy the new state library building has been made necessary because in delay of completing the building. Miss Harriett Long, librarian, had hoped to make the transfer before the first of the year. She now plans to move over the week end some time during January so as not to seriously disrupt library service while the legislature is in session.

James H. Hazlett, state corporation commissioner, will be re-appointed for another four year term when his present term expires on January 7, according to Governor Martin.

Fate in the person of Governor Martin, aided and abetted by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman maneuvered to confound the political prophets this week and to set at least two "well founded" prognostications at naught.

Roy Buchanan, democratic member of the legislature, is expected to be re-elected.

Facsimile Newspapers Transmitted by Radio



The world's first regular broadcast of specially prepared facsimile newspapers was inaugurated in St. Louis recently by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Latest news events were recorded on 15 receiving sets placed in the homes of members of the station's staff. The original copy of the facsimile newspaper was placed on a page at a time on the cylinder of the sending apparatus, and was transmitted by radio waves to receiving sets similar to the one on the right, where the owners read the transmitted newspaper in their own homes.

Wasco Young People Married New Years

Miss Evelyn Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Olson and Leon H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, were married January 1 at the home of Mrs. Anna Lee. Rev. F. L. Cannell officiating.

Mrs. Marie McCall, the bride's sister acted as her attendant. Delmar Smith, brother of the groom acted as best man. Following the ceremony and dinner Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for a short wedding trip.

Oregon Farmers Working With Crop Reduction

A year end checkup on various features of the AAA program in Oregon applying to wheat has shown a comparatively large participation in the loan and insurance programs, and a reduction of fall seeded acreage for next years crop, reports N. C. Donaldson, state executive officer at Oregon State college.

The final estimate on wheat loans shows approximately seven and a half million bushels on which loans were taken. All of this wheat was grown in counties east of the Cascades, as a partial crop failure in western Oregon last year resulted in ample local markets for all of the production of that area, according to Edgar Ludwig, state supervisor of the wheat loan program.

Approximately 650 applications for wheat insurance policies were received before the final closing date for insurance on winter wheat, reports Clyde Kiddie, state supervisor of the crop insurance program. Growers took out insurance on more than 85,000 acres. The largest single group of insurance policies in the entire United States was written in Oregon, when insurance was provided for three associated companies in Umatilla county, all under the management of a Mac Hoke. The combined premiums amounted to approximately three large carloads of wheat.

Application for insurance on spring seeded acreage may be made starting the latter part of January.

The December federal crop report estimates Oregon winter wheat seedings this fall at 649,000 acres, as compared with a 10-year average of 842,000. The acreage seeded a year ago was 763,000. In the United States as a whole, the winter wheat acreage is estimated at approximately 10 million acres under the 1937 figure, which, according to AAA officials, indicates substantial compliance with the 1939 wheat acreage allotments.

Coasting on First street started as soon as school was out Wednesday for this is the first snow thick enough to permit the sport.

1939 Farm Regulation Much Like 1938

The 1939 program demands that farmers have 18 per cent of their land under soil conserving practices in order for them to obtain the 17 cent payment for the year. Conditions under which this may be done are that no pasturing may be done on the stubble, winter wheat in the spring or Crested Wheat grass may be grown. A payment of \$40 per acre will be made for seeding Crested Wheat grass for 1939.

The soil building allowance for the county is seventy cents per acre on all crop lands except that seeded to wheat to harvest. As has been usual in these programs the payment must be earned by adopting the soil conserving practices advocated by the government.

Crested Wheat or other perennial grasses may be sown to earn two units per acre, trashy fallow will earn a quarter of a unit per acre and construction of dams will earn a unit for each 15 cubic yards moved.

The parity price payment for the county is expected to arrive here early in February and it will probably be between ten and twelve cents. It will bring in over \$150,000 to the county being the number of acres legally seeded or 97,978 times the average yield of 16.4 bushels per acre times the payment.

All the young people who were home last week to spend a week or more visiting their parents while attempting to forget school, left over the week end for another period of work.

MODERN TRAVELER



A very modern miss is Beverly Anne Barnburg, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnburg of Besop, who recently boarded an American Airlines plane for San Antonio where she visited her grandmother.

See Remains of Prehistoric City Remains of a prehistoric lake city may be seen in the waters near Geneva, Switzerland.

New Councilmen Installed In Moro and Wasco

New Marshal Appointed
In Moro To Attend
Water, Law Enforcement

Changes in city governing bodies were made with the beginning of the new year as new men stepped into positions as councilmen and officers of Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley. Only change in mayorships is in the latter town where A. A. Dunlap will assume the duties. New councilmen are numerous and inauguration of them to their new jobs was among the official functions of the first of the week.

In Moro four new councilmen were sworn into office and two re-elected councilmen and the mayor also took their oaths to uphold the national and state constitutions and do as good a job as they can in their respective positions.

H. O. Kunsman and W. A. Ruggles were re-elected for four year terms and Clyde Gillmor started a four year term as councilman. M. E. McKee, L. R. Conley and E. P. Brisbane were sworn in for two year terms and Giles French was sworn in for a two year term as mayor. Charles Koggles was appointed without opposition as recorder for another term.

After working through several applications for the position as marshal and water pumper Jack Cochran was chosen for the job and G. A. Williams, the retiring marshal, was hired to take care of the city water books and make collections of water bills. Cochran will receive \$85 per month and Williams \$15, which raises the city's expense for this job.

Since Henry Ruggles became incapacitated last June H. O. Kunsman has been in charge of the city's pumps.

Some explanation of the business affairs of the city was made to the incoming councilmen and the following were appointed to the three standing committees. Water, H. O. Kunsman, M. E. McKee and Clyde Gillmor; Finance: W. A. Ruggles, L. R. Conley and H. O. Kunsman; Streets and Public Property: M. E. McKee, L. R. Conley and R. P. Brisbane.

At Wasco a new governing body was sworn into office four of the councilmen being new to the job. Mayor W. A. Nisbet, being re-elected began another term as chief executive officer of the city. E. D. McKee, started his fortieth year as a Wasco city official. R. O. Scott was the other hold over councilman. New men elected to the council were N. C. Kaestberg, J. P. Yates, F. S. Lamborn and Viggo Hauflak.

No changes of importance were made in the management of the city, Charles Everett being retained as marshal and other city functions being left as before. E. F. Feldman was re-elected recorder and Mrs. J. E. Hailley as treasurer in November.

BALMY WEATHER ENDS

The balmy spring weather of the holiday season ended abruptly Monday when a hard wind struck the county about ten o'clock accompanied by rain. Some minor damage was done to small buildings and roads were damaged in the north end of the county where more rain fell than over the larger part of the county.

Tuesday was windy and chilly but still a good example of winter weather. Wednesday the first real snow of the winter fell covering the ground to a depth of two or three inches. It was wet and some of it melted as it fell. Temperatures are not low so far, the ground is not frozen except in shaded spots or north slopes and the light covering of snow will probably stay until melted which all makes a satisfactory condition for wheat growers. During the week 36 inches of rain fell and most of it will probably be absorbed by the land.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Dec 29	50	34
" 30	54	32
" 31	57	33
Jan 1	53	37
" 2	54	36
" 3	50	35
" 4	39	29
Total for the week		38

Moro Masons, Eastern Star Install Officers

Installation of officers of the Moro Masonic and Eastern Star lodges was held last Thursday night after a dinner for the two orders at the Moro hotel. Eighty two were seated at the tables for the dinner.

After adjournment to the hall welcome was extended by the retiring worthy matron, Kerrone Christianson. Two piano selections were given by Sybil Belshe and the new officers were installed by Clarence Spurling. Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin sang two solos and Mrs. Augusta Huckin of Wasco gave the installation addresses for the new officers of the Eastern Star. Final numbers on the program were a tap dance by Jane French with Louise Barzee accompanying, a reading by Mrs. C. L. Poley who also led some group singing, and a solo by Allison Fraser accompanied by Sybil Belshe. The evening ended with group singing.

Mrs. Hans Koepke Buried at Grass Valley

Mrs. Mary Koepke, wife of Hans Koepke, of Grass Valley died at 2:30 Monday morning of paralysis suffered while she was returning home after spending New Year's day at the home of her father, Heinrich Peters. Mrs. Koepke had been sick on the road home and when they arrived was unable to get out of the car. Neighbors were called but the paralysis grew worse with fatal results.

Mrs. Koepke was born in Germany June 4, 1888 and came to this country the same year landing in The Dalles January 1, 1889. She spent her entire life in Sherman county, was married in 1904 near Grass Valley to Hans Koepke, also a native of Germany who came to this county in 1899.

Surviving her are her widower, a son John of Kent, a grand child, two daughters, Mrs. Olga Olds of Heppner, and Mrs. Emma Pike of Grass Valley. Another daughter, Mrs. Freida Sharp, died a year ago; her father Heinrich Peters, one sister, Mrs. Emma Barnett of Grass Valley and five brothers, Peter, John, Henry, Herman and Fred all of Grass Valley.

Final services were held in Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon at one thirty with the Rev. W. I. Eck, of The Dalles officiating and Zells in charge. Interment was made in the Odd-Fellows cemetery. Pall bearers were Theodore and Frank von Borstel, C. B. Andrews, L. E. Clark, Art Bibby and J. S. Fritts. Mrs. Koepke was a member of the German Lutheran church.

MRS. GINN ON VISIT
J. E. Coleman returned from California after spending Christmas with his daughters and his sister, Mrs. Ginn, left the same week for California to spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Faith Needham at Pasadena.

Sheriff Makes Tax Turnover To Treasurer

The final turn over of taxes for the year 1938 was made December 31 by the sheriff's office with the result that the county and subsidiary taxing units were enriched by a matter of \$41,167.61. Of this sum \$30,077.74 was from delinquent taxes and \$21,089.87 was from current taxes.

The current taxes added \$5374.57 to the general fund, \$2122.86 to the elementary school fund and \$4403.89 to the sinking fund. School districts received varying sums, Rufus getting \$525.35; Wasco \$532.15; Moro, \$581.62; Grass Valley \$717.89 and Kent \$458.34. Moro obtained \$329.49. Wasco \$983.88 and Grass Valley \$176.31.

The delinquent roll was considerably different in its division of tax money giving \$2402.50 to the general fund, \$1261.92 to the elementary school, \$2550.47 to the sinking fund, \$1343.48 to Wasco school, \$1279.31 to Kent, \$767.17 to Moro school and \$461.68 to the Grass Valley school. Moro received \$1899.83, Wasco \$1012.62 and Grass Valley \$174.51 from the old taxes.

Change In Bank Employees Made

Scott Fortner, who has been working in the Sherman Branch of the First National Bank here, left Sunday for Hood River where he will continue with the same firm. George Gratke, who has been here for a few months, has returned to the Portland bank. To fill the vacancy here Loren Beardsley is here from Condon. He formerly lived at Grass Valley and is well acquainted with this county.

More Hogs Needed On Oregon Farms

A reasonable increase in hog numbers on Oregon farms is justified under present conditions, stated H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock specialist at Oregon State college, in a recent analysis of hog production in the west, given over KOAC.

In the past Oregon farmers have limited their hog production to approximately the numbers needed to consume farm waste, such as skim milk, cull fruits and vegetables on general farms, or in cleaning stubble fields in wheat areas. This policy tended to maintain a favorable price differential between Portland and Chicago markets.

In recent years, however, the situation has changed both as regards this price differential and the availability of low priced feed for grain. Seven of the 11 western states produce fewer hogs than they consume, the deficit for the entire area amounting to about three million a year. It is interesting to note, he points out, that if the average wheat surplus in the Pacific northwest, amounting to about 40 million bushels a year were all fed to hogs, it would increase the production by approximately this figure.

The big deficit in hogs is in California, which would mean that excess production in the northwest would find its major outlet there. The Los Angeles hog prices have in recent years averaged about \$4c more than Portland prices, although the freight from Oregon points would be somewhat higher than to Portland.

Contrary to previous belief, it is now known that wheat is just as desirable for fattening livestock as corn or barley, when properly used, says Lindgren. OSC experiments have shown that it requires in the neighborhood of 420 pounds of grain to produce 100 pounds of pork, where grain alone is used. Skim milk or good alfalfa pasture during the fattening period make possible a considerable reduction in the feed grain used.

What at the present time is considerable lower than the average price of corn on which middle western farmers have been able to show profit in hog production. The rapid increase in alfalfa acreage in the Willamette valley affords additional inducement for growers in that area to give hog production more consideration, Lindgren concludes.

County Court Discusses Closing Rattlesnake Road

Public Hearing Will Be
Held at Feb. 1 Meeting
To Hear Arguments

A petition for the closing of the Rattlesnake road was the most controversial problem to confront the county court when it met Wednesday for the first meeting of the year. J. M. Wilson, former commissioner and newly elected to that office, was sworn in by County Clerk Truitt and business went on as usual with Wilson taking the place of A. A. Dunlap who did not run for the office.

The petition for the closing of the grade was made by residents of the district near the top of the hill and property owners who declare that they wish to resign their fences by the closing of the old road.

A controversy was started over this road last summer when fishermen found the road closed. Later attempts to travel it were constantly blocked by rocks in the road, according to reports. In recent years the game commission has planted thousands of fish in the turbulent Deschutes and it is possible that this commission, aided by local fishermen, will wish to have the road remain open.

A public hearing will be held at the February meeting of the court which will be held on the first, and those who are interested in the closing will be heard before the court makes its decision.

The usual appointments at the beginning of another year were made by the court in its two day session. Two hundred names were drawn for the jury list from which 31 names are taken prior to each circuit court session. Judges and clerks of election boards were also named. Appointed to the fair board for a three year term was Omer Sayrs, who has been chairman for the past two years. One of the three men on the board is appointed each January by the court.

L. L. Peets was named to be county roadmaster for 1939 which insures continuance of the present, popular road program. Mr. Peets with Roy Powell and H. A. Walker were made road viewers. The Sherman County Journal was made the official county paper for the year.

The semi-annual report was accepted from the treasurer showing the standing of the county's finances at the close of the year. And the bills for the last month of the year were paid.

CLIPPING BUREAU CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Mark Twain, although not directly responsible, can take credit for the founding of the West's oldest newspaper clipping bureau. This was revealed by Mrs. Susie I. Clark, manager of the Portland Bureau, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this week.

It was Twain's glowing letters to an eastern cousin, Will Clemens, that influenced that young newspaper man to come West and start the press clipping service that is used today by public officials, business leaders and Hollywood's movie stars to help them keep a finger on the public pulse.

Founded in San Francisco in 1888, the bureau was purchased five years later by Harris S. Allen, who still guides its destinies. The Portland office, and one in Los Angeles, were established before the turn of the century. Appointed manager of the Portland office in 1904, Mrs. Clark has completed 34 years of uninterrupted service with the organization.

KEENAN TO SPEAK

Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, assistant Attorney General of the United States in Washington, D. C. will be the guest speaker at the 28th annual Jackson-day banquet of the Jackson Club of Oregon, January 7, 1939.

The dinner will be informal and will be held in the Multnomah Hotel with Dr. Archie K. Higgs, President of the club, acting as toast master.

During the dinner President Roosevelt will be heard by radio, addressing Jackson-day banquet throughout the nation.