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By A. L. Lindbeck

Oregon voters will go to the polls in September instead of May to pick their candidates for public office if the House follows the lead of the Senate which this week passed the September primary bill by a vote of 19 to 9. Sponsors of the measure urged its passage as a measure of relief for both the candidates and the electorate inasmuch as it will materially shorten the political campaign. Governor Sprague has endorsed the measure and urged its passage.

Negotiations for a state office building in Portland will be discontinued for the time being. Under an act passed by the session of 1937 the board of control conducted extensive negotiations with owners of a number of Portland office buildings in an effort to acquire one of them for use by state departments quartered in the metropolis. After conferring with the board the ways and means committee has recommended that the act be repealed and that no effort be made to acquire a building in Portland for the time being.

The services of the state police have been called, in an effort to put a stop to acts of vandalism in the new capitol. Souvenir hunters continue to carry away anything they can lay their hands on in spite of the vigilance of janitors and other employees on duty about the building.

The so-called Kansas plan is now before the legislators in a measure introduced this week by Senator Harry Kenin of Multnomah county. The plan calls for the creation of an interim commission composed of senators and representatives who would meet at stated periods to consider proposed legislation. Suggestions considered by this commission are worthy of further consideration by the legislature would be turned over to a research department which would gather all information available on the subject for the information and guidance of the lawmakers. The law is designed to expedite action on important legislation and to materially shorten legislative sessions by weeding out trivial and unworthy proposals before the session convenes.

A bill sponsored by Senator Ross of Washington county which would have required county courts to advertise for bids on all purchases in excess of \$500 was defeated in the senate. Ross claimed the measure would result in great savings to the counties and put a stop to the practice of favoritism in placing county business. Opponents of the measure contended that it would only result in increased expense with no resulting economies. County courts over the state generally were said to be opposed to the bill.

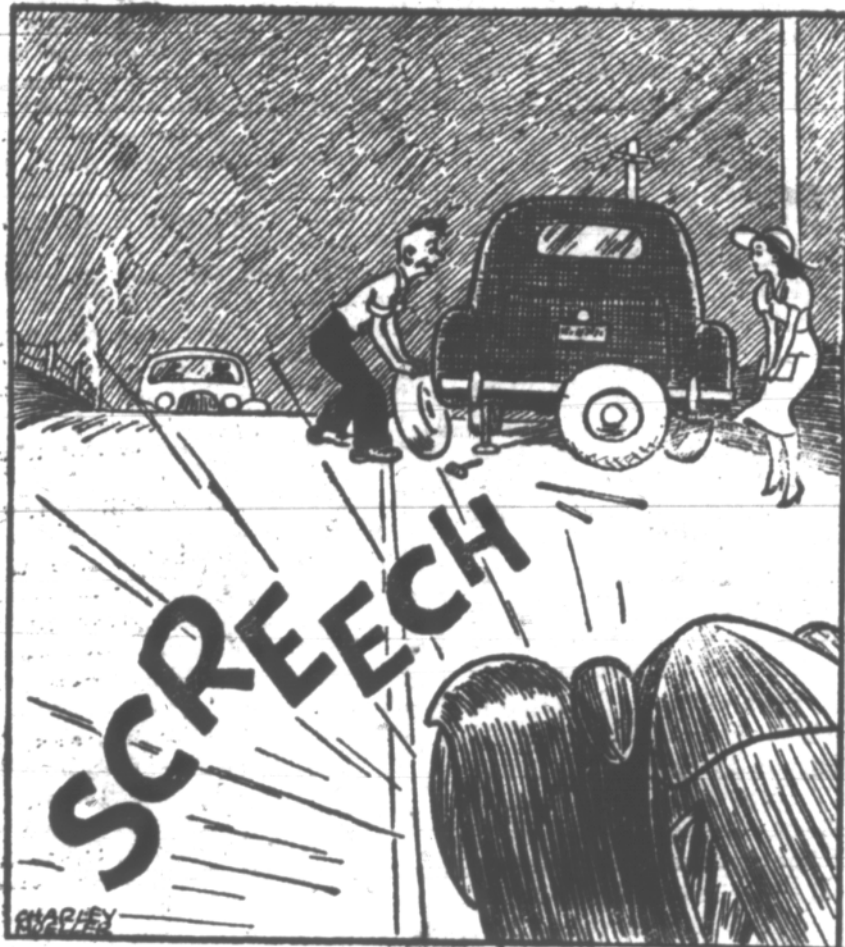
The present session of the Oregon legislature now threatens to establish a new record for longevity. To date that record is held by the session of 1933 which adjourned on the 60th day. Hope of terminating the present session on or before March 4 (next Saturday) was practically abandoned by legislative leaders when they recessed for the week end with much of its major problem still uncompleted. If the session continues until Thursday of next week, as now seems probable, it will have equaled the record of 1933. If it continues past that date it will have surpassed a new record for endurance.

The session also gives promise of establishing a new record for the number of bills introduced. Already the senate is ahead of its bill record of two years ago while the House was almost up to the 1937 record with each day finding a grist of new measures being ground out by the lawmakers.

Whatever the fate of the milk control act at the hands of the legislators at this session, residents of the smaller communities throughout Oregon are to be relieved of further interference by the milk board with the distribution of their milk supply. A bill by Representative French of

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



"I'll be finished in a jiffy—or know the reason why."

Animals Checked Before Going To Fair

The sifting committee, Mr. L. J. Allen, Assistant State Club Leader; Mr. H. A. Lindgren, Extension Specialist in Livestock; and Mr. D. E. Richards, Superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, spent Thursday morning in the county checking the five animals which are to be exhibited at the San Francisco Junior Livestock show April 2-8. The animals were owned and fed by Bob King, Katherine Fridley and Frank von Borstel Jr. These animals will be shipped to the livestock show the first part of the last week in March to arrive at San Francisco by noon March 30th. There will be a car load of these beef animals from the Northeastern part of Oregon and one car-load from the South Central part of Oregon.

The San Francisco show is to be held on Treasure Island, the site of the San Francisco World's Fair. The girls will be housed in one of the hotels at the rate of \$1.50 per day and the boys will camp on Treasure Island with no charge attached. All exhibitors will have free passes to the Island.

Wasco Play Attracts Large Audience

The play "Land Ho Sailor" presented by the Wasco Garden Club Saturday evening in the opera house attracted a large crowd from various points of the county, and passing opinions deem it a well-chosen play, well directed and well performed.

The scenes were laid at the beach at Tampasville, Florida with the plot centering around an ambitious life guard who could not swim and was afraid of getting his feet wet. This part was taken by Homer Dixon, with Robert Belknap, a young man from the navy who really performed the rescue of Miss Margaret Johnson, a young daughter of Wm. Clothier, with the life guard standing on the shore giving all kinds of directions for the brave young man to follow. The other members of the cast were Lois Hilderbrand, Max Williams, Gordon Rich, Georgia Bracken, Marjorie Rich, Marion Crews, Billy Sheets and other attending an auction scene.

Between acts Patricia Kaseberg, Marion Yocum, Joan Burres, Jean McIntyre, Shirley McIntyre, and Violet Carey presented a solo dance; Gordon Rich, a vocal solo and June Wilde and Marion Crews a character dance.

The proceeds of the play was \$138.35.

RUFUS COUPLE LOSE BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams, of Rufus were severely shocked Friday morning when they awoke to find their little two months old baby had died sometime during the night. Graveside services were held at the Wasco cemetery Saturday at 1:00.

Mr. Adams has been a teacher in the county for several years, having taught at Kent before accepting his position in the Rufus schools three years ago. Mrs. Adams will be remembered as Lila Morse.

Sherman County Teachers Meet In Moro

The Sherman county teachers met in Moro Saturday, February 25. Committee meetings were held at 9:30. At 10:30 Mr. Culliff, president, opened the general assembly. Reports by committee chairmen were given. Miss Leisz, chairman of the Administrative Analysis committee, summed up the general criticisms of school administrators from the viewpoint of the teachers. Mr. Dixon, chairman of the Teacher Analysis committee, gave criticisms of teachers from an administrator's viewpoint. Each group felt he had been benefited by the criticisms.

At noon the group adjourned to the Moro Hotel for lunch. Luncheon speaker was Miss Leisz who gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about her European trip of last summer. Other numbers enjoyed during the hour were piano selections given by Miss Trabue of Grass Valley and Mr. Minor of Rufus.

Card Committee Reports

At the afternoon session Miss Henricks, chairman of the report card committee, gave a summary of improved types of grade cards being used in various counties in Oregon. The committee had gathered samples of these cards which were examined and discussed by the group. The committee will carry on further study and will make recommendations for the adoption of new cards in this county. The new report cards will probably be put on trial in the county during the coming school year. Parents will be given an opportunity to become familiar with the new card some time in the near future.

Mr. Jewell of Grass Valley, delegate to the O. S. T. A. in Portland, gave a report of the meeting held during Christmas vacation.

The Order of Antelope Hold Luncheon

Legislators and newspapermen covering the session were guests of the Order of Antelope at a luncheon at the Salem armory Saturday night. The Order of Antelope, incidentally is an organization comprising some of Oregon's most prominent citizens, formed several years ago for the purpose of creating a great wilderness park on Hart mountain in Lake county for the preservation of antelope and other wild life.

Wasco Boy Elected President By Group

Tau Delta Chi, scholastic honorary fraternity at U. of O., last week elected Ted Proudfoot as president. This fraternity has recently given two dramatic broadcasts over KOAC, on problems of business administration.

Precipitation Short Of Normal By 1.91 Inches

The month of February has left us with 1.06 inches of moisture when we should have had 1.16 inches in order to have received the normal amount. The period of time since September first to March first also shows us short of normal by 1.91 inches.

Many farmers have started plowing and other forms of spring work over the county this week, in an effort to conserve as much of the moisture as possible by early plowing. Heavy winds and cold nights have prevented very fast work to say nothing of the skiff of snow received early Monday night, which was still with us Tuesday evening on the north slopes.

County Health Nurse Has Work Scheduled

Miss Katherine Morse, our county health nurse, announces that she has her work for the remainder of her first six weeks in the county scheduled as follows: Monday - Moro; Tuesday - Grass Valley; Wednesday - Wasco; Thursday - Kent; Friday - Rufus and Saturday at her office in the school superintendent's office at the court house. Miss Morse can be reached in Grass Valley thru Mrs. Leitzner; in Rufus, through Mrs. Herland McDonald; Mrs. Grace Gregg in Kent; the hotel or superintendent's office in Moro and Mrs. Afton McIntyre in Wasco.

On March 7, Miss Morse and Dr. Pooley will give physical examinations to the first, third, sixth, and eighth graders of the Moro school.

The county health nurse not only works in the schools but will make home calls as well and any one in the county having a problem in health matters is asked to feel free to call the county nurse for help in solving problems.

Sunday School Rally Held In Moro

Sunday afternoon a gathering representing all the Sunday schools of Sherman county met at the Community church in Moro. Over a hundred partook of the pot luck dinner; served in the church basement.

The main feature of the afternoon was the orchestra led by Andrew Landles and composed of musicians from the Wasco, Moro, and Grass Valley schools. Mr. Landles also was song leader for the afternoon. Special numbers for the afternoon included: from Rufus, a trumpet solo and instrumental trio; from Moro, two Sousaphone solos and a vocal trio; from Wasco Christian S. S., a piano solo and a vocal solo; from Wasco M. E. Sunday school a vocal solo.

As an added feature the President, R. C. Byers, called on R. T. Dingle of the Wasco Christian church who gave an interesting report on the attendance to their school during the past year.

The next rally will be held in the summer at DeMoss Springs park.

L. L. BELL HAS RUNAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bell experienced the misfortunes and discomforts of a runaway Friday forenoon, while enroute to Moro from their farm home. A telephone crew, with its attendant paraphernalia, were working near the Erskine railroad tracks when the team driven by Mr. and Mrs. Bell became frightened and started to run, breaking a single tire and other parts of the harness and rig before they were stopped by running into a fence. Mrs. Bell was thrown around considerably sustaining injuries to her back. A member of the telephone crew brought Mrs. Bell into town while Mr. Bell patched things up enough to continue his trip. Eighteen dozen eggs were among the produce being brought to town but did not arrive in very good shape.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	
Feb. 23	52	32	.00
" 24	46	30	.00
" 25	43	33	T.
" 26	42	30	.00
" 27	44	30	T.
" 28	46	28	.05
Mar. 1	47	29	.00
Total for the week			.05

Farmers Must Exercise Care To Follow Orders

Last Years Grass Compliance
Must Not Be Disturbed
Without Express Permission

Farmers who are complying with the AAA program should be exceedingly careful in what they do with created wheat grass which was seeded last fall. Any change made in the acreage of compliance must be taken up with the county committee and their permission received. If there is any question about compliance as a cooperator in the program farmers should receive the information direct from the office of the agricultural conservation association.

The following points should be considered for your 1939 compliance: All of the grass should be left untouched and the probable recommended practice would be to continue compliance on the acreage seeded to winter wheat in the spring a year ago which in most cases will put the cooperator in compliance for the 1939 program. If there is any additional compliance needed it will only amount to a few acres.

After seeding the wheat acreage allotment which was established for each farm in Sherman county the cooperator may seed the additional summerfallow to barley, oats or rye, or if the cooperator wishes to use mixtures the mixtures will be as follows: barley and wheat or rye and wheat the mixture will be 25 per cent barley or 25 per cent rye and 75 per cent wheat in both cases. If the cooperator uses a mixture of oats and wheat the mixture is 51 per cent oats and 49 per cent wheat.

Grass Valley Girl Suffers From Fall

Mrs. Arzell Lemley and Nurse Cassie Holmes were in Moro Monday with the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemley, who had taken a head-first tumble off the family dining table, Saturday. To determine the extent of the injuries she was taken into The Dalles for x-ray pictures and a green stick fracture was located in her arm next to the shoulder. She was also suffering from a case of bronchial flu, which Dr. Pooley says is prevalent in the county now.

MUSIC PUPILS

ENTERTAIN MOTHERS

Mrs. W. Ray Blake had as guests at her home Saturday afternoon, her music pupils from Grass Valley, who entertained their mothers with a tea.

The young people presented a very pleasing program, each giving a piano solo and assisting in a duet or trio.

The tea table was daintily decorated with daffodils and candles. Cookies, chocolate and tea were served.

COUNTY PROPERTY

CHANGES HANDS

Another transaction in real estate seems to have taken place when the M. C. Davis property east of Grass Valley, and formerly rented for many years by Dean Reynolds, and recently farmed by Ernest Eslinger, was traded or sold to Gordon Hall and Lee Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Eslinger are leaving Thursday for Portland to take over a rooming house acquired in the deal. They were given a farewell party in the Masonic hall in Grass Valley Wednesday evening by friends.

Birthday Celebration Held At Kent

A birthday dinner for Mrs. John DeMoss and Gus Schilling was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schilling Sunday. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss and son George of Moro; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Thompson, Chris Thompson and Ralph Rooper of Antelope; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta.

Paul Wilson and Karl Pluemke returned home for the week end, from Madras, where they are

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45 Boys Now Stationed At CCC Camp

The CCC camp upon the hill by the fair grounds is showing signs of life again as there is now forty five boys here and ready for work. The boys are mostly from Ohio coming here from the Stanfield camp. William Mitchell also returns from the camp at Stanfield, where he spent the winter and will remain here as foreman of the working crew. They have started work on the W. E. Bruckert farm near Klondike.

Mr. Elms of the S. C. S. division explains that while the dams will be finished they expect to go more into the soil conservation part of the work than heretofore, such as changing fences and putting them on exact contour, the planting of 40,000 trees this month on contours. Also to lay out plans for farmers to carry out the strip cropping idea for soil conservation. They expect to build some stock dams in appropriate places for the watering of stock.

SHANIKO BRANCH TO HAVE FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

The Shaniko branch of the Union Pacific, along with others, after March 1, is to have fast over night pick-up and delivery service afforded by a new fast merchandise train to operate from Portland to Arlington and other points east.

CROP INSURANCE STUDIED AT PENDLETON

County agent Wright, accompanied by Dewey Thompson, Wallace May and Art Smith, members of the county crop insurance committee were in Pendleton Tuesday for a meeting to receive instructions on crop insurance adjustments.

Legislative Hi-Lights And Capitol Observations and Predictions

By Giles L. French

Those old fashioned souls who think they can distinguish between a Republican and a Democrat, or who can find a distinction between a new dealer and a reactionary are entirely wrong, if the votes on the creation of new boards may be taken as a criterion.

Whether it was from vote trading or something else, the bakers, barbers and the match-makers nearly carried the house and had established or had continued trade association boards to aid in raising prices. The spirit of the defunct NRA was in each one of them.

Some of the bitter end Republicans voiced a strong "Aye" when their names were called and some of the men who were new dealers two years ago spoke up with a brave "No." Since those votes were taken it has been remarked by many legislative observers that trading of votes is more common than usual and their judgment doesn't seem to be half bad. It can easily be seen how sponsors of four or five pressure group bills might put all of them over by forming a bloc and apparently this is what happened or rather nearly happened.

While the House lacks a Clint Haight to rise in his chair every morning and cry in wounded tones that he wants to go home, the sentiment is growing among members that there is little more around here that has to be done and if the ways and means committee would just get their stuff finished and on the floor the story would be nearly over.

One step toward hurrying this was made Monday when the house killed the first two education bills. This bill, House Bill 321, would have aided the process of school district consolidation in all counties in the state. It will be reconsidered but at best it has only a fair chance of passing both houses.

Serious opposition was not that possible by the sponsors of the bill, but representatives from the valley counties, especially Linn, Benton, Polk, Marion, Washington, Yamhill, and Clackamas held for the present and seriously outgrown school system and succeeded in killing the bill.

The result of this vote makes it appear that any county that wishes to change its school organization had better do it itself and not wait for state laws that may

County Court Holds Regular Monthly Meeting

Road Improvement and
Road Closing Problems
Occupy Entire Time

The county court opened its regular monthly meeting with all members present. The entire forenoon was given over to a large delegation from the south end of the county in the interest of construction work on Shearers grade. There is to be \$10,000 spent on secondary highways in Sherman county some time in the future and this amount has been allocated to the cottonwood grade. The delegation was present to try and convince the county court that if the money could be re-allocated and spent on the Shearers grade it would benefit more Sherman countians and tax payers than if spent on the Cottonwood grade. The matter was taken under advisement by the court and their decision will be rendered later.

Closing of Road Discussed

After taking care of the accumulated bills of the month, the afternoon session was given over to a delegation of interested citizens of the county gathered to protest the closing of the Rattlesnake grade, while the elder Mr. Sharp was on hand to explain why he felt the road should be closed. Several points of legality were brought to bear and as the district attorney was not present to render any decisions on the matter, the county court expects to consider points further before making any report on the situation.

At the first of the session there was some comment on the fact that both presiding officers were from the far country where men are presumed to lack many of the little social graces that make for smooth handling of their fellows. This sentiment has entirely died away as Duncan and Fatland have justified all expectations of their most loyal friends. But one or two eastern Oregon expressions did creep into the formal doings at the first.

On inaugural day immediately after Fatland had been sworn in to office and while he was still a little nervous the senate and the governor came to the door of the house led by the sergeant-at-arms. When Joe Singer, in his richest Jewish dialect, announced with due formality "The Honorable senate has arrived" the new speaker, in true western style said briefly and hospitably, "Bring 'em in."

And when the meeting was over and the retiring governor and the incoming governor had spoken their speeches to the filled house and galleries and after they had gone down the aisle with their retinue, and the other state officials and the black robed judges of the supreme court had gone and none but the senate, house and visitors remained, President Bob Duncan, not wishing to be bothered by further formal session just said "Clear the house."

The governor put his name on the bakery bill that repealed the bakery board in a hurry and there by prevented a move to reconsider the vote. After a bill has been signed by the governor it goes to the secretary of state to be filed with other laws and cannot be recalled. Old timers around Salem say that just four times in the history of the state has the legislature repealed a bill and then enacted the same act again. It could be done perhaps but it probably won't be in this case.

Next, and it is to be hoped last, big measure to be considered will be a sales tax. It may get on the floor if the committee to which it goes can be stern enough with its sponsors. The state can get along without it and still be more generous than during the last biennium, but there are always those who want to raise more money to do more things for more people.