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TIME FOR RAIN

Farmers have prayed for rain since the last drop fell. Dry land farmers are always praying for rain; it is their immemorial custom, born of long experience with droughts and of knowledge of the difference that timely rain makes in the number of sacks of grain which provides the wherewithal for new cars, new farms, new furniture, new clothes and the innumerable things they buy.

It is now time that the rain should fall in Sherman county. The grain has faded from its dark green hue of a few weeks ago, the thick foliage has cured and will not take the moisture needed by the heads, which are now emerging from the boot. Rain now would nearly all be used for the grain and it is time for it to begin to fall.

We would have a crop of some kind even if the rain did not come for farmers in Sherman county grow wheat in some measure whether it rains or not; but with out rain the crop is never satisfying to the farmer who wants above all things, to see his acres yield their utmost.

EUROPEAN TROUBLES

One cannot help wondering, on reading the news from Europe, if Russia is not about to preempt the traditional place of England as the balance between the other great powers.

There has recently been hope that Russia would align itself with the democracies and aid in stopping the dictator ruled nation from taking over more territory and the world is still waiting to see what will happen in this matter. Surely Russia is as dictatorially governed as any nation which makes it doubtful if Stalin will join the democracies of the dictators.

Perhaps the only hope of the democratic countries is in the fact that dictators can hardly be expected to cooperate with each other for long because each one must be the boss.

England has for years been able to keep the powers of Europe, whether governed by kings or premiers in some sort of balance most of the time. During that period Napoleon and the Kaiser have tried for domination only to be defeated. Now England is definitely on the side of the democracies which may hamper its statesmen.

Russia claims to have a constitution more democratic than any other in the world and Stalin rules as if he had never even read it. No one can foretell the direction it may take in the struggle now going on. Its traditional enemy is Japan, now switching from adherence to the Rome Berlin axis to a position that will enable it to work with a freer hand in Manchuria.

It is probable that the results in Europe cannot be foretold from the information now at hand; events not yet foreseen will likely have the greatest influence on the possibility of war—and may they tend toward peace.

It's a cinch
The editor needed
Another inch.

THE GOVERNOR

SEEN COTTONWOOD

The governor, the other members of the board of control, and the party accompanying them came over Cottonwood grade last Thursday evening while on a trip through eastern Oregon to observe conditions, especially those affecting the state owned lands.

We cannot help wondering what the governor thought as he gazed down from the narrow roadway and, at least, we would like to know what he said. As an individual he might have expressed some doubt about the safety of the road and as a governor he might have wished that he had members of the highway commission with him. For Cottonwood is a secondary road, being the official interior passage from Biggs to Pendleton, or, when connected with the Wapinitia highway from Pendleton to Portland.

Men with less official prominence have passed over the road before now and have expressed themselves about it in language that indicated awe and relief. To Larry Bladine, newspaper man of McMinnville, the road seemed to be pasted on the side of the cliffs. Herbert Bede's comment was that the road was held in place by sag brush and he marveled at the entire lack of signboards until he reflected that they would be most inappropriate on a road that had neither cross road or place to turn across.

We wish the best for our state board of control and would not have anything happen to them for the world; but if they were a bit calmer, at least a little nervous while climbing the narrow grade, we would be more inclined to smile than weep. For then they might whisper to those who direct the placing of highway funds that the Cottonwood road could well receive a bit of notice—and a bit of cash.

In Other Days

From the Observer, May 14, 1929

About 40 interested persons attended a meeting to discuss the proposed market road location for the new Lone Rock road which is now routed through the experiment station barn yard.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Meloy to Clarence B. Johnston took place at Yakima May 8. Probably the highest price paid for wheat in Sherman county was his week when George Bourhill bought 26,000 bushels of turkeys from E. E. Kaseberg at \$2.81 a Miller.

Walnuts were 38 cents, Caturra bottles for 85 cents; Lard 5 lb. \$1.45; 7 lbs macaroni 95 cents; hucker salt 2 for 25.

Grass Valley Journal: A deal was made Monday whereby Earl Bernert became the owner of the Delinger and Lewis pool and billiard room.

According to report G. H. Robben has traded his brick building over to Alf Dillinger.

From the Observer May 13, 1910

The Kent Commercial company is having a substantial brick cell built back of its store property. The walls are three bricks thick with air space.

Halley's comet begins to swing away from the earth's orbit.

Arthur Phillips was up from the Monday attending county court and receiving pointers on the Sherman-Gilliam county road.

From the Observer May 11, 1907

The Tillamook shower that sped across Sherman county on the evening of the 4th was the greatest downpour of rain for 20 minutes that ever visited this region, perhaps.

N. W. Thompson, O. P. Hulse Wm. Hoggard have organized the Sherman County Real Estate company.

After a week of visiting in Moro with his son Leon, their first meeting in seven years, Old Gentleman "Tommy" left for California Tuesday.

Seven bags of mail arrived in Moro Tuesday and not a garden seed in it.

The little misses of the Moro church are working on a souvenir quilt for the parsonage.

SAFETY SONNETS



Statehouse Gossip

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mountain, via the Cold Springs ranch and Fife to Burns for another night stop. Wednesday's route led to the Malheur lake region through valleys once populated by optimistic homesteaders but long since abandoned to the sage brush and jack rabbits, past section after section of school lands valueless except for grazing purposes, unless and until some means can be devised for getting it under water. Returning to Burns for lunch the party that afternoon headed north for an overnight stop at John Day. Thursday's itinerary, included a 130-mile jump to Pendleton for lunch, then a long hop to Arlington and a detour by way of Condon, thence through the Cottonwood canyon into Sherman county and on into The Dalles for a very late dinner. At Pendleton the state officials inspected the eastern Oregon state hospital and at The Dalles the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital was given the once over.

Information gathered by the land board on the trip will be used in determining the board's policy with respect to the sale or leasing of school lands, the revenue from which goes into the irrevocable fund for the support of Oregon's public schools.

The next change on the State Highway Commission awaits the pleasure of Herman Oliver, Grant county rancher and John Day banker. Governor Sprague, shortly after taking office, let it be known that Oliver would be named to succeed E. B. Aldrich on the commission if and when the Pendleton publisher should decide to retire. This week the governor indicated that the change would probably be made "some time this summer, when it suits Mr. Oliver's convenience." Apparently Aldrich is ready to quit the commission any time and only continues to serve at the request of the governor. Oliver who is now a member of the state board of higher education, will retire from that board when he becomes a member of the highway commission.

Paul R. Kelly, of Lafayette automatically became chairman of the new parole board this week when in allotting the appointment. Governor Sprague gave him a short two year term. G. W. Maso holds over member on the board for the four year term and P. S. (Spec) Keene the six year term. It is presumed that Kelly will be re-appointed to a six year term upon completion of his first year term on the board. The new board will meet in Salem Friday to organize but it is not expected that it will get down to the business of selecting a parole officer and field staff for at least another two or three weeks. The new organization does not take over until June 14 when the new parole law becomes effective.

Bound files of the Salem Central Journal cover the first years of that newspaper's existence, have been presented to the state library by its publisher, G. Putnam. The file will be kept in the newspaper room of the state library and will be available for reference.

One hundred and two law school graduates have filed their applications for permission to take examinations for admission to the Oregon bar. The examinations will be held in Salem July 11 and 12.

Attorney General Van Winkle has been asked to clarify the new parole law with respect to its application to men and women under sentence at the time the law becomes operative. Sponsors of the act contend that it will apply to prisoners and that the new parole board will have the power to view their cases and fix minimum sentences for those now serving time as well as for those sentenced after June 14.

The state board of control has agreed to support the city of Pendleton in its campaign for control of the flood waters of the Umatilla river. The flood control program contemplates expenditure of \$4,500,000 by the federal government in the construction of a dam about 20 miles above Pendleton. The state is interested in the project because of the fact that the eastern Oregon state hospital is located in the old river bed and in direct line of any flood that might occur on the Umatilla river. Small flood in 1931, an 1832 damaged hospital property to the extent of approximately 25,000 according to Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the institution.

'URY MEN ORDERED NOT TO REPORT

After receiving notice from Judge Carl Hendricks, Sheriff Will notified those called to jury duty that they need not report May 15, the regular court day, because no cases were ready for trial. The old grand jury will remain in office until released by the judge.

IN THE BAG



Sir John Simon, England's chancellor of the exchequer, seems to have Britain's budget in the bag. It was no laughing matter, however, to the house of commons when he set before that body a staggering budget swollen by the cost of war preparations.

Oregon Wheat Needs Overseas Market

The importance of export markets to Oregon wheat growers was pointed out this week by Will Steen, chairman of the Oregon AAA committee, following a survey made by the state office at Corvallis which showed that out of an Oregon harvest of 23,500,000 bushels of wheat in 1938 only about 9,500,000 bushels were used in this state.

"Oregon had to seek out-of-state markets for about 14,000,000 bushels, or 55 per cent of the 1938 wheat crop," Steen pointed out. "This is a fairly representative situation, not only for Oregon, but other northwest states where the land now devoted to wheat is growing the crop for which it is best adapted. There is no immediate prospect for any major shift to other crops in the inland empire wheat belt."

Oregon's wheat consumption for 1938 is estimated by the state AAA office about as follows, although no figures of assured acreage are available: human consumption, 3,500,000 bushels; seed, 1,000,000 bushels; livestock, 2,700,000; poultry, 2,250,000 or total of 9,450,000. Oregon's wheat production in 1938, according to official estimate of the bureau of agricultural economics, was 23,567,000 bushels.

Oregon farmers will continue to need outside markets for what we though they are cooperating fully in their attempt to reduce the national surplus wheat acreage by approximately 25 per cent this year, Steen believes.

"For years Oregon farm groups have been urging a national policy which would recognize that Pacific northwest wheat is largely export wheat. The present wheat export policy with the aid of subsidies is a step in this direction," he said, pointing out that about 102,000,000 bushels have been moved out of the United States since July 1, 1938, largely as a result of this program.

The wheat is sold abroad only through private exporting firms which naturally sell to all customers including the so-called dictator nations. The federal surplus commodities corporation has no authority to control the ultimate destination of the subsidized exports, said Steen.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as Administrator of the estate of W. H. Lee, deceased, and that Monday, the 12th day of June, 1939, at 10:30 a. m. of said day, at the court room, in the courthouse, in Moro Sherman County, Oregon, there shall be fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Anna M. Lee, Administratrix

T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Administratrix, Wasco, Oregon. 27-30

'RICKETS

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ed by the operator from which the dust is blown through a long pipe which keeps the operator out of most of the dust and makes it possible for him to direct the dust. Power dusters cost \$116.50 and are used in some places in Oregon.
Hundreds of people have visited the field on the C. W. Wallace farm that is infested with crickets. Many have been disappointed because there were no more crickets to be seen: Thousands of

them have been killed by dusting and have been eaten by their own coming relatives as crickets are cannibalistic. Others are still coming out of the canyon and probably will for another month. The main danger is in a more serious influx of them next year. There is no definite knowledge about what makes them come and go in certain localities. They are thick in Montana where hard winters are common, as the rye seed like eggs do not seem to die with freezing. It is possible that a hard freeze after the eggs germinate might kill them.

COUNTY COURT

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of County Judge.
CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, MAY TERM, 1939
Claimant Account Amount
C. Mersinger, work at DeMoss Park \$ 8.00

Blind Assistance 4.40
General Assistance 190.94
Old Age Assistance 168.94
Aid to dependent children 10.40
Otis Baker, Janitor's salary 65.00
Geo. A. Potter, Judge's salary 37.50
David Reid, commissioner's fees 16.50
J. M. Wilson, Commissioner's fees 20.00
T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's expenses 8.50
West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Clerk's office \$10.00
Court house expense \$40.55 51.00
Department of Agriculture
Sealer of Weights and Measures 3.76
Pacific Power & Light Co., Lights and merchandise 36.75
Kilham Stationery & Printing Co., Sheriff's expense 18.90
R. C. Byers, work on DeMoss park 10.00
Bertroughs Adding Machine Co.: Assessor's office \$4.45
Treasurer's office \$2.50; 6.95
Beck Specialty Co., Clerk's EXPENSE 9.00
Pacific Tel. and Tel. Co., Tel-

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Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78.O.E.S.

Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members Invited
Rose Amidon, W.M.
Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.
Rebekah Wilson, N.G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M

Moro, Oregon
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.
A. B. Christianson W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.

Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. Hall. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.
Ve non Miller, N. G.
Joe Truitt, Secretary.

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G. Wallace, road labor

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

Department of Probate
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
No. 31893

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY E. DAVIS, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the Estate of Mary E. Davis, deceased, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, duly made and entered on the 10th day of April, 1939, in the Estate of Mary E. Davis, deceased, licensing the said executor to sell an undivided one-third interest in the hereinafter described real property, will from and after the 15th day of May, 1939, offer for sale at private sale, and sell for cash at 517 Davis Bldg., in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, all of the Estate's undivided one-third interest in the following described real property, situated in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

Southwest Quarter (1) of Section Twenty-seven (27), the West Half (1/2) of Section Thirty-four (34), and the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), all being in Township Two (2) North of Range Eighteen (18) East of Willamette Meridian, Sherman County, State of Oregon.

This sale will be made subject to the confirmation of the above entitled Court.

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Virgil B. Davis, Executor of the Estate of Mary E. Davis, Deceased.

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