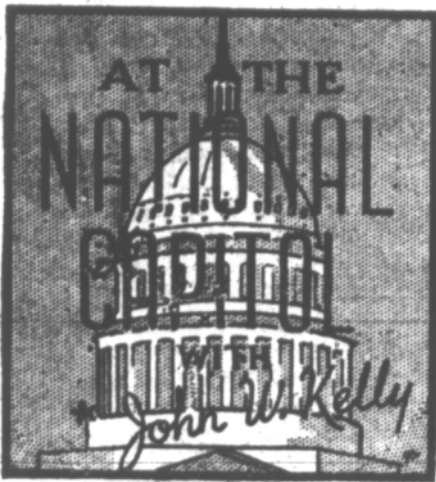


Sherman County Journal

Fifty-first Year

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Washington, D. C. May 26: Accent on youth is a high note in President Roosevelt's national defense program. Plans now under way provide for the training of thousands of young men as fliers and 100,000 youths trained as airplane mechanics. Nor does the program stop with aviation. A weeding out of over age officers in the army will soon be undertaken, with approximately 2000 officers being retired annually (on two-thirds pay), and rapid promotion of younger men to commanding positions.

To speed up a reserve of fliers, the war department is now designating various private flying schools as institutions for training birdmen. On the Pacific Coast, several in California have been given approval. An even greater demand exists for skilled mechanics, for a large ground crew is required for every plane. Organized labor is apprehensive that the training of mechanics by the wholesale will lower wages of mechanics now employed in airplane factories. There will be approximately as many youths instructed in mechanics as are now enrolled in CCC and it will give them a trade.

Probably no other plan of Mr. Roosevelt offers a better solution for unemployment among young men than this promotion of aviation, especially those electing the mechanical course; pilots will be given a retirement age.

Having been a shush-shush subject for several years, now comes the current issue of Public Health Reports (May 19) announcing that a new species of flea in nine western states is a carrier of bubonic plague. The government publication declares the flea is a constant menace to public health and a serious epidemic is not impossible. According to the report, more than 40 human cases of plague have been attributed to contact with wild rodents and bites of their fleas in Oregon, California and Utah.

Congress has been legislating for several years for the "five basic commodities"—cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco, rice. The actual five basic commodities have been overlooked entirely, according to a tabulation prepared by the bureau of agricultural economics. The old milk cow is No. 1 in the commodity parade. Milk, and its by-products, brought a gross income in 1937 of \$1,959,411,000; cattle and calves came second with \$1,237,422,000; hogs, \$1,161,157,000 and poultry, including eggs, \$965,973,000. No government subsidy was given the five genuinely basic commodities. Subsidies paid to Oregon farmers from 1933 to 1938 inclusive, were \$15,811,455,000. Subsidies to Washington farmers were \$26,381,890,000.

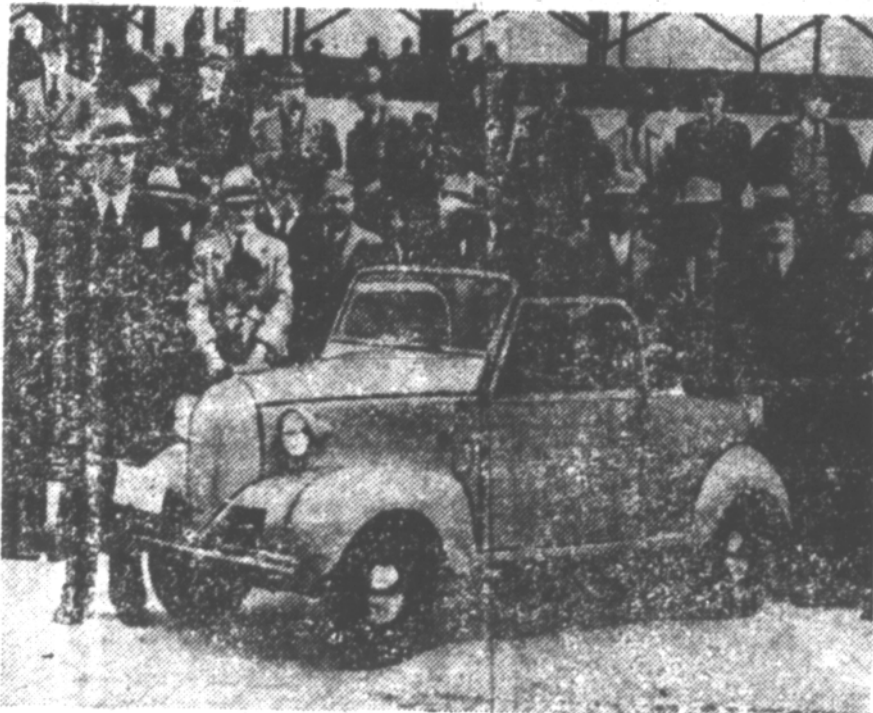
When a bill is introduced which affects two or more departments an interdepartmental committee is appointed with representatives of each department sitting in. Two forestry measures of importance to Oregon have been sleeping all season because members of the interdepartmental committee to which the bills were referred, have been absent from Washington making speeches. No one, apparently, thought of designating substitutes so the bills could be acted on.

Senators who have been advocating "Buy America" and criticizing the president for recommending Argentine corned beef for the navy, were red-faced when they discovered that the corned beef they had been eating in the senate restaurant (waiters have to watch the spoons and napkins to see that tourists do not steal them for souvenirs), came in cans from the Argentine. Mr. Roosevelt had a quiet chuckle. One senator, to discomfit his colleagues, had a senate page bring a can from the restaurant and display it upon his desk.

In the files of the FBI (G-Men to you), are the fingerprints of America's leading citizen, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Also in the

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Newsman View New Low Priced Car



A new low-priced, two-cylinder car, designed for a top speed of 50 miles per hour and a fuel consumption of 50 miles to the gallon, was recently previewed by newspaper men at the Indianapolis Speedway. The car, which will sell for a \$350 price, is only 19 ft. long, weighs 925 pounds, has a gas tank of four-gallon capacity and the crankcase holds only two quarts of oil. The engine is air cooled.

Preservative For Wheat Quotas Will Be Higher Says Triple A

Chemical salt preservatives for fence posts are among the most practical treatments found for extending the life of fences, according to a progress report on a "post farm" maintained by the school of forestry at Oregon State college.

Several series of untreated posts has failed since these were set in 1928, and other records are available where up to 15 years' life has been obtained with 4-inch Douglas fir posts so treated. The method consists of making a mixture of dry corrosive sublimate and common salt. Tablespoonful of this mixture is placed in a 3-4 inch hole bored about six inches above the ground line, slanting downward. The hole is then closed with a cork or wooden plug.

It is essential that the post be treated green so moisture will dissolve the salts and carry them thru the fibers of the wood. This makes possible cutting the posts along a fence line in many cases, thus saving transportation costs. No particular skill or experience is required in making the application.

The bulletin also describes the open-tank process of treating posts with oil. This is considered the most thorough method of treatment that is practicable on the farm.

Bonneville Needs More Than Power

Industries will not come to Oregon and Washington until they are conscious of the three great advantages of the Columbia basin: cheap power, deep water transportation and rich natural resources.

Ivan Bloch, chief of Bonneville's market development section, gave that message to the people of Wasco county, declaring that low-cost hydroelectric power in itself was not sufficient to attract major capital investments. Bloch returned last week from the national convention of the Electrochemical Society, where he spoke to industrial engineers on profits to be made in electrochemical and metallurgical enterprises in the Northwest.

Markets Needed

"Industries cannot be established here unless certain points, in addition to power, are made known. One refers to markets; one refers to natural resources, and one refers to the possibilities of shipping processed materials easily and at low cost."

Bloch related his experiences at the Electrochemical Society convention in Ohio, pointing out that most eastern manufacturers are unaware of the potential profits that can be made from utilization of the resources, power and waterways of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. "The Northwest has been regarded so long as a supply of raw material, such as lumber, grain and minerals, and as an outdoor playground, that the people of the East are not acquainted with the possibilities of diversified industrial developments in the region."

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Sheep Range Plentiful In Coast Counties

There is range in Columbia and Clatsop counties of western Oregon on cut-over lands for 50,000 to 75,000 sheep this season. The feed this year has started very early and shows promise of being the best that it has been in years.

This range consists of browse and weed growth, together with a considerable portion of pea vines and wild vetch.

Sheepmen in the past have been able to produce a very satisfactory feeder lamb on this range, and in most cases have been able to market from 25 to 40 percent fat lambs during July and August.

In view of the prospects for a shortage of range in eastern Oregon this summer, due to the dry weather conditions, it is felt that sheepmen in need of range may want to personally investigate the areas in Clatsop and Columbia counties and see for themselves what is available.

In visiting these counties, it would be advisable for the sheepmen to see the county agents at St. Helens and Astoria, as these men are in a position to give first hand information regarding the grazing fees and the location of the ranges, or the local county agent will be able to help.

Stamp Collectors May Get Souvenirs

Stamp and cover collectors interested in receiving souvenirs or covers from the 1939 annual National Air Mail Rose Show to be held during the Portland Rose Festival, June 7, 8, 9, and 10, should send their envelopes, stamped and self-addressed to: Myron F. McCamley, 2135 North Alberta St., Portland, Oregon.

Standard size envelopes, without heavy enclosures, should be used; the address to be kept to the right side of the envelope to allow ample space for the cachet. Covers must reach the cachet director not later than June 5, 1939. The cachet will be in red, white and blue.

June First Deadline Says Joe Peters

Sherman county farmers were reminded today by Joe Peters, chairman of the Sherman county agricultural conservation committee, that June 1 is the final date for ranchers to file requests for prior approval of range-building practices offered under the 1939 range conservation program.

He said that approximately 21 ranchers in this county will take part in the 1939 range program, carrying out practices designed to promote conservation and continue good range management. Among popular practices in this county are deferred grazing, spring and reservoir development, drilling of wells and reseeded.

All range-building practices must be approved by the county agricultural conservation committee. Requests for prior approval of practices should be made to the county agent or secretary of the county conservation association.

Approximately 1400 Oregon ranchers, representing around 6,000,000 acres of range land, are taking part in this year's range program, according to word received by the county agent.

Weather Cool, Dark, But Not Wet

The weather for the past week has constantly been threatening and that is all there has been to it except for one or two favored spots in the county where fleeting showers have fallen. One such shower fell near Rufus Monday and is reported to have given a good rain to about half a township. Once or twice the skies have become entirely overcast causing everyone to crane his neck upward as if searching the skies for rain, heretofore a gesture that has entailed no danger of getting the face wet.

While the possibility of rain has raised hopes the cool weather has been aiding in growing the wheat crop which has developed slowly but safely for the past week. Frost has been reported at Grass Valley a night or two this week without corresponding reports of expensive damage.

Lamb Show Held Financial and Social Success

Ball Game Ends In Friendly Tie; Dance Brings Pleasure To Large Crowd

Cool weather, the prospect for rain, a shady spot for the exhibits all combined to make the 1939 lamb and wool show a success for the spectators. For the sheep men who brought lambs and fleeces to the show the awarding of prizes made it a good day.

The afternoon was made merry by a soft ball game between the Wasco Civic club and the Moro Breakfast club which ended in a 6 to 6 tie after eight or nine innings of ball and banter. It looked like rain the contestants were tired and thirsty and the rival captains decided that the era of good feeling should continue until another encounter was arranged. All of which indicates the fine neighborly feeling that prevailed.

Dance Big Event

The Sheepherder's Ball, held in the evening, was likewise enjoyable through the advent of a large crowd to Wasco to take part in the dance and to aid the civic club in meeting the expenses of the sheep show. Financially the event was a success for the club realized enough from the dance tickets, many of which were sold early, to pay premiums and all expenses of the day besides leaving a small surplus in the treasury.

Winners of the prizes were: 4-H club division; Bob King, first and Grand Champion; Grace May Zevely, second; Jean Zevely third; Don King, fourth; Mary Lou Zevely fifth; Bob Hoskinson, sixth; Dickie Oveson, seventh.

Medium Wool Best

In the open classes George Drinkard won first; H. M. Zell, second; Mrs. Alta Smith, third; G. H. Root, fourth; W. E. Bruckert fifth.

Winners of the pen of three was George Drinkard, with Fritz Rhoder second; G. H. Root, third; Glen King, fourth and H. M. Zell, fifth.

Best fleece was a medium wool displayed by W. E. Bruckert. Glen King was second in the medium wool class. For coarse wool C. W. Wallace had first fleece and Glen King second.

Forty-nine lambs were entered in the show, including ten pens of three and nineteen single lambs.

Few Unemployed Get Jobs Here

Salem, Ore., May 26—The Oregon state employment service reported finding jobs for 3895 persons during April. This was 6 per cent less than during March, but 37 per cent more than in February.

Fifty-seven per cent of all placements were in private industry and women got 12 per cent of the jobs. Veterans were placed in 9 per cent of jobs taken by men. Appointment of special veteran representatives in each of Oregon's 22 local offices was credited by Acting Director L. C. Stoll for the increase in veteran placements.

Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam and Wheeler counties accounted for 53, or 14 per cent, of the state total placements.

Governor's Trophy Goes To University

Oregon State College—The Governor's trophy for the best drilled company in the Oregon ROTC units was won this year by the University of Oregon company under the command of Captain Luther R. Seibert. In unusually close competition the Oregon company commanded by Bob Schultz. An Oregon State company won the award last year, the first time it was offered, in the contest staged at Eugene.

Ralph Watson, University of Oregon cadet, won first in individual drill, with Ed M. Janssen of Oregon State second, and Clifford Collins of the university third. Governor Sprague presented reserve second lieutenant commissions to 81 OSG seniors in the Military tournament and review staged by the Oregon State corps.

Well Drilling Contract Voted At Grass Valley

Letting of the contract for the drilling of a new well for Grass Valley was postponed for a few days after the Monday night council meeting to permit councilmen to obtain information about when the various bidders could begin work. Bids ranged from \$2.50 for the first hundred feet to \$3.00 with an additional charge for the deeper feet. The location of the well will be near the one now in operation and which is not furnishing enough water for the city.

CMTC Applications Ready At Klondike

Boys who wish to attend the Citizens Military Training camp at Vancouver may sign up for that event by seeing Judge George Potter who has been appointed registrar for this county. The camp will be held in July this year and registration is usually made in May or early in June. Blanks and forms are available.

Softball Making Old Men More Active

Soft ball has gotten to be the amusement and exercise of Moro citizens since the court was leveled by activities of the Breakfast club and nearly every night a crowd of men and boys are matched for a game. The boys, one time much better than the men, now have more difficulty displaying their superiority since the elders have worked the stiffness out of their legs.

Weed Cutting Ordered

The county allotment committee in its meeting last Friday voted to enforce the provision against permitting noxious weeds to go to seed on ground on which allotment is being paid. This means that mustard and other weeds now going to seed in Crested Wheat or on land not in production must be clipped to prevent seeding.

Resignation of Cabell Held Wildest Rumor of Week

by A. L. Lindbeck

Ranking easily as the wildest political prognostication of the year was a news-story published this week to the effect that Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, is soon to be retired from that position. The prognosticator not only scored a clean beat on all other political commentators but sprung a surprise on both Cabell and Governor Sprague both of whom explained that the report was "news" to them. All indications point to the retention of Cabell as a member of the commission during the present administration if he cares to remain and he seems to be enjoying his job and willing to continue.

The governor is now giving serious consideration to the selection of a real estate commissioner to fill the independent post created by the last legislature taking this position out from under the wing of the insurance commissioner. The job now filled by William Graham, a democrat, is expected to go to some deserving Republican but just who will get this newly sweetened plum awaits announcement from the executive office.

Everybody except the governor has been expecting the political lightning to strike the state liquor most any day now. A rumored shake-up in the entire liquor control organization was believed to await only reorganization of the commission itself. The governor, however, does not appear to be in any big hurry to disturb the present commission. In fact he let it be known this week that while a number of names had been presented to him for appointment to the commission he had not seen fit as yet to give that problem any immediate consideration.

Gloom descended in great gobs on the office personnel of the Unemployment Compensation commission this week when 54 of the employees were notified that their

Loan Rate On 1939 Wheat Set At 73 Cents

Earlier Price Set To Give Farmers New Price Basis; Bulk Wheat Used For Base

The loan basis for 1939 wheat has been established already this year so that farmers would know the government price and be better informed about contracting to individual buyers.

In the northwest the price will be 73 cents at Portland on the basis of No. 1 Soft White. From this price will be deducted the freight and 3 cents for charges.

A protein premium will be paid this year on Hard White, Red Winter, and Northern Red Spring which will be as follows: One cent per bushel for each 13 percentage of protein and two cents for each percentage of protein above that amount.

Farm storage will be figured on the same base price of 73 cents with an additional 7 cents given for the storage on the farm.

Another change will be made this year in that the farmer will be expected to pay for insurance charges on the wheat, but this may be handled other than by individuals.

Setting of this price gives farmers a line on what price they may receive for their wheat this harvest for these prices are the minimum that farmers should receive. If 1938 can be taken as a criterion it is also likely that there will be no price much above the government figure for buyers are able to obtain wheat from the government without speculating on farm crops and storage.

Length of loan time is expected to remain the same as it was in the past crop year which means a seven months loan with nearly all wheat cleaned up by March or April as far as country warehouses are concerned.

Judge Carl Hendricks was here Monday to hear arguments in a case coming before the court. He is in Multnomah county the end of this week for a stay of a month which will be broken only by a case at The Dalles to which he has been assigned.

services would be dispensed with effective June 1. This wholesale housecleaning was made necessary by orders from the federal social security board at Washington, D. C., substantially reducing the state commission's allowance for administrative expenses. This slash in office personnel reduces the force in the office of the unemployment compensation commission to 221 from a peak of 541 in March, 1938 shortly after payment of jobless insurance benefits began. Most of these being released under this latest order were temporary employees according to members of the commission.

Five troop trains and three motor convoys will be required to transport Oregon's citizen soldiers to Camp Clatsop next month for their yearly 15 days of intensive military training. The troop trains will be made up of 23 sleepers, 23 day coaches and eighteen baggage cars. The truck convoys will consist of 24 large trucks, 86 smaller trucks, 26 station wagons and 3 ambulances, a total 138 vehicles. Guardsmen from Portland, St. Helens, Tillamook, Astoria, Gresham, Milwaukie, Hillsboro and Newberg will travel by truck while those from more distant stations will travel by train.

Less than 20,000 Oregon motorists have filed applications so far for renewal of their operator's licenses, according to Secretary Snell. There are more than 470,000 licensed drivers in the state. The old permits expire June 30.

While a large percentage of traffic accidents occur in daylight hours, most traffic fatalities occur at night, according to data compiled by the motor vehicle department. Of the 302 persons who met death in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during 1938, 191 were killed in accidents occurring after dark, these figures show

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