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SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

A group of seven persons will have the opportunity of doing a notable service to the county if they make the proper study and draw their conclusions from the facts derived from that study. The seven will be the county reorganization committee appointed under the new school law. The county school superintendent will be the chairman. Others will be the county judge, the chairman of the non-high school board, the county assessor and three district school board members.

Their duties are given some definite powers to revise boundaries of school districts although they are cautioned to give due attention to the convenience of children, attending school, the welfare of the teachers, the economics of transportation, the use of buildings, the needs of local communities and other matters of importance.

The committee must report by September 1940 and their report shall show the boundaries of the new school districts, the new financial standing of said districts, and the county building requirements.

These plans must be approved by the state board which is similar to the county board. Any present district may vote itself out of the reorganization if it finds that the new grouping is to its disadvantage under an amendment made to the bill after its introduction. The companion bill which would have equalized the tax structure of the county school system was not passed.

This committee will have to redistrict the school districts of the county so that pupils may be brought to school with greater ease than at present and with less expense if possible. Few of the Sherman county districts pay much special tax and many of them are on the verge of losing their state and county incomes because of a scarcity of pupils. This should make reorganization a simpler matter than in counties where there is more divergence in the economic position of the districts. It is possible that the board will be able to do something about consolidating high schools but this can not be foretold at present.

BICYCLES

The council Tuesday night discussed the riding of bicycles on the streets and sidewalks of the city and each one had some story to tell of a narrow escape by some youngster who turned in the middle of the block or broke some traffic rule or a story of near upsets of older people by vehicles on the sidewalks.

From this discussion it is probable that there will be an ordinance in Moro to enforce some traffic rules for the young citizens who take their lives in their hands several times daily in breaking all the rules of the road. The model ordinance, one written first for Grants Pass, makes an examination necessary before a child can ride a bicycle in the city, just as an adult must have an examination before he can drive a car. Penalty for breaking the rules of traffic is seldom a money fine but impounding of the vehicle for a determined period. It is said to be effective.

SCHOOL MEETINGS

Next Monday the annual school meetings will be held in every district in the county. In some of them the budget will be passed upon at the same time. In any event they are important for over a third of the taxes of the county are levied for school purposes and the men who are elected at the annual meetings.

To a lesser degree the men to be elected are responsible for the education of the youth although the major responsibility for this lays with the state and county school authorities who could and would enforce schooling if the

Statehouse Gossip

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agreement, if arrived at, would apply to all of Oregon except that lying 50 miles east of The Dalles-California highway.

Both the Marion county grand jury and the state bar are expected to investigate alleged unethical practices on the part of certain attorneys who are said to charge glibly friends and relatives of penitentiary inmates exorbitant fees for their professional services in securing pardons and paroles.

This practice, known to have existed for years, was exposed this week in a report by members of the state parole board to Governor Sprague.

The report specifically called attention to one case in which an attorney was said to have collected \$520 on an agreed fee of \$800 for his services in "springing" a prisoner serving a life term in the penitentiary for murder. As a matter of fact, the report points out, the attorney in question did not appear before the board at any time, did not discuss the case with any of its members and performed no legitimate service to justify his fee.

Members of the parole board have repeatedly issued warnings to relatives and friends of prisoners against employing attorneys in their efforts to secure the release of penitentiary inmates but apparently these warnings are wasted inasmuch as one of the persons contributing to the fee specified in the report was said to have a copy of the warning in his possession at the time this "deal" was made.

Appearance of the September primary measure on the general election ballot in 1940 was assured this week when completed referendum petitions containing more than 26,000 signatures were filed with the state department. The measure, passed by the last legislature with the approval of Governor Sprague, would change the date for the biennial primary election from the third Friday in May to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in September.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 15, 1906
 Lack of practice has much reduced the efficiency of the Moro fire department. Drilling is needed.

At the council meeting: Mayor W. H. Moore and councilmen Brock, Elrod, Moore, Ginn, Holder, Recorder J. M. Parry and Marshal Hoggard.

A school picnic at which Superintendent Ragsdale will present to successful pupils throughout the county their 8th grade diplomas will be held at Willerton grove below Monkland today. Those who receive 8th grade diplomas are: Myrtle Lewis, Edna Shrahl, Jennie Kay, Ophs Sayers, Gerlie Elrod, R. E. Hickson; Wasco: Emma Richelderfer, Edith Kuney, Shirley Barnett, Rutledge; Lois Ruszles; Rose Bush; Dora Patjens, Claude Myers, Fay Blalock; Biggs: Charlie Fulton; Brock: Warren Lynch; McCallum: Lee McGinnis.

Sam McDonald took a band of fat cattle to The Dalles last week and went on to Hood River valley to inquire into the berry market. A fire alarm Monday afternoon occasioned by a heavy smoke issuing from a defective flue in the Anderson building, brought the firemen and everybody to the streets in quick order. Fortunately no serious damage is reported. From the Observer, June 17, 1910

What a lovely rain fell Friday midnight, washing the atmosphere, rejuvenating all nature, causing the spuds to swell, and assuring the husbandman a bumper crop. A Hunter had some fine cherries Sunday, from the orchard of F. E. Brown at Grants. Alex says the valley is not in it with Sherman county cherries.

Arrangements are now perfected for having Moro, M. E. church and parsonage painted.

Flag day was honored in Moro on the 4th, as if it were Thanksgiving or Labor day. The rain gauge at the Experiment station registered .28 of an inch Friday night.

One feature of the pioneer picnic and Celebration at DeMoss Springs, July 4th, will be the old fiddler's contest. Only those who play by ear will be allowed to enter the contest. The salary of Postmaster Parry has been increased from \$1200 to \$1400 per annum. Grass Valley Journal June 18, 1927

Sunday Schools To Rally At DeMoss Park

The Sherman County Sunday School association will hold its county wide Sunday School rally at DeMoss park, Sunday, June 18 beginning at the usual hour of ten o'clock with an opening hymn by Arthur Landies and the orchestra.

After a prayer by Rev. Cannel, the classes will take their places with Rev. Hansen teaching the adult class, Rev. Dryden the young people, Mrs. Fay the intermediate, Mrs. Maud Garrett the juniors and Mrs. Henry Hansen the primary. The closing symn will be by Mr. Landies and the orchestra.

From 11 to 12:15, there will be a program by the Davis entertainers which will include many old time hymns and songs of other days. This will be followed by an experimental program in which each class will play a play of the Holy City on the chimes. Another feature will be the Piccolo solo, Rustic Bells, played by Mrs. Davis with mandolin and piano accompaniment. An inspirational service will precede the closing prayer by Rev. Carey.

At 12:30 a basket dinner will be served with free coffee being furnished by the committee. At two o'clock the orchestra will again play, and each Sunday school will give some numbers. Rufus and Grass Valley school and music on the chimes by Waldo Davis, the Wasco Christian and Kent, and a solo by Dean Pinkerton followed by the Moro and Wasco Methodist. A business meeting will follow with election of officers. The minutes of the last year meeting at Grass Valley by Rev. Dryden, secretary, and community singing, short talks on Sunday school work and a closing prayer by Rev. Hansen. R. C. Byers, long time president of the association will preside.

The great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Joe E. Dunne, former state senator from Multnomah county, and one time Republican candidate for governor, is back in the public spotlight again. This time it is as the sponsor of a proposal to provide a pension of \$60 a month to all needy persons 65 years of age or over, the pension to be financed through a two percent tax on retail sales. Preliminary petitions for an initiative measure covering the proposed pension measure were filed with Secretary of State Shell this week by Dunne and William Arthur Harroun, both of Portland.

It's been a case of "on again, off again" with the medical chiefs of the State Industrial Accident Commission this past month. First the commission announced the "resignation" of Dr. Joseph F. Wood, Democratic hold-over from the Martin administration. A few days later it was announced the appointment of Dr. Louis P. Gambee to succeed Wood. Dr. Gambee is also a Democrat, but politics had nothing to do with either the resignation or the appointment, according to the commission which was interested only in efficient administration, or so they explained in a statement shortly after Gambee was elevated to the post of chief medical examiner. Others, apparently, had different notions about the fitness of things political and otherwise. At least they made it so hot for the commission that last week Dr. Gambee also "resigned" and now Dr. Eugene W. Rockett, a rock ribbed Republican, is on the job assisted by Dr. John P. Trommald, another Republican.

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Farm Index Figures Need Correcting

Discrepancy between prices paid by farmers and prices received for products, compared with former levels, is not as great as previously reported, according to analysis of new government price indexes just made by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college.

Rather significant revisions have been made in the government indexes of prices paid by farmers for goods and services which will require revisions of some of the data published regularly in the agricultural situation and outlook reports of the extension service, according to Breithaupt.

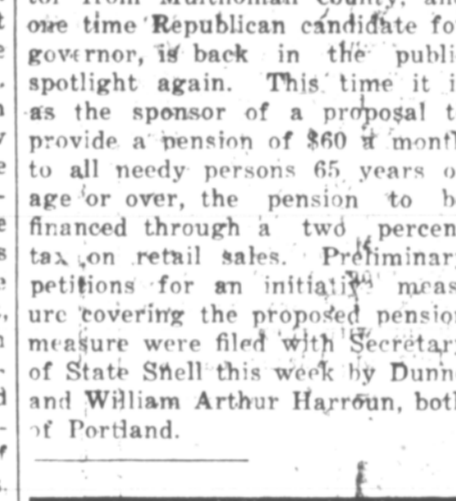
The new index numbers, which are given in a publication just released by the United States department of agriculture, are some what lower since 1922 than the previous indexes. In other words, the prices paid by farmers for goods and services were not as high in relation to prices received for farm products as previously indicated by the index numbers.

When the new indexes are substituted, it will have the effect of raising the index of the exchange value for farm products, especially in relation to the purchasing power of farm products during the 1910-1914 per-war period.

"For some period of time we have been converting the government indexes of prices paid by farmers and prices received by farmers to a 1926-1930 base, and computing the ratio of farm prices received to farm prices paid on that base," Breithaupt said. "These data have been published in the monthly review of the agricultural situation and outlook and will be found to require considerably less revision."

As of mid-April with the government index of prices received by farmers at 63 per cent of the 1926-1930 average and prices paid by farmers at 79 per cent, the exchange value of farm products was 80 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, according to the latest report on the agricultural situation by the OSC extension service.

AT THE NATIONAL



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Kent Residents Making Trip To Eugene

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and son Dick motored to Eugene Saturday where they will visit their daughter Helen who is attending beauty school there, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Statton. Dick will attend summer school at Eugene six weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will visit friends at Mitchell and Mt. Vernon before returning home.

G. L. Hoskinson and son Dave took Bob Hatley to Dayton, Washington Tuesday where Bob will make his future home. The Hoskinsons returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barnett and sons Melvin and Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and son Dick were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz Tuesday, June 6th. The occasion being the birthday anniversary of John Schadewitz.

Mrs. Grace Gregg and daughter Dolores and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Purchase motored to Bend Saturday where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gregg until Sunday evening.

Helen Ann Powers of Fisher, Washington is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barnett and son Eugene were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnett near Condon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and son Luther Warren and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie were called to Mitchell Monday to attend the funeral of Herbert Smith, who died suddenly Monday morning. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. Mr. Smith will be remembered here by many as he was clerk for J. L. Gates in The Kent Trading Co. Mr. Smith was a brother of the late W. O. Smith, deceased, and a brother in law of J. L. Davis and Mrs. Wilson.

Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular meeting Saturday evening June 10, with a good attendance. Visitors included Miss Mary Brackett of Rufus and Geo. McDonald of Harland View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fritts and family of Grass Valley were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson Sunday.

Lester Wilson returned to Kent Friday after spending a week at the home of his uncle, I. E. Wilson and family at Wawawai, Washington.

Miss Velma Matthes is spending a few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matther. Miss Matthes is a high school instructor in the North Bend schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson and family motored to Goldendale, Wn. last Sunday.

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 Tues day of each month. Visiting members welcome. Rebekah Wilson, N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M 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. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Vernon Miller, N. G. Joe Truitt, Secretary.

Them!

Mrs. Jones—Do you think we have enough ice cream and cake for 20 small boys?
 Hostess—Oh, yes, I made sure of that. I invited their mothers!

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Report and Account as Administratrix of the estate of Frank L. Burnett, deceased, and that Saturday, July 15, 1939, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Zella Schilling.
 32-35
 Geo. G. Updegraff
 Attorney for Administratrix

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

In the Matter of the Liquidation of the BANK OF COMMERCE, Wasco, Oregon.
 NOTICE TO THE DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS THAT FURTHER CLAIMS ARE BARRED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That an order has been entered by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman barring the filing of further claims in the liquidation of the BANK OF COMMERCE, Wasco, Oregon, from and after July 7, 1939, other than claims for expenses incurred by the Superintendent of Banks.

The said order directed that this notice be given by publication thereof in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, weekly for a period of three weeks prior to the date on which claims are barred.

That the dates of publication are as follows:
 First publication June 16, 1939.
 Second publication June 23, 1939.
 Last publication June 30, 1939.

MARK SKINNER,
 Superintendent of Banks, in charge of the liquidation of BANK OF COMMERCE, Wasco, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Hans Thompson, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Hans Thompson, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: June 16, 1939.

Harvey Thompson
 Administrator
 Geo. G. Updegraff
 Attorney for Administrator. 32-35

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, by virtue of an order of the County Court made on the third day of June, 1939, I will, on and after the 7th day of July, 1939, sell at private sale, all of the undivided one-fifth interest of Charlotte Fleming Pearson, deceased, in the following property, situate in Sherman County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The North half of the NE1 and the N1 of the NW1 of Section 15; the S1 and the NE1 of Section 10, all in Township 2 North of Range 17 East W. M.

The sale will be made for cash, if purchasers can be found desiring to buy for cash, otherwise one-half cash and the balance to be payable within three years, bearing interest at 6%, secured by a first mortgage upon said property. Bids will be received by Joseph L. Brackett as administrator, at the office of Frank G. Dick, attorney at law, Room 20 Vogt Block, The Dalles, Oregon, and at the residence of Herman H. Brackett on Wasco, Oregon, in Sherman County.

Joseph L. Brackett,
 Administrator
 Frank G. Dick,
 The Dalles, Oregon,
 Attorney.

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