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**SCHOOLS**

Monday there were some school elections. In most districts few attended. No major disturbance resulted. This must have been caused by a lack of interest in the education of the children or by the fact that few people have children to be interested any more.

Patrons of the Wasco schools turned out to demand a school with a greater range of subjects. They had no dispute with the board and re-elected the outgoing member, but they did want a school that offered more courses to the boys and girls.

Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be any way to get it under the arrangement of school districts as now divided. If we are to have five high schools in the county and pupils from each section of the county are forced to attend the school closest to them there must be schools such as we have them now unless taxes are to be increased beyond reason.

It might be possible to establish at least one school in the county where the desired subjects could be taught and arrange for those pupils in the county who desired that sort of training to attend that school.

If not applicable for the entire county Wasco and Moro might divide on the above basis. Let Wasco high school offer courses in agriculture, manual training and domestic science with a minimum of regular subjects enough to conform to state standards. Let Moro teach nothing but the fundamentals with plenty of history, English, mathematics and science. Parents could then send their children to which ever school nearest met their desires.

The cost would not be so much more than at present except for the necessary transportation expense and while the plan would not satisfy the needs of the majority it would give opportunity to try out the ideas of a number of parents who really want a different sort of training for high school pupils.

It would be better if all schools were put into one so that the additional courses could be offered to all if there was some active group with interest enough in the subject to sponsor the plan, at least to the extent of giving it backing enough to bring it to a vote.

**RATE HEARING**

Sometimes public affairs are funny, not amusing or odd, just funny. For years the shippers of the interior have been trying to get the rail rates down on supplies shipped in as well as on crops shipped out.

After years of effort some promise of river shipping appears possible and the newly instituted water transportation system is asking for lower rates than the rail rates, with the backing of many producers.

The railroads protest that they should be permitted to meet the rates asked and a hearing is held on the matter. Of course the railroads would never have found it possible to lower the rates unless competition was offered, and if permitted, they would stifle the new transportation and demand higher rates again.

But, just the same it is funny, that those who struggled for low rates for so long should now oppose such an idea.

**SEPTEMBER PRIMARY**

The referendum has been invoked against the September primary bill with members of the Grange, the Federation of Labor and the Oregon Commonwealth Federation, whose membership is made up partly from the communists, but which is a group working for control of the Democratic party.

that a poor man has a better chance to run if the race is made longer. It is true that a man now has a longer time to get around the state than under the September primary law and it is also true that traveling costs money and time, both of which are valuable, especially to a poor man.

Another argument is that it deprives Oregon voters from voting their choice for president before the party conventions which are held in June. It is lots of fun to cast a ballot for some favorite although the record shows that it does little good or has little effect on the final result.

It is probable that the opposition is from a traditional point of view instead of from a factual point. Most other states hold primaries later in the year than Oregon and their citizens suffer from no loss of citizenship. In fact with few exceptions Oregon holds its primary first, long before national affairs have begun to "stir" so that the candidates with public approval can be picked from the rack.

Shorter elections would cause less apprehension on the part of government employees who worry about how they will fare in case of a change of administration. It would keep business from being disturbed for longer period and certainly would make elections less costly.

Oregon labor in convention assembled this week showed an inclination to co-operate with employers in order to bring about better conditions and more employment. Now we should get someplace.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer June 25, 1920

At the commencement exercises at Hill Military Academy in Portland June 16th Harland McDonald, of McDonald in this county was honored by being appointed a Cadet Lieutenant and was commended for his excellent work at the school.

The farm residence on the Ed Alley farm east of Grass Valley in the Rutledge district was totally destroyed by fire Monday morning, together with practically all its contents. The farm had just recently been leased by Sherman Wilcox, who had bought the larger part of the furniture that was destroyed.

This city was the scene of a pretty home wedding Thursday evening, June 17th, when Miss Pauline Corwin and Thomas H. Farra were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. S. Royce, Rev. F. R. Jackson of Wasco officiating. A wedding reception was given the young couple Sunday afternoon by Mrs. A. H. Barnum at their Lone Rock Farm home, the young people leaving Monday morning for their new home near Absarokee, Montana.

Grass Valley will celebrate the 5th of July this year. The committees have been appointed and the advertising is out. One of the big attractions is a big barbecue and the committee will not disappoint you.

At the annual school meeting held Monday at Kent J. H. Wilson was elected director and A. A. Dunlap clerk.

Mrs. Chas. Boardman was a passenger for Portland Wednesday morning. Mr. Boardman is taking treatment for his eyes.

At the annual school meeting in Grass Valley Monday there were five voters present who elected Roy J. Baer director for three years, Bert C. Baker clerk.

From the Observer June 24, 1910

Gen. Frank Bell has put off "the war" five years, until airplanes to carry five people are perfected. Add 20 years for "the war," Frank; then maybe the airplanes will carry 25 people.

The school meeting at Erskineville elected L. L. Pretz director, and W. A. Norcross as clerk.

Robert Kaseberg and family are quitting Sherman county for Montana. He has sold his farm outfit to Wasco parties.

The Sherman County Band will play all day at the Old-timer's celebration at DeMoss on the Fourth.

From the Observer June 22, 1930

W. B. Hogford, L. W. Hunting, and family left Monday for Collins Hot Springs.

**Statehouse Gossip**  
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of the fact and Rosser will be dressed in at the penitentiary shortly after.

Ralph E. Moody, state police coordinator who prosecuted Rosser, said the time he has served in jail while awaiting his numerous appeals and other legal gymnastics, will not apply to his penitentiary sentence.

The old Oregon capitol building is no more. The last traces disappeared this week when workmen pulled down the brick chimney which was a part of the east wall of the old building.

The chimney was left standing as a part of the heating plant, which served to warm the building until only recently when the new \$115,000 heating plant two blocks away was put into service.

The new capitol building will be open on Sundays during the summer months for the convenience of out-of-town visitors wishing to inspect it. The announcement was made by Secretary of State Earl Snell after many organizations had pleaded for the "open house." Visiting hours will be from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Oregon now has 367 new laws which it did not have before June 14. On that date all the laws passed by the 1939 legislature except those carrying emergency clauses went into effect, 90 days after adjournment.

Silliest new law was one forbidding the catching of female crawfish, or male crawfish under 2 and a half inches in length. The law does not explain how to determine the sex of the "crawfish."

A referendum petition to give the people a chance to vote on the so-called "hotel liquor" bill passed by the last legislature, is on file here. The bill provides that the liquor commission may issue or deny licenses for the sale of liquor by "clubs" and restaurants, and also maintain a closer supervision of liquor problems. The referendum was filed by "Commonsense, Inc., a Portland group.

A thousand three-weeks old chicks were burned to death here when the brooder house at the state penitentiary annex four miles southeast of town burned recently. The fire probably started in an over-heated brooder stove, and caused damage estimated at \$2,000. The brick walls of the brooder house were left standing.

The state board of agriculture met here Saturday and re-elected Mac Hoke, Pendleton, chairman and G. A. Brown, Portland, as vice chairman.

The board voted to hold a re-organization meeting immediately after each new governor goes into office. It was the first meeting since Gov. Charles A. Sprague took office.

Director J. D. Mickle, recently appointed for another term by Governor Sprague, reviewed the work done during the last year by the department, and asked that the board work more directly with the department in formulating policies.

Recent filings for water permits have been the heaviest in history, State Engineer Charles Strickling announced here. A dry spring followed by only intermittent rains caused the heavy influx of applications, Strickling said. Many of the applications were denied for lack of water facilities but an estimated 10,000 additional acres will be under water in the Willamette valley this year.

**Wasco Teacher On School Trip**

Georgia Bracken, who has been teaching the third and fourth grades in Wasco, will accompany the California-Golden Gate Study tour of the Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, according to the announcement made today. The tour, which will occupy a period of four weeks, will be conducted by Dr. J. N. Carls, geologist and geographer of the college staff.

Leaving Monmouth on July 22, the group will travel by motor car to Crater Lake for the first lap of their journey. In the course of the trip, they will visit the Lava Beds, Glass Mountain, Mt. Lassen, Lake Tahoe, the Mother Lode and placer gold mining belt, Monterey, the Yosemite, the Redwoods, and a week will be spent at the San Francisco Fair.

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**The Dalles Breakfast Club Announces Celebration Events**

The Dalles, June 22. (Special)—Hitting high-points like a series of exploding firecrackers, the 7th annual Fourth of July celebration at The Dalles, sponsored by the Breakfast club, today promises residents of the Mid-Columbia area a three-day show.

Completion of arrangements for the affair, announced by General Chairman Walter Clausen, reveals that the Independence day celebration will be high-lighted by a Tin Lizzy Derby, a spectacular water carnival staged by Jack Cody's Olympic swimmers, a "screwball" parade, a Monte Carlo fun house and a host of other events that have, year after year, been welcomed with acclaim.

The celebration, which will get under way Saturday night, July 1, with a dance at the civic auditorium, will be climaxed by the greatest display of fireworks on Tuesday night, July 4. The water carnival, the Tin Lizzy Derby, and the pyrotechnics, will be preceded by an unusual illuminated water pageant.

For dance lovers, the Eight Queens of Swing, an all-girl orchestra direct from San Francisco, has been obtained for a Monday night dance, and a dance after the Tuesday night fireworks display. Along with the dance band, comes the "Treasure Island Revue," a show staged along ultra modern lines.

The Dalles Seaports, now leading the Columbia Valley league with eight victories without a single defeat, will oppose St. Helens, leaders in the Greater Municipal league, Sunday afternoon, July 2. On Tuesday, July 4, the American Colored Giants of Seattle, will play a doubleheader against The Dalles team.

**Three Students Go Summer Camp**

Last Wednesday morning three young people from the Moro Community Presbyterian church went to Hillockburn camp as delegates to the summer conference for Christian Youth. This camp is situated about 40 miles south east of Portland, just inside the National Forest.

For many years Presbyterian Young People have found a week's stay in this camp a very profitable affair. The conference, from June 21 to June 28 is directed by Dr. M. M. Stocker of Seattle, formerly pastor of the Oregon City Church, and is assisted by four or five other outstanding leaders for youth.

Those attending from here are Ardis Truitt, Florence Lawrence and Claudine Thompson. They were taken to Hillockburn Wednesday by Claude J. Thompson, and Theodore Thompson.

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**Oregon Newsmen Win Honors In National Contest**

Oregon weekly newspapers, entered in the National Editorial Contests that brought thousands of competitors from every state in the union, won coveted trophies for first place in two principal contests, a second in another, and a number of honorable mentions, according to word received here by Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism at the University of Oregon.

The McMinnville Telephone-Register, published by Lars and Jack Bladine, won first place for general excellence among weekly newspapers having more than 1,000 circulation. Entered in the contest for the Western Newspaper Union silver trophy were 95 other high class newspapers from all over the country. The Hillsboro Argus, published by Verne McKinney, was given honorable mention in this classification.

First place for the best editorial page in weekly newspapers was won by the Hood River News, published by Hugh Ball and E. A. Sonnichson. The N. E. A. past president trophy is awarded in this contest.

The Hood River News was also cited for honorable mention for excellence in newspaper production, and another honorable mention was awarded the Telephone-Register in the Most Outstanding Edition contest.

In the classified advertising contest second place was awarded to the Hillsboro Argus. Both the Argus and the Telephone-Register reached the finals of the newspaper production contest, which was won by the Montclair, New Jersey, Times.

**AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL**

Mr. Roosevelt wants the legislation as soon as possible in the event something bursts in Europe after congress adjourns and before the January assembly. Die-hards argue that if something blows up in Europe they want congress to be in session, ready to meet the situation.

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divided up on a county basis, after which county AAA committees will apportion county allotments among individual farmers. The state allotment was confirmed almost two months earlier than last year, said Steen, which will make it possible for farmers to have their allotments well in advance of the winter wheat planting season.

"By planting within their 1940 wheat acreage allotments," Steen pointed out, "Oregon farmers will cooperate with other farmers of the nation in balancing wheat acreage with needs for the immediate future. The national allotment is based on the acreage necessary to provide for our domestic markets, our export trade, and a reserve for any emergency which may arise."

The wheat allotment for a farm is the basis for the farmer's participation in all phases of the national program including conservation payments, price adjustment payments, wheat loans, and crop insurance.

Traffic accidents in the city of Portland showed a decrease of 19 percent during the month of April. Earl Snell, secretary of state, announced today. Two persons were killed in March, 197 were injured compared to 227 in March and total accidents were 1,217 compared with 1,509 the month before.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Notice is given that Elva A. Bryant, administratrix of the estate of William C. Bryant, deceased, will sell on and after July 23, 1939, to the highest and best

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