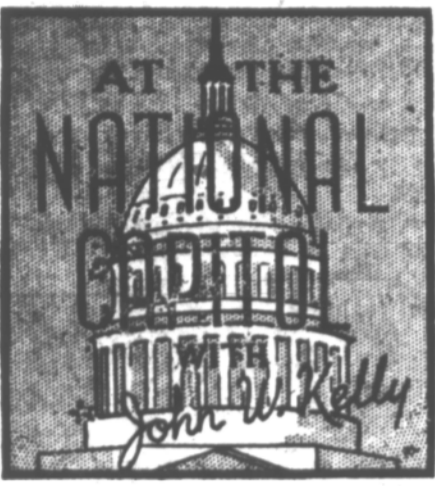


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Some of Yates Merchandise Recovered

Some of the merchandise that was taken from the Yates store in Wasco was recovered at Hermiston upon the arrest of Roy Davis, who admitted a part in the robbery, according to Sheriff Wilson who went to Hermiston with Mr. Yates and Deputy Everett, to identify the goods.

Davis had served time in California, it is said, and admitted taking a new car from the warehouse in Klamath Falls, obtaining a license plate in Moro and the robbery in Wasco and in Hermiston.

He will be sentenced from Umatilla county where he was captured but both Sherman and Klamath counties may have him held after his sentence on the first count is finished.

Oregon Rated High By Government

"Special to the Sherman County Journal from our Washington D. C. Bureau."

Washington, D. C., July 6—Here is the economic picture of Oregon as quoted by one of the gigantic lending agencies of the government:

Basic and general factors affecting real estate and strikingly favorable in Oregon. Rent-paying capacity is expanding; rentals are moving upward; relief load is lighter; costs of building lower; residential activity increased; farm income greater; bank deposits expanded compared with corresponding periods last spring. Only discordant note is the increase in numbers of foreclosures. Employment and payroll trend is steadily upward.

Breakfast Club Makes Display

A display of the principal varieties of wheat, barley, oats and forage grasses grown in Sherman county was placed in the window of the Odd-Fellows building Wednesday evening by LeRoy Wright and Merrill Oveson, members of the committee appointed by the Moro Breakfast Club for that purpose. Small sheaves of the grains are mounted on stained plywood and each will be lettered to show the variety and extent to which it is grown here. The grain displayed was gathered earlier in the week at the experiment station and some of it is still green. It will be valuable for this purpose for some time before deteriorating.

R. B. Elmes Tells Of Grand Canyon

The Breakfast club program, held Thursday morning instead of Wednesday, was given by R. B. Elmes who told his fellow breakfast club members about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado near where he lived when in his native state of Arizona. The Indian tribes that live in and near the canyon, some of the facts and figures indicating the magnitude of the canyon, and the job the park guides have in taking people down to the bottom and back up side mules.

Plans are being made to purchase some pennants with which to decorate the streets during fair time and reports on the activities of other committees were given during his business meeting.

Wedding Of Mary Reese Held In Garden

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas St. Claire Reese, eleven miles southeast of Moro, occurred on last Saturday, July first, the wedding of Mary Elizabeth Reese to Clarence O. Higley.

Immediately following the impressive ceremony and formal reception the couple departed for their new home near Parkdale, in the upper Hood River valley.

The wedding was conducted by the Reverend Henry H. Hanson, pastor of the Moro Community church, in the setting afforded by the beautiful shrub and flower garden of the Reese home, which

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It's Fair Silhouette



Looking through a doorway into the Court of Honor at the California World's Fair, you see the 400-foot Tower of the Sun and at the left a bright red and yellow light standard. Lacy clouds drift lazily overhead.

Oregon Drivers Pay Less Than Average Charge

Oregon stands well under the national average of license fees charged operators of motor vehicles, figures released by the National Safety Council reveal, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said today.

According to the Council, in a typical state it would cost an operator 98 cents to qualify for a license which would see him through the first year while in Oregon this cost is 50 cents. Thereafter, in the typical state, it would cost 65 cents a year to keep a license while in Oregon the cost is 50 cents, this state charging \$1 for a two-year period.

In the typical state a chauffeur would pay \$2 for the first year against \$1 in Oregon while renewal would cost \$2 per year against \$1 in this state.

Original driver's licenses cost from 25 cents for an indefinite period in a few states to \$3 a year in some states, the Council's report shows. Some states charge for the examination required of those taking out licenses for the first time and in one state this fee is \$2 which, added to the \$3 for the license itself, makes a charge of \$5 for the original license. In Oregon no charge is made for the examination. Four states, Florida, Louisiana, South Dakota and Wyoming have no laws requiring licenses for drivers, the report shows.

Oregon complies with the Safety Council's requirements for standard driver's license laws, the report indicates, this state meeting the three most important points listed as complete administration by a branch of the state government, examination of all new applicants by state examiners and strong revocation and suspension powers for the administrator.

This state is in line with most states regarding the age at which persons are allowed to drive alone, there being 20 states which set 16 as the low age limit. Two states have no age limits, seven set 14 years of age, eight set 15, one has 17 and one 18. Oregon permits persons younger than 16 to drive under certain conditions such as when driving with parents or on a special junior license. For those who drive for pay, the lower age limit in Oregon is 18 years which is the limit set by 27 states.

Local Man President Of Superintendents

Wily Knighten was elected as president of the state county school superintendents at their meeting held in Salem last week. He will make plans for the next program and preside over the 1940 meeting.

County Bonds Paid In Full; No Debt Remains

Last of Twenty Year Old \$300,000 Bond Issue Retired On Date Due

The county is out of debt.

All of the remaining bonds of the \$300,000 issue that was put out for the building of the Sherman county sector of Highway 9, were due July first. All of them were paid, or have been ordered returned for payment. As this was the only bonds the county had and as there are no outstanding warrants marked "not paid for want of funds" the county of Sherman is for the first time in twenty years entirely out of debt.

No money was raised for nearly ten years for the repayment of bonds and there was some doubt as to whether the county would be able to meet the payment on July first. County courts for the past ten years have been saving here and there and making plans to pay off these bonds which were not serial or callable.

Whenever bonds could be bought by the county there were taken up and only \$90,000 remained on July first. This was paid by the bond fund which contained \$63,928.67, the interest fund which was available when the bonds were paid of \$10,126.44 and by borrowing from the general fund the remainder of \$15,944.89. The general fund will be paid back with funds from delinquent taxes, motor vehicle income and from the security investments the county has. These are in farm mortgages taken in the deepest depression days on Sherman county farms.

Little School Debt

A few interest coupons remain unpaid and the money for them must be retained by the treasurer for ten years. The total of these unpaid coupons is slightly over \$500 and some of them have undoubtedly been lost and will never be redeemed.

In addition to the debt free condition of the county, County Treasurer Naomi Van Gilder announces that there are only two school districts in the county with bonded indebtedness. These are Rufus with \$25,000 in serial bonds outstanding on the school house and Moro which has \$3000 outstanding. All other districts are debt free.

The cities of Moro and Wasco see the taxing units with outstanding bonds large enough to be serious. Wasco had \$28,500 in bonds issued for street improvement and Moro has \$28,500 in bonds outstanding. These were street improvements and water bonds. Grass Valley has about \$2000 in warrants.

The total public debt of the county units is therefore \$87,000 or less than half the amount that was due in June. This is approximately \$30 per capita for city, school district and county debt.

The state debt for each person in the state is \$44, or less, that being the figure July 1, 1938, based on a million population. The national debt Saturday was \$10,378,175,153.87 which is over \$323.00 per capita based on a population of 125,000,000.

Civil Service Needs Men

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions named below.

Farm agent, \$1,800 a year, Indian Field Service, Department of the Interior. Applicants must not have passed their 48th birthday.

Junior bank examiners, \$2,000 a year, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Certain education or banking experience is required. Applicants must have reached their 23rd but must not have passed their 35th birthday. The closing dates are July 24 and July 27, 1939.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or courthouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class or from the United States Civil Service Com. Washington, D. C.

Public Welfare Group Named For County

The new public welfare bodies for the several counties of the state were appointed last week by Governor Sprague. They will take the place of the relief boards that have served since the state has had committees to handle the relief problem.

Appointed for Sherman county were Roy Powell, Moro, as chairman; Mrs. S. L. Rieboldt, Wasco; Roy Henry G. Hanson, Moro; and D. L. Reynolds, Grass Valley. Mr. Powell has been a member of the committee for several years. Because he could not spare the time to serve as chairman of the welfare board he tendered his resignation to the governor who has not accepted it at latest notice.

FSC To Buy And Distribute Surplus Fish

"Special to the Sherman County Journal from our Washington D. C. Bureau."

Washington, D. C. July 6.—Intended as a help to fishermen and the fishing industry on the Columbia river and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest is a bill authorizing the Federal Surplus Commodity Corp. to purchase surplus stocks of fish and shellfish. The bill has received a favorable report from the senate committee and will soon be placed on the calendar. By this measure the corporation is authorized to remove stocks of surplus fish in the same manner that it has brought surplus wheat, prunes, and other commodities. The fish will be distributed to families on relief.

CREDIT GIVEN GROWERS

July 6.—Warren Pierson, president of the Export-Import Bank, states that the bank is willing to cooperate with the apple and pear exporters of the Pacific Northwest in widening the market for fruit in South America. Mr. Pierson suggests that Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela are possibilities. Brazil has taken more than a \$1,000,000 of pears from America in the 1934-1937 period and an equally substantial amount of apples during those years.

New Liquor Control Commission Appointed By Governor Sprague

By A. L. Lindbeck

The long predicted re-organization of the State Liquor Control commission is at last an accomplished fact. Governor Sprague last week asked for and received the resignation of Stanley Jewett (Republican) of Portland and James D. Burns (Democrat) of Condon. He was already in possession of the resignation of Arthur K. McMahan (Democrat) of Albany, chairman of the commission, who asked to be relieved of his duties several weeks ago. Saturday the governor appointed an entirely new commission composed of Lloyd J. Wentworth (Republican) Portland lumberman, chairman; J. N. Chambers (Democrat) Salem, and Lowell Stockman (Republican) Umatilla county rancher.

Organization of the new commission is expected to be followed by the resignation of Otto J. Runte as liquor administrator and possibly a few minor shifts in the personnel of the organization but Governor Sprague insists that there will be no wholesale house-cleaning of the commission's employees.

Four hundred choice leghorn pullets destined for the laying pens at the Cottage Farm of the Oregon State Hospital, will grace the festive board instead. A patient of the institution employed on the farm, having nothing more important to occupy his time, wrung the necks of the entire flock one day this week.

Another important change in the state's official family is scheduled for July 15 when Silas Gaiser, former Salem school head, will succeed D. A. Bulmore as administrator of the unemployment compensation act. The post carries a salary of \$4500 a year.

In spite of the fact that the legislature frowns upon professional lobbyists the state, itself, through its numerous boards,

Threshed Grain Starts Coming Into Elevators

First Grain of Season Hauled In This Week; Harvesting General In Few Days

First wheat delivered to Sherman county warehouses this year was by Bud Belshe who started threshing Wednesday, July 5. It was estimated that the grain was making between 25 and 35 bushels per acre although it is too early to obtain a close estimate. Threshing has been going on in the north end of the county for a day or two but as grain there is all sacked hauling does not begin as soon as farther south where bulking is getting to be most common.

The cool weather of the past week has been of great aid to the grain south of Nigger ridge and there is now a probability that it will make a better crop than was previously estimated. Grain that was green ten days ago is now ripening with good color. The rain of Sunday night and Monday cooled the atmosphere and made it likely that it will remain cool for another week. If this happens the spring grain should be far enough advanced to produce a very good crop.

Out of the 97,863 legal acres of wheat in the county it is probable that not much more than 90,000 will be harvested for grain as many fields have been trimmed, with hay cutting machinery to cut off wheat that did not promise a satisfactory yield of wheat.

By next week it is thought that harvesting will be general over the country north of Nigger ridge although some men will not be ready to start until later. The cool weather has kept the north slopes green and fields in which here are many of these will cause some delay.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Strong, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLeod, and Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Hauffelt made up a party that drove to Bend on Monday afternoon to see the water pagant presented there that evening. They drove home that night.

commissions and departments, is probably the worst offender in this respect. This situation was brought sharply into the foreground just now through an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle holding that claims presented by two Salem attorneys for "legal services" rendered the now defunct bakery board are legitimate and must be paid. The attorneys in question were employed by the bakery board to oppose the repeal of the bakery board act during the last legislative session. Approval of the claim was withheld by the budget director on the ground that the board exceeded its authority in employing the additional legal talent.

Last of the mural paintings for the new capitol were placed last week. One of these, portraying the famous Champoug meeting adorns the walls of the Hall of Representatives. The other recording the arrival in Salem of a courier bringing the news of statehood occupies a place in the Senate chamber. Work on the huge granite groups that will guard the entrance to the capitol is expected to be completed late this month.

A total of 275 extra workers were employed by Secretary of State Earl Snell last week to handle the eleventh hour rush of renewals of operators' licenses. The extra crew was divided into three shifts in order to expediate handling of the huge flood of applications that poured in on the department as the deadline for renewal of the drivers' permits approached.

Governor Sprague left Saturday for San Francisco where on Saturday he will participate in an Oregon Day program at the Golden Gate exposition. It will be the governor's first absence from the state since taking over the reins of government last January and, incidentally, the first opportunity

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Sponsors of WPA projects under the new law must, after August, pay 25 percent of the cost. From February this year Oregon's local contribution to the project has been 23.2 percent, so the new requirement will not be much of an added burden. But from the beginning of WPA to last December the average local contribution in Oregon was 18.9 percent; Washington's 16.5. All told, as of December 1, 1938 (reported by the federal treasury), Oregon received federal WPA funds amounting to \$36,363,621; Washington, \$77,044,955. It averages about \$36 for every man, woman and child in Oregon.

Here is what the row over the devaluation of the dollar means to the Pacific Northwest wheat

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