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CHARLES PRAY

The news story that Charles Pray may not be reappointed to his post as superintendent of the Oregon State Police comes as a surprise to those who know Charley Pray and his record with the state's law enforcement body.

In the days when Governor Meier looked all over the nation to find a man able to organize a police force that was expected to cover the state, it was fortunate that Pray was discovered. Through his oragnizing ability the police has become the department of state government most respected and above political pressure. It is difficult to imagine how it could stand higher with the general public.

Pray has picked his men because they are men and because he knows one when he sees one. The respect the public accords them is proof enough. The men universally respect and revere their superintendent for his fairness. It is difficult to see how the situation can be improved by the appointment of another.

RECREATION AREA

The value of Oregon's recreational resources are often overlooked by those who toil for a living without taking time off to visit the streams and mountains of the state and look over the sights that make of Oregon a state of rare scenery.

Last week end the Order of the Antelope held its annual meeting at Hart Mountain, Lake county and many of the visitors took an extra day and saw the Malheur bird refuge in the Donner and Blitzen valley in Harney county where the marshes and stream have been bought by the government for the use of migratory birds. Stockmen are still permitted to cut hay from the land at stated seasons of the year so interference with the livestock industry is not serious.

At Hart mountain in the center of the antelope refuge eight years ago a group of men met who were interested in the preservation of the wild life of that area. An organization was formed with the sole purpose of retaining the antelope and other game. Through them a refuge has been established.

For the annual meeting invitations are issued rather generally or have been, as the purpose was to interest a large number in the project. As camping facilities are restricted it is likely that a limit of 200 will have to be made.

There is one outstanding feature of the trip. There is absolute freedom for those who go. There is no program except a brief camp fire initiation the last night. One may come at any time, camp where fancy dictates, go look at the antelope or stay in camp, talk and visit with any one, play games or sleep. There is none to urge activity or rest,

The country is covered with greasewood a couple of feet high interspersed with lakes a vast majority of which are absolutely dry. Thousands of antelope bound off in the greasewood at first sight of a car, but will approach very close if one has patience to await the effect of their natural curiousity.

People come from all over the state, from Idaho, California and other states to spend a day or two on the reserve. There is a fascination about it. Whether it comes from man's urge to return to the native state once in a while and get out in the open places or from the attraction that comes from the ability to see as far as the eye is able to look or from the view one obtains of really wild game or from the good fellowship that prevails cannot be stated by the writer.

Oregon has many thousands of acres that will be mainly useful for recreation. We in Sherman county live in the most highly tilled section of the state, at least, where the largest percentage of the land is farmed, but in many sections of the state agriculture is impossible and stock raising is hazardous because of lack of water. We have many mountains that are only useful for recreation. In all there is a goodly part of the state that is more useful for tourists than for permanent residents. As people get more time for recreation there will be more demand for places to go and for new things to see. Oregon is in position to provide them.

IF TRUE, ITS TOUGH

Will Steen of Milton, state chairman of AAA, is authority for the statement that farmers in the 1940 program will receive 86 cents for their wheat, government payment considered. The world price, he says, is but 30 cents.

We have no way of checking on the authenticy of these figures and presume them to be correct, at least according to one way of computation.

This means, then, that farmers are responsible to the government for 56 cents of each 86 cents they receive for each bushel of wheat and that the wheat is worth but 30 cents. In percentages it means that the government is subsidizing wheat farmers for 65 percent of their income and that the wheat grower is actually earning but a third of what he gets when world wheat conditions are taken into consideration.

It is an assumption that may be difficult of realization. If true it seems very possible that the farmers should do something about it for so high a percentage of reliance on the government's bounty cannot be continued—and should not be expected—for a long period of time.

No government, no matter how politically designed, can long continue such a condition for those who buy the product will permit it. When the condition becomes known, through such authoritative statements, the farmer will have to look for a place to light as certainly as the city boy who climbs in the farmer's bull while he is asleep.

In Other Days

From the Observer July 27, 1900

Dr. Taylor of Grass Valley and Miss Mattie Bailey of The Dalles were married in Oregon City on the 21st. Grass Valley will be their home.

J. A. Hand was in town Tuesday after harvest hands.

E. Peoples shipped the first load of 1900 wheat out this week.

The Hay Canyon Warehouse Co., is officered as follows: Alf Dillenger, President; A. M. Wright, Vice President; John Rasmussen, Secretary; N. P. Hansen, treasurer and manager.

Wm. Holder has his billiard table in his GSA in Shaniko, lately in use at the Moro club rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore and Mrs. McDanel were passengers northward Monday.

From the Observer July 29, 1910

Grandma Rust is visiting in The Dalles, and will go to Portland on similar mission before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woods have returned from a five week's outing. They stayed in Wallowa county until the harvesting began.

Mr. Boeson has sold 50 acres of growing potatoes to C. R. Belshee.

P. W. Davis of DeMoss has started his store once more.

Born on the 13th, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brackett of Rufus.

J. P. Strahl is laid up with a fever in his left hand.

Mrs. C. K. Cochran and sons are visiting in Sherman county.

Frank Sayrs and family are preparing for a trip to the mountains next week.

Grass Valley Journal, July 30, 1920

Johnny Schassen was in town early Wednesday morning after extras and supplies, being in the midst of harvest.

Miss Helen Witter is here from Portland visiting her father Geo. Witter.

Mrs. Will Davis and children motored from Wasco Sunday to make a short visit.

The first new wheat of this section was delivered to the elevator Tuesday by C. P. Adams. His man reports that the yield was 12 to 14 sacks.

Frank Borstel was a business visitor here Monday evening.

There will be a social hop this Saturday evening in the auditorium after the movie show.

From the Observer July 30, 1920

Mrs. W. B. Johnston and mother left Monday for a brief visit at the Perry Johnston farm home in Gilliam county.

A young stranger hired to drive wheat team for J. T. Henkle is credited with setting a stubble fire on Monday that burned over nine acres of ground and about 40 sacks of wheat.

The hot exhaust from a Caterpillar tractor set fire to the stubble in the W. B. Rice field Monday morning burning about 75 acres of ground and 1440 sacks of grain.

W. H. Hill was in town Wednesday from his farm in the Gorman district and reports that his 500 acre crop will average close to nine or ten sacks.

N. P. Hansen and family are visiting in the county from Portland.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)

Another prospect for enrichment of the state's common school fund went glimmering this week when Miss Nadie Strayer of Baker advised the State Land Board that she was abandoning gold mining operations in the Snake river midway between Huntington and Robinette. Under an agreement with the Land Board Miss Strayer's company was to pay the state a royalty on any gold taken from the stream.

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Plans for acquisition of the properties of the Mountain States Power company in Tillamook county were discussed here last week by officials of the Tillamook county peoples utility district in a conference with O. R. Bean, Oregon utilities commissioner. The PUD officials also conferred with State Engineer Chas. Stricklin relative to the expansion of the district and were advised that this could only be accomplished through an election in which both the district and the voters in the territory to be annexed express their approval. The Tillamook district, organized in 1933, is one of two such districts in Oregon.

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Charges that immoral practices are common among inmates of the state prison are denied by Warden George Alexander. The charges made by a former prisoner brought a delegation of Portland men headed by Bishop Benjamin Dagwell of the Episcopal church to Salem for a conference with Governor Sprague and Warden Alexander this week. It is understood the investigation was dropped after Alexander convinced the delegation the ex-convict was a perennial troublemaker with a record in several penal instutitions before coming to Oregon.

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Silas Gaiser, former city superintendent of schools in Salem, took over his new duties as administrator of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation act last week. Gaiser succeeds D. A. Bulmore who had served in that capacity since the commission was created.

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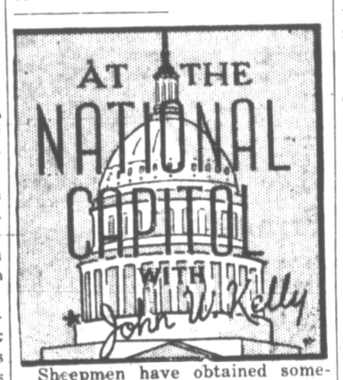
Starting a drive against alleged "chislers" the Unemployment compensation commission has filed two suits against applicants for jobless insurance charging fraud. Other suits will be filed soon according to Ralph Campbell, attorney for the commission. (Campbell said that a number of instances have come to the attention of the commission in which persons drawing unemployment compensation have returned to work at other jobs without notifying the commission. In one case jobless insurance was paid to a waitress who continued to work at her same job.

fishing in Rogue river when he visits the Pacific Coast next month. He will take along his tackle "in case" . . . . . Secretary of Interior Ickes wants to pay $9,000 a year for chief attorney for Bonneville to a young lawyer only a few years out of school. An assistant lawyer was drawing $150 a month a year ago . . . Postmaster General Jim Farley does not share the apprehension of Mr. Roosevelt and his felow cabineteer, Secretary of state Cordell Hull, that there will be a war in Europe in August. Mr. Farley left for the continent this week accompanied by his two daughters, planning a return to America in mid-September.



Sheepmen have obtained something out of the congress. After hearings and debates extending for a year and agitation which started long ago, congress has enacted a "truth-in-fabric" measure. When an article is advertised as virgin wool it must be virgin wool and not reworked wool. Opposition has come from manufacturers who mixed reprocessed wool and offered the article as made of virgin wool. The new law will protect the consumer from being imposed on and is expected to increase the market of growers.

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Reason congressmen are trying to wind up the end of this month is because a congressman pays rent by the month in advance. If the session runs to August 5, as some predict, they must pay for all of August. Average congressmen pays between $100 and $200 a month, none less than $100 and many more than $200. Since this session started rents alone have cost members about $1500 to $2000 The president would like to try

Backstage at Cavalcade

Behind the towering scenes at "Cavalcade of The Golden West," at the California World's Fair, are many amazing contrasts of old and new, as moderns wander among the props used to portray 400 years of Western history. Here Joyce Lyford, one of the beauties among the hundreds of actors and actresses, pets a yoke of oxen, of which she has become fond during their joint participation in the thrilling show.

Legionnaires Plan Big Meeting For Buddies

Salem, Oregon, July 27, 1939:—With the big state convention of the American Legion and its Auxiliaries less than a month away, the Convention commission of Capitol Unit No. 9, which will be hostess to the visiting Unit members, is working hard with the Convention committees and citizens to make the gathering the largest and most successful ever held in the state. Thursday, August 10, the opening day of the convention, is crowded full for the visitors.

The Memorial service for the departed veterans is scheduled early in the day with the Department Chaplain of the Legion, the Reverand James Osborne, and the Unit department Chaplain, Mrs. May M. Hall of Union, Oregon in charge of the program.

Immediately following, the National Department Commander, Mr. Shephen Chadwick, will conduct the opening ceremonies of the Convention. These service will be held in the Elsinore Theatre. Upon their completion, the convention proper will open their business sessions in the State Capitol building.

Other events scheduled for the day are Barbecue and Airshow in the afternoon, the Past President's dinner to be held at the Marion, with Mrs. Leon Brown making the arrangements, and the day will be climaxed with the big stunt show and vaudeville in which Units from Oregon will compete for the awards.

Friday morning, the second day of the Convention, will be ushered in with the Secretaries' and Treasurer's Breakfast at the Argo Hotel, with Mrs. Nota Henderson in charge. At noon the District Presidents' and Past Presidents' luncheon has been scheduled, Mrs. Nina Morris of Sheridan, President of District No. 2, presiding. A delightful garden tour has been arranged by Mrs. Albert Gragg, and Mrs. F. E. Anderson, President of the Salem Garden Club. The semi-formal garden of Clifford Brown will be visited; also the old-fashioned garden of Miss Salley Bush, the formal garden of Mrs. Elizabest Lord and the country garden of Mrs. Ben Schuckings, at whose place tea will be served. Saturday the last day of the convention will be devoted to business sessions, and the election of officers.

A total of 187 resident drivers involved in traffic accidents in Oregon during the month of June had no driver's licenses, according to figures reported to Earl Snell, Secretary of State. One of the accidents resulted in a fatality, and 24 in injuries.

How To Pick Good Stockings Told

One of the most persistant "clothing taxes" of the modern home, the cost of silk hose, may be materially reduced by a proper selection of suitable weights for various purposes, says Lucy R Lane extension specialist in clothing and textiles at Oregon State college.

Selecting appropriate hose, both for the occasion and for the kind she says. Poor fitting hose also of shoes worn, is a real economy cause breaks and runs. If either the foot size or leg length is wrong for the wearer, early difficulties are likely to develop.

Factors in the weight of full-fashioned silk hose are the size of the yarn, the gauge, and the number of courses. "Two-thread," "three thread" or "four thread" hose means the number of fiber strands twisted or laid together to make one yarn. Most people buy four-thread or heavies for medium wear and dressy appearance, and use two or three-thread for best dress when long wear is not expected.

"Gauge" refers to the closeness with which the hose are knit. Hose of a high gauge, of 48 or more, are finer or more closely knit and wear better in the sheer weight than those of lower guage. "Courses" are the round and round rows of knitting which show on the wrong side and increase the up and down stetch.

A recent bulletin on silk hose has been issued by the United States bureau of home economics but it is not free. It may be obtained from the government printing office for 10c.

An Aberdonian was getting married. "No doubt you will be giving us a send-off?" he said to the best man.

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "Ribbons, rice, balloons, old boots, and shoes, I expect."

"Weel, dinna forget I take nines and Maggie size three."—Kentish Mercury.

Fair Board Picks Judges For Exhibits

A fair board meeting was held Tuesday night at the office in the fair grounds and the judges who are to determine the rating of the exhibits at the fair this year were chosen.

Luther Harrol will again place the draft horse classes as he did last year. Mac Barbour will judge the light horse classes including saddle horse classes. Judges from Oregon State college will be brought here to rate the cattle, hogs and sheep and Art Spencer will pass on the quality of the poultry.

Miss Helen Cowgill will again be the judge of the domestic science and art classes and Merrill Oveson will be the judge of the crops, field and garden.

Preparations were also made for some improvements at the grounds including some new stalls in the sheep barns and work has been ordered on the track.

Oregon's first college course in safety education is being held at the Portland session of the University of Oregon summer school, it was announced today by Earl Snell, Secretary of State, a co-sponsor of the course with the state system of higher slucation. Nearly 40 students were enrolled in the course which is designed to train persons who wish to teach safety in schools, industrial or civic groups.

JUNGLE STYLIST

Osa Johnson, famous African explorer and producer of wild animal films, is shown demonstrating a high-powered elephant gun which she will carry on her next safari. Mrs. Johnson's clothes are especially designed for use in the jungle.

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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 Tuesday 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.

SHERIFF'S SALE

In virtue of an Execution issued out of the Circuit Court upon a decree in favor of Bertha Louise Bolton and against E. Fred Pickett et al in the sum of $5000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from June 15, 1933, and $369.75 with interest thereon from June 28, 1939, against the same defendants, I will sell at the Court House door in Moro, Oregon, on July 29, 1939, at the hour of 3:0[illegible] o'clock p. m. at public auction for cash, the following premises:

Lots 6 and 7 of Block 2 of the original town (now city) of Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

C. C. WILSON
Sheriff

6-30: 7-7-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Harriet Root, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Harriet Root, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: July 21, 1939

G. Herbert Root
Administrator

Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Administrator 37-40

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, Harvey F. Stone, Administrator of the Estate of Grace G. Isaacs deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, his final account, and that Tuesday, August 1st, 1939 at 10 a. m., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

Harvey F. Stone,
Administrator of the Estate of Grace G. Isaacs, Deceased.

Gavin & Gavin,
Attorneys.

Board of Equalization Meeting

Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon, on the second Monday of August, that being the 14th day of August, 1939, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of persons interested to appear at of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.

Margaret W. Peetz
37-40 County Assessor.