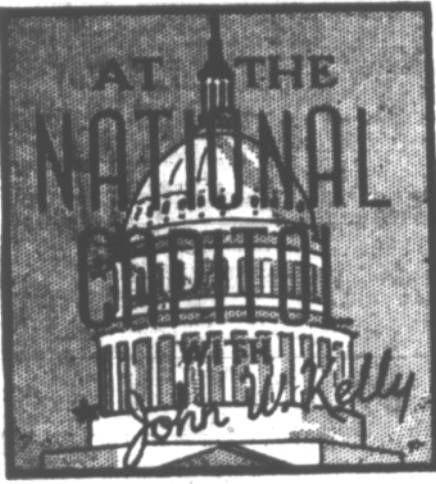


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Washington, D. C., November 9.—WHEN anti-trust suits were filed recently against 236 railroads the department of justice, in effect, placed the government in the position of suing itself. The charge is based on a provision of a law enacted in 1935 requiring the railroads to enter into agreements with trucking lines for the through routing of freight, a provision with which the roads have refused to comply.

Peculiar phase of the situation is the fact that the government, through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation—a government agency—has loaned the railroads millions of dollars and has purchased stock in railway companies until it is now a considerable holder of these securities. It is a stock holder and partner in the corporations it accuses of violating the anti-trust laws. This is only the beginning of the government's prosecution of itself. It has advanced cash to so many industries—including purchase of shares in banks—that it cannot proceed against them without jeopardizing investments made by it of taxpayers' money.

The principal—practically the only—reason the government has been compelled to come to the aid of the railroads in order to keep them going, is the ever increasing tax burden. Added to this is the fact that the railroads paid for their own "super highways" of steel and pay out of their own pockets for maintaining them in competition with other means of transportation the "highways" for which are provided largely at public expense.

One of the troubles bothering the public utility districts of Washington state is raising funds to build or acquire a system to use Bonneville energy. A similar problem confronts the PUD advocates in Oregon. To obtain finances one county in Washington has applied to Reconstruction Finance Corporation for \$225,000, and suggested that Administrator Rever of Bonneville himself make a plea to Jesse H. Jones, chairman.

The Washington PUD wishes to offer as security for the RFC loan an issue of revenue bonds. The value of a revenue bond depends whether the PUD makes enough revenue above operating expenses to pay interest on the bonds. As a revenue bond is of uncertain value and Chairman Jones is a hard headed business man, decision of RFC will be important to every PUD in the two Pacific northwest states.

For Oregon PUD's to take advantage of RFC funds (if that agency adopts a policy of financing these districts) Oregon's law must be amended and a draft is now being prepared by a young brain trust which will be given the Oregon State Grange to sponsor.

Bitter criticism of the wage-hour administration has been laid before that agency by the operators in ponderosa pine, which means practically all logging and lumbering operations east of the Cascade mountains. Owing to climatic conditions, about 40 percent of the operations are seasonal and in nine months employees and employers have to hustle. Wages, hours and working conditions have been satisfactory to those engaged but the wage-hour administration has changed all that.

According to law, seasonal work is exempted. Application was made by operators last March for this exemption but delay in decision by the administrator practically paralyzed the seasonal operations this year. The administrator refused the application in mid-October, seven months after application was filed. No more scathing denunciation of the law and its administration has been received than that sent by representatives of the industry in Oregon and Washington.

Anticipating distribution of Bonneville energy through public and private systems next year, Elec-

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Her Brother's Keeper, and Good One!



Charged with being the alleged lookout for two other boys involved in a store robbery, 17-year-old Patrick Lynch of New York was placed in legal custody of his 13-year-old sister, Nora, while awaiting sentence. Two months later Nora delivered such a well-disciplined brother to the court that Pat got a suspended sentence.

Crop Insurance Taken On More Than Half Crop

Farmers in Sherman county filed application for crop insurance very rapidly the last few days in October when the insurance period for fall wheat ended. A total of 241 applications were received by Deway Thompson, county administrator which is over 50% of the total acres to be seeded for the 1940 crop.

Of the slightly over 107,000 acres that may be sown in Sherman county under the AAA for 1940 crop 56,724 acres are already insured. A number of farmers do not expect to seed this fall, the rains being so late—if at all—and these may later decide to insure their crop in the spring which will be permissible under much the same rules.

School Budget Cut At Wasco

A roomful of taxpayers gathered to fall upon the Wasco school budget at the final hearing and reduce it in size from \$18,000 to \$14,000 last week. More than \$4,000 was taken from the total a large part of it being sliced from the emergency fund, although there was also a reduction in the amount allowed for instruction supplies.

County Pays Claims Against Road and General Funds

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER TERM, 1939. November 1, 1939 being the time for the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, the Honorable County Court did meet on the said date in the County Court house at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

The following members being present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; David Reed, County Commissioner; T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney; Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the Road Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of the petition of J. J. Dicker and J. H. Wilson to open and maintain as a county road the one-fourth mile running east and west between NE1 of Section 31, and the SE1 of section 30, Twp. 4 S. R. 18 E. W. M. Clerk directed to write letter to L. V. Walton instructing him that said road had not been officially closed and directing him to remove his fence and any and all obstructions from said road. Letter and petition filed in County Court file No. 127.

In the matter of cancellation of delinquent taxes on lands acquired by the State of Oregon. Order canceling taxes signed by Sheriff.

Banquet For 4-H Club Children Set For Nov. 15

The banquet for 4-H club children of the county, which has become an annual event, will be held this year at the Odd-Fellows hall in Grass Valley according to Wily Knighten, school superintendent, and Leroy Wright, county agent, who are arranging the affair in behalf of the Moro Breakfast club, sponsors this year.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 Wednesday, November 15 and the ladies of the Grass Valley Rebekah lodge will prepare the dinner and serve it.

Main speaker for the evening has not been selected by the committee in charge, but R. L. Clark has promised to come and talk to the club boys and girls who all know him from his work during livestock expositions. O. M. Plummer, manager of the exposition has been asked to come as has H. C. Seymour, state club leader. Frederick Hunter, chancellor of the state schools may be obtained for the evening.

Wily Knighten, president of the Breakfast club, will preside and all club children who have made a record of note this year will be on hand for the occasion. Awards for the years work will be presented during the evening.

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No More Pension Applications Now Says Board

The public welfare committee met Wednesday morning and voted to comply with the order of the state commission that no more applications for pensions be allowed for a time due to the lowness of the public relief fund. It is reported that of the \$9,360,000 appropriated for public assistance \$3,121,218 has been expended in the first nine months of the biennium. Re-investigations are to be made of relief applicants all over the state.

Further notice was given to the effect that a clinic for crippled children will be held in The Dalles November 15th for patients from Sherman county.

Any person under 21 of normal mentality who has a deformed condition of the bones points of muscles, or who is suffering from a deformity, may attend the diagnostic clinic when directed by parents or doctors. Cleft palate; harelip, bonecontractions and plastic skin contractions are included. Appointments must be made through the county health nurse or public welfare commission.

Fred Justesens Married Fifty Years

Open house will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesens east of Kent next Sunday afternoon from two until six o'clock, in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the couple. They were married in Omaha, November 13, 1889 and have been residents of this county for most of the time since then.

Their children, all sons, Arthur, Tate, Harry and Roy, are expected to be present and to act as hosts for the friends who will come in to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Justesens on their golden wedding anniversary.

Wilson Speaks At Shrine Presentation

The Moro school prepared a program commemorating the constitution which was given last Saturday night at the school house in conjunction with the presentation of a shrine of the document by the Masonic lodge.

The program well interpreted the events leading up to the writing of the nation's basic law having it in a review of the value of the constitution by Miss Leisz who said the program's purpose was to counter act criticism of minor defects in the constitution and emphasize its many advantages over other forms of government.

Judge Fred Wilson of The Dalles, was the speaker of the evening and he reviewed and explained the constitution giving special attention to the first amendments which embody the bill of rights. He declared the three greatest steps taken by civilization to be the Mosaic laws, the Beatitudes and the Constitution.

H. B. Pinkerton presented the shrine for the lodge and Melvin Schadewitz accepted for the school.

Six Man Football Fast and Furious

Six man football has come to the rescue of football enthusiasts who have had no opportunity to watch local boys on the gridiron for several seasons. While the Wasco team has played several games this season it was not until Tuesday that a game was played with both teams being from this county.

Wasco's larger and more experienced team won from the Grass Valley boys by a 21 to 0 score but only after a series of tussles and passes and runs that were exciting enough for any gridiron follower.

Wasco's score in the first quarter was followed by a drop kick that made them an extra point. O'Meara carried the ball over on straight line play. Wasco scored again on a pass and were then held until the final quarter.

The game was open making the plays easy to watch; runs are usually longer and teams must make 15 yards to four downs instead of ten as in regular football.

AA Administrator To Speak At Condon Meeting

Condon Preparing For Biggest Meeting In History Of Wheat League

R. M. "Spike" Evans, administrator of the AAA, will attend the twelfth annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Condon December 8 and 9, according to definite assurance received by H. D. Proudfoot, president of the league.

While high officials of the United States department of agriculture have previously attended the wheat league meetings, including Harry Brown, assistant secretary, last year, this will be the first time that the AAA administrator has been present. Also on the program will be N. E. Dodd, director of the western division of the AAA, as well as specialists in production and economics from Oregon State college and elsewhere.

Adding to the national importance of this year's convention is the fact that at least a dozen wheat growing states are sending delegates in connection with the national contest on wheat acreage compliance sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league this year. Results of this contest are now being compiled, after which national and state awards will be made at the convention.

Faced with the prospects of the largest attendance in history, people of Condon have rallied to the support of the convention and are giving assurance that ample accommodations will be available for every one, reports Ed Nelson, chairman of the arrangement committee. Nelson is requesting however, that reservations be made in advance, so far as possible, so that there will be no last minute confusion in getting everyone placed.

The Condon grain growers' organization is cooperating by offering three prizes for those who attend the convention from the longest distance. The annual banquet on Friday night, always a highlight of the convention, will be presided over by Earl Snell, secretary of state, as toastmaster. Snell, long an Arlington business man, has attended a number of the league conventions.

The principal address at the banquet will be by President Bruce Baxter of Willamette university, considered one of the finest speakers in the entire state.

Moro Women Have Guest Day

The Moro Women's Club held its annual guest day meeting Friday, November 3rd with Mrs. H. S. Conlee, Mrs. Lewis McKee and Mrs. Stanley Colesch acting as hostesses.

After a very brief business session of reading minutes and hearing committee reports, the members answered rollcall by introducing their guest, or by giving their excuse for not having one.

Mrs. T. S. Reese, who was the director of the program for the afternoon, read a very clever "Welcome" poem, which made the guests feel at home. She also read three short poems, "Star Dust Crowns," "A Peace Garment," and "Golden Stubble Fields," written by Mrs. Bee Macnab of Wasco.

Club singing was enjoyed by all. The main feature of the program was the review of "The Yearling" by Mrs. R. G. Cunliffe, who gave a brief sketch of the life of the author, Marjorie Rawlings, as well as comparison of this book with others by the same author.

The next meeting will be held November 17, under the direction of the music department. More information regarding the bazaar will be found in the local paper and on attractive posters placed in conspicuous places.

BEN DAUGHERTY DIES

Ben Daugherty, former resident of the south end of the county, who had been living below The Dalles for the past few years, died at his home there last week and was buried Saturday. Mr. Daugherty was an early settler in this county taking up land near Kent. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Arch Russell of Lyle, Wash., and Mrs. Bessie Mulkey of Oakland.

Same Board Elected To Rule AAA Here

Delegates from the five communities of the county met at the court house Wednesday morning and elected the county committee whose members will handle the work of administering the AAA for Sherman county for the next year.

Renamed were Joe Peters of Moro, Arthur J. Smith of Wasco and Wallace May of Grass Valley, and Durward Helyer of Kent, and G. H. Root of Locust Grove, were made first and second alternates respectively.

The delegates at the meeting were Joe Peters, Lou Clark, Floyd Root, H. D. Proudfoot and George Wilcox.

Girl Scouts Elevated In Rank

Last Saturday, the Moro Troop of Girl Scouts entertained a troop of ten girls from The Dalles. The weather being very

pleasant, the groups motored to Gordon Ridge, overlooking the Deschutes river, for the days program.

Mrs. Rex Miles, leader of The Dalles troop, presided at an Investiture ceremony, at which the Moro girls passed the Tenderfoot test and received their Girl Scout pins.

A picnic lunch followed, with weiners being roasted over "properly built" campfires.

The afternoon was spent in trailing over the hills, and in playing games.

The Moro troop, with Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, and Mrs. A. M. Nelson as leaders, is composed of the following girls: Anajean Knighten, Patty French, Donella Nelson, Mary Lou Sayrs, Dorothy May, Frances Greer, Veda Belshie, Gloria Douma and Patricia Pinkerton.

Former Resident Gets Census Job

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9. Special.—Despite vehement objections filed by State Chairman Tierney, the appointment is announced of Byron G. Carney, former state senator from Clackamas county, as census manager for Oregon. A. R. McCall, publisher of the Rainier Review, has been named as assistant area manager.

Oregon To Try Stamp Plan of Relief Fund Distribution

By A. L. Lindbeck

Oregon may become the first state to adopt the stamp plan for the distribution of surplus farm commodities to persons on relief. The plan, already in operation in a number of cities throughout the country, was discussed at a conference with Governor Sprague here this week attended by Relief Administrator Elmer Goudy and members of the state relief committee.

Under the proposed plan public welfare clients may spend a portion of their relief check for orange stamps which are exchangeable for supplies at all retail stores. With each \$1 orange stamp the reliever would be given a 50 cent blue stamp good only for surplus commodities as designated by the federal department of agriculture. These also would be distributed through regular retail channels.

Jonathan Garst, of San Francisco, regional director of the Federal Surplus Commodities Commission, was in Portland this week discussing the plan with members of the state relief commission. It is understood that it was his recommendation that the plan be first tried out in Multnomah county before being made state wide.

This proposal has been submitted to the regional FSOC and the federal department of agriculture for approval before being made operative. Distribution of surplus commodities under the proposed plan would be in addition to regular supplies available to relief clients, it is explained.

Increased efficiency in the oper-

Utility Valuations Drop Slightly In This County

Light Company's Assessment Raised \$10,000 Despite General Decrease Here

Receipt of information from the state tax commission by Margaret Pertz, county assessor, is that the total valuation of public service companies in Sherman county has declined because of a lowered county ratio. Whereas last year such company's property was valued at \$1,690,040.87 this year it is valued at \$1,676,166.08 a decline of \$13,875.79.

Despite this fact the Pacific Power & Light company's valuation has increased from \$145,853.48 last year to \$155,706.60 for 1939. The commission placed a smaller value on transmission lines but increased other property to more than compensate for this loss. Transmission lines in this county are valued at \$665 per mile and distribution lines at \$75 per mile. There are 112 miles of the former.

Railroads Down

The railroads are much the larger holders of public utility property in this county having a total of \$1,364,620.25 here when yards, side tracks and equipment are included.

The remaining companies are express companies, tank car companies, Pullman companies and Western Union, which pays taxes on \$16,354.59 in Sherman county.

The main line track across the north end of the county is valued at \$37,100 per mile and yard and side track is assessed at \$18,550 per mile. The Shaniko branch line is worth less for its value is put at \$9,590 per mile which makes the total value well over half a million dollars.

Card Parties Begin At Kent

The first in a series of Public "500" card parties given by the Kent Rebekah lodge was held Saturday night November 4, with 43 people in attendance. There were 10 tables of cards. High scores were won by Mrs. Roy Barnett and A. A. Dunlap. Refreshments of sandwiches, pumpkin pie and coffee were served. The card table which is to be the grand prize for the series was on display. The next card party is scheduled for December 2, the first Saturday night in the month.

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ation of liquor stores, with, incidentally a reduction in the employed personnel, together with the increase in the retail price of liquor were credited by Governor Sprague this week for the increase in profits of the Liquor Control commission for September, 1939, over the same month a year ago as recorded in the commission's report released this week. A number of changes have been made in the liquor control personnel since the recent reorganization of the commission with a substantial reduction in the number of employees on the commission's payroll, Sprague said.

Members of the Board of Control participated in the dedication of Oregon's new tuberculosis hospital at Portland last Wednesday. The hospital, constructed as a unit of the University of Oregon medical school has accommodations for 40 patients with a waiting list far in excess of that number. This is the third state institution dedicated to the treatment of tuberculosis victims, the others being located in Salem and The Dalles. The state contributed \$110,000 toward the construction cost of the new institution with the Julius Meier estate contributed \$50,000 and the Public Works Administration providing a grant of \$130,000.

The Salem American Legion Post, weary of waiting for the state to provide a flag pole for the new capitol, has volunteered to underwrite the cost of at least one pole, estimated at from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

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