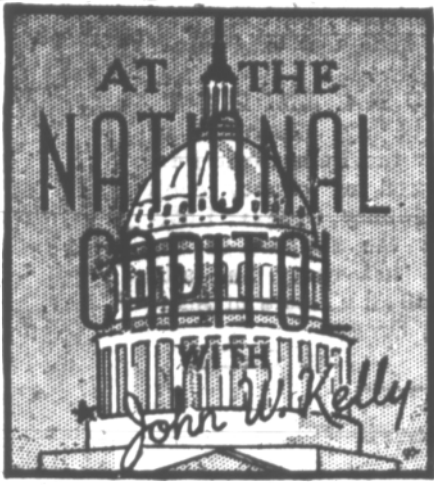


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Notwithstanding that the congress is retarding development of Bonneville power system and slowing down the work being rushed on Grand Coulee, nothing can stop the development of Washington and Oregon through these projects. Congress is not as enthusiastic for government ownership as it was and looks at Bonneville with a cold eye. Congress is peculiar. When the late J. D. Ross was administrator he was given all the money he requested by telling the lawmakers that he had applications for every kilowatt. Now when Administrator Raver is actually selling power and believes a start should be made to have the full generating capacity installed, congress refuses even the foundation for the re-budget for transmission lines, meaning units and slash's the One reason for the change of attitude is resentment of congress men at the activity of men on Bonneville payroll in promoting public utility districts.

Because of the millions already invested in Grand Coulee, congress cannot afford to discontinue that project before it is ready to irrigate more than one million acres. But there is a sentiment in congress that Grand Coulee need not be expedited.

Taken together, these projects will gradually and eventually change the economic conditions and life of the Pacific northwest. In this same connection of government subsidized power, congress is now preparing legislation which will necessitate TVA to materially increase its rates to raise money to pay five states revenue lost in taxes when TVA put private utilities out of business.

Not generally known is that there has been resentment against Bonneville in Idaho from the day the late Mr. Ross announced he planned sending electric energy into southern Idaho. This was enthusiastically approved by Jim Pope, Idaho senator, and contributed to Pope's defeat for reelection. The Idaho people realized that if Ross accomplished his purpose it would prevent Idaho ever developing its own water power resources. In the recent hearings of the appropriations committee Administrator Raver declared he had no intention of invading Idaho; besides, he explained, power cannot be sent 500 miles, which Ross said it could.

Among other recommendations the house committee investigating NLRB will make is one that no employer be required to negotiate for collective bargaining with any labor union representative who is not an American citizen. This would affect several labor leaders in the Pacific northwest who are aliens. Another recommendation being considered is that when an employee is discharged the NLRB cannot order him re-hired and given back pay for a longer period than six months. Purpose of this is to force the board to act more promptly on cases and prohibit the board from ordering employers to pay men for two and more years back pay as has sometimes occurred. There are instances where the back pay of a number of men was so great that the employers had to go out of business.

Farm Credit Administration, the agency from which thousands of farmers of Washington and Oregon have received loans, is going through a transformation which has so alarmed the farm bloc in senate and house that measures will be taken to remove this agency from the Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. FCA was given to department of agriculture by President Roosevelt's reorganization last year. In recent weeks FCA has asked for the resignations of all the key men who have been with the organization and Secretary Wallace and

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Finn Troops View 'Gift' From Invaders



White-clad Finnish soldiers give a "stolen" machine gun a thorough examination before putting it back in commission against its former owners. A foreign military observer estimated that 100,000 Russian soldiers lost their lives in bending the Mannerheim line far enough to threaten the city of Viborg. Finnish newspapers report that Russian material losses so far have amounted to 476 planes, 1,193 tanks, 302 field guns, 339 guns, 630 motor tractors, 117 field kitchens, 1,560 horses and much other miscellaneous equipment.

County Court Orders Election On School Bill

County court, in session for the March term, ordered a special election in this county April 16 on the question of adoption of the county school law. This action was taken because of a number of petitions presented to the court bearing the names of more than the required 100 signers.

The election will be held at the regular hours in the regular voting places in each precinct of the county. Duly appointed election officials will be in charge of the election.

A group of five telephone companies of the north end of the county asked for rights of way along the county roads and this was granted by the court. Several men presented themselves to transact business with the county's board of directors and the meeting held over until the afternoon before the bills were finally ordered paid and the regular business concluded.

REID TO RUN FOR COMMISSIONER

David Reid, county commissioner, announced this week that he will be a candidate to succeed himself and his petitions are being circulated so that his name may be on the ballot at the primary election to be held May 17.

District Attorney Johnson is another who will stand for election this year, his first term expiring next January.

Changes Made In Personnel of State Boards March First As New Appointees Take Over Offices

Salem, Ore. Mar. 7—The past week has seen a number of changes in the personnel of state boards, commissions and department heads. Merrill Ross, Portland mortician, was appointed by Governor Sprague to succeed Charles Leach, also of Portland, as a member of the State Game commission. Mac Hoke, Pendleton rancher, was selected to succeed Edward C. Pease of The Dalles as a member of the state board of higher education. Seth Thompson, Portland insurance man, took over his new duties as state insurance commissioner on Mar. 1, succeeding Hugh H. Earle, a democrat.

Appointment of Hoke to a place on the higher education board leaves a vacancy on the state board of agriculture of which he was chairman. Governor Sprague is expected to announce his choice for the agriculture board seat this week.

As his first official act after taking over the insurance post Commissioner Thompson announced the appointment of William F. Leary as his chief deputy. Leary succeeded James Schon who has served as chief deputy insurance commissioner for the past ten years. Leary, formerly a res-

New Rate On Wheat Filed; Effective April 5

The new and reduced freight rate on wheat from the Shaniko, Condon and Heppner branches of the Union Pacific was filed this week and will go into effect on April 5, unless protests are filed in sufficient number and quality to cause the public utility commissioner to postpone that action.

The rate will reduce the cost of shipping wheat to Portland by 1.8 cents a bushel on this branch and by 1.2 cents per bushel on the Condon and Heppner branches. Lowered rates are also expected on the main line.

It is expected that this reduction is the fore runner of further reductions on the part of the railroad for the products of the Columbia basin and eastern Oregon in general.

The reports that protests against the new rate would be filed by The Dalles and Arlington have been incorrect. Decision was made by the business men of The Dalles to support the reduction at a meeting held Wednesday and it is understood that the Port of Arlington will enter no protest.

Fears that the Inland Empire Waterways association would make a protest have not been realized. A letter from Charles Powell returned this week from Portland where he has spent the winter. He is ready for spring work.

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Crop Insurance Taken Out By 354 Farmers

When applications for crop insurance for 1940 were totaled after the dead line of February 29, it was discovered by Dewey Thompson, administrator for Sherman county that 63,867 acres were insured which is more than 59 percent of the total in crop.

The compilation further showed that the yield of this acreage was normal in that its average is the same as the county as a whole. This indicates that neither the poorer producing land or the better land is included in greater volume.

A complete failure of wheat will cause the government to give the insured 700,526 bushels of wheat. For this service the government collected 48,616 bushels as the premiums from the 354 applicants.

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Peterson Talks Twice On School Change Bill

Operation of County School Law In Klamath County Told By Superintendent

Fred Peterson, superintendent of schools of Klamath county, spoke before a group of interested citizens Friday night at the Wasco school and told of the operation of the county school law in the southern county.

Mr. Peterson was superintendent before the law was passed in Klamath county in 1922 and has remained in that position continuously since then giving him a knowledge of the two styles of school management.

In true school masterly manner occasionally asking his audience to repeat a point after him, Mr. Peterson explained the school system in detail telling how some schools were consolidated when advantages were realized. He repeated several times that no board of directors could advance faster than public sentiment. In answer to a question he cited an instance, when a one room school had been re-established after it had once been abandoned because of community desire for it.

When the county school law was adopted in Klamath county there were about 1000 pupils and the cost of operation was around \$90 each. This was reduced to \$55 within a year but the demand for new buildings and better education has brought it up to \$114. The district operates 45 schools now has 4500 pupils hires about 175 teachers and runs at a cost of less than 8 mills although a large part of Klamath county is in federal timber or in Indian reservation.

Harry Wilson, one of the board of directors, accompanied Mr. Peterson and spoke briefly about the attitude of Klamath county residents on the county school law. He said that it was satisfactory and that rural people liked the opportunity to send their children to larger schools where they have the same advantages as town children.

The two men appeared at the Pomona grange meeting Saturday afternoon and talked to the group there answering many questions. At each meeting Mr. Peterson was asked what he would do in this county about school consolidation at present. He consistently refused to answer because of his lack of experience and information about this county and he remarked that the county school board could not advance beyond public sentiment is the only indication of what his action would be in this matter.

Child Conferences To Be Held

Miss Lucille Vale, county health nurse, reports that child health conferences will be held in Sherman county March 11, 12, and 13. Dr. M. C. Davis, rural district doctor, Oregon state board of health will be the examining doctor.

The first conference will be held in Moro, Monday March 11, at the Woman's club building. Appointments to be made by Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Phone 494.

On Tuesday, March 12, a conference will be held with Mrs. Th. von Borstel, Phone 4E3.

Wednesday March 13, the conference will be held in Wasco at the library. Appointments to be made with Mrs. Virginia McIntyre, Phone 663.

Immunization for diphtheria, vaccinations for smallpox and Schick testing will be done at this time.

RAINS SLOW DOWN

Rains that made the week before this one of the wettest in the history of the county slowed down this week to cloudy weather with intermittent showers. There was still enough moisture falling to keep the fields a dark brown and in many cases enough to keep farmers from seriously contemplating farm work. Work has begun in the north end of the county but from Gordon ridge south little is being done in the fields. Farmers are anxious to get their spring wheat in by the fifteenth but it now appears that many will fail in this ambition.

Elevator Increase Voted By Board of Cooperatives

Decision to go ahead, on a small scale, with the proposal to build an elevator in The Dalles was made at a meeting of the directors of the Sherman county cooperatives and the Wasco county grain growers.

It is understood that the directors, at a meeting held last week, voted to take at a nominal sum the facilities of the Wasco County Grain Growers and increase it in size by some 30,000 bushels in order to make it a suitable transfer point for the shipment of wheat.

Each one of the four organizations will furnish a part of the needed funds and share alike in the returns from the venture.

Four directors of the new corporation have been named. They are Roy J. Baker for Grass Valley, Joe Peters for Moro, A. C. Kaseberg for Wasco, L. J. Kelly for the Wasco county group. A fifth director will be chosen by the four.

March 16 Last Day To Register

March 16 is the last day on which to register for voting at the special election to be held on April 16, 1940 and the primary nominating election to be held on May 17, 1940, warns Joe Truitt, county clerk.

The county clerk's office in the courthouse is open between the hours of 8 and 12 o'clock each morning and from 1 to 5 o'clock each afternoon, except Sundays. On March 16, the last day for registration, the county clerk's office will be open from 8 o'clock a.m. continuously until 8 p.m. Appointments may be made by those voters who are unable to register during these hours, or by any one physically unable to appear at the courthouse for registration.

All persons who have moved since the last election, women who have married, new comers in the state and county and those who have reached the age of 21 years since the last election, or who will be 21 years of age prior to April 16, should register on or before March 16. A six months residence in the state is necessary, besides the regular qualifications of citizenship and legal age.

The county clerk has made it convenient for those living in the following precincts to call upon their local registrars, Mrs. Opal Harty at Rufus; Joseph A. Moo, at Wasco; L. D. Pike at Grass Valley and J. E. Norton at Kent.

Wasco Play Well Attended

"It Happened One Night," a three act play presented at the Opera House Saturday evening, was unusually well received. Several extra numbers were given by Gordon Rich in a vocal solo accompanied by Wm. Clotier and the music by the Girls' High School orchestra of Moro; Jocile Peters, Audrey Baker, Bonnie Peters, Audrey Searey, Ardis Pruitt, Vera Hendricks and Clara Messenger. Characters in the play were taken by Cleone Kirkley, William Clotier, Lois Hilberland, Georgia Bracklen, Glenn VanGilder, Robert Belknap, and Virginia McIntyre.

After the evening's entertainment members of the Garden club entertained with a buffet supper for members of the cast and others assisting in the show.

PALESTINIAN TRAVELER TO SPEAK

The mid-year rally of the Sherman County Sunday school association will be held in the Methodist church at Wasco on Sunday March 17th. As usual it will begin with a dinner at noon with an interesting program of reports from the Sunday school superintendents, music and other worthwhile things.

A special treat on this occasion will be a talk by Dr. A. E. Roy, of the firm of Roy & Molin, jewelers and opticians in Portland. Dr. Roy is a well-known Christian Layman who has been privileged to travel in Europe and Palestine within the last year. He will recount some of his experiences on the trip.

Erosion, Weeds Topics for Talks Before Farmers

King, Belanger and Jenkins Review Work and Tell of New Developments

Three men from the research and extension services joined forces Wednesday afternoon to bring farmers a discussion of erosion and weed problems.

Arthur King opened the meeting by giving a clear statement of the basic problem of erosion. He explained that each acre of soil contains just so much of the elements that permit plant life, the chemical compounds and the organic matter. Each crop takes some of these from the earth. If these elements are permitted to wash or blow away the land is able to produce fewer crops and its value is reduced.

For instance there is about 3000 pounds of nitrogen in an acre of ordinary soil. A crop of 20 bushel wheat removes 25 pounds and an additional 18 pounds is contained in the straw. This would provide for 70 crops if it could all be removed, which it cannot.

Proper tillage and proper soil handling methods increase the nitrogen in the soil as proper cultivation makes it available to plants.

Joe Belanger, who is experimenting in summerfallow methods at the local experiment station, told of the work he is doing with three types of fallow, the regular moldboard, the disc and the lister plowed. The experiment has been going on but one year and that not typical and no results can be proven. Indications are that the method will show best that is able to retain the greatest amount of moisture in the fallow.

Lawrence Jenkins talked about the weed situation and reviewed the weed control district law. Sodium chlorate put on at about 4 pounds per acre is apparently the best way to treat morning glory. Carbon bisulphide does a better job of killing white top although one of the three varieties of that weed can be killed with sodium chlorate.

Dies-I oil has been successfully tried in some places but is not recommended. The cultivation method has been advocated by the experimenters at Granger, Idaho, who advocate plowing morning glory 12 to 16 days after it first comes up in the spring and 6 to 8 days after it comes up after that. Three summerfallows and two croppings are said to kill the weed with this method.

While there was not a large crowd of farmers present those in attendance seemed interested and asked many questions of the speakers. This was the third of similar meetings and the men went to Gilliam county for another meeting Thursday.

New Method of Premiums Made

An entirely new arrangement of premium money for the poultry and rabbit shows at the Oregon state fair has been inaugurated for the 1940 fair this fall, announces J. D. Mickle, director of the state department of agriculture and for the fair.

This year premiums will be based on the number of entries with prize money ranging higher in proportion to the number of entries made, either in the singles or pen classifications.

This plan has been suggested by Edward Shearer of Estacoda who will be superintendent of the poultry department this fall for his 25th year. Here's the way it will work: Total premium money on single birds, one entry \$1, two entry, \$1.75; three to five entries, \$3; six to eight entries, \$7; nine to 11 entries, \$12.50; 12 or more entries \$16.50. Pen entries will have a similar scale.

BIDS OPENED

The contract for the road west of Wasco will be let this week by the Oregon State Highway commission and it is expected that the job will be done in plenty of time for wheat hauling.

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