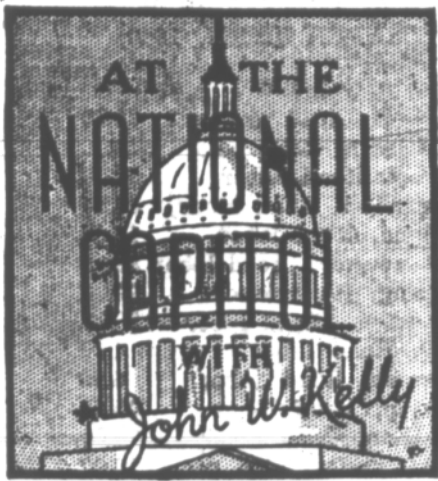


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Washington, D. C., March 15—Inasmuch as 55,572 farmers and stockmen of Oregon and Washington have borrowed \$159,772,635 from Farm Credit administration between May 1933, and December 31, 1939, the present shakeup in that organization becomes a personal matter in the Pacific northwest. In the purge now being conducted by the secretary of agriculture, with the approval of President Roosevelt, Albert S. Goss has been asked for his resignation as land bank commissioner.

Mr. Goss is known to all range members of the two states as he was master of the state grange of Washington at one time, later became a lobbyist for the grange; was a director of the Federal Land bank at Spokane, and then came to the national capital.

Also of importance to prospective borrowers from FCA are two bills in the congress to reduce to three percent farm loan interest rates, which at present are three and one-half percent on land bank loans first mortgage obligations and four percent on land bank commissioner loans, second mortgage obligations. At present the federal government has one-third, or \$2,500,000,000 of the nation's farm loan business of seven billion. Reduction of interest to 3 percent, it is predicted by FCA, will give the government almost a monopoly on the business.

Temper of the house of representatives toward Bonneville program was demonstrated when by a tie vote a proposal to forbid any of the appropriation for the enterprise to be used for building transmission lines from Pasco to Pendleton and from Pasco to Colfax. Representatives of Washington and Oregon had to call upon all their friends to help them kill the amendment. Argument for the proposed restriction was that those areas in eastern Washington and Oregon are now served by private utilities and transmission lines from Bonneville would not have enough customers to pay out.

By only three votes the house defeated a proposed amendment prohibiting salaries or expenses be paid to any Bonneville employee violating the Hatch "purity in politics" act. There was a general denunciation of Bonneville workers promoting and electioneering in the campaign to create PUDs. The only reason this amendment was defeated was because it is held that the Hatch act now takes care of violators and special legislation for Bonneville is not necessary.

At this writing it appears that the employers and the CIO and AFL are dissatisfied with the National Labor Relations board can look for a real battle over proposals to amend the Wagner act. Mary Norton, New Jersey state legislator, chairman of the house committee on labor, intends doing nothing with proposed amendments until next year and there is a movement in the house to take the matter out of her hands completely. One difficulty about amendment is that none of the three—CIO, AFL or employers—can agree on what changes should be made. Tip from the White House is that Roosevelt wants the present members of the board ousted, but he cannot, himself, fire them; but this can be accomplished through amendments by the congress.

There is a gold and silver mine in eastern Washington employing 500 people and which produced \$3,000,000 last year. It is in the region which the department of the interior wishes made into a national park. If it becomes a park, transmission lines carrying power to the mine cannot go thru the reserve. Representative Leavy, Spokane, asked Secretary Ickes point blank if he intends creating the so-called Cascade national park. The secretary did not answer yes or no; said if such a park was recommended by the

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Power Line For
Kent District
Nearing ApprovalPrivate Line Contemplated
To Serve Michigan
Community and Others

A meeting was held at the Kent grange hall last Saturday afternoon with the residents of the territory who are trying to obtain a power line for the district between Grass Valley and Kent, and officials of the Pacific Power & Light company attending.

No definite agreement was reached about the projected line as two alternatives were made to the farmers along the line.

The new line will start from Grass Valley and run south to the road running east to Roy Barnett's place; from there it will go south again to the Carl Schadewitz place and from there east to Kent. Customers near the line will build their own lines to their buildings. If only the direct line is built the users will put up a pre-payment of \$3800, and it is understood that this has been arranged.

Michigan Community
To Be Served

The other alternative is that a private line be constructed to connect with the main line at the corner of Sec. 15 and the George Schwartz place and run west and south to serve the Lemley, Davis, Coyle, Schilling, Eakin, Todd and Ball places and others that wished to join in the ownership of the line. If this is done the pre-payment on the main line will be \$2000.

It is the belief of both sides of the deal that all arrangements will be completed in a few weeks and that work will be done this summer.

Mrs. Mae Murchie
Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Mae Murchie, 75, long-time resident of the Wasco community, died at the home of her daughter at Bonneville Wednesday after a brief illness.

Mrs. Murchie was born, Mae Andrews, in Grand Rapids, Mich., and later moved to Minnesota with her parents. They came to Sherman county in 1881, and the deceased had been a resident of this county ever since. She was married to William Murchie in February, 1885.

Deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Berger of Bonneville, and one grand daughter, Mrs. Maxine Wortman of Pendleton. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Zell's funeral home in The Dalles with interment in the Odd-Fellows cemetery at that city.

Oregon Taxpayers Found To Pay Less Taxes
Than Those of California and Washington

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore., March 14—While the people of Oregon contributed an average of \$28.77 per capita toward the support of state government in 1939, it cost the people of Washington \$38.23 per capita and the people of California \$50.88 per capita to finance the activities of their respective state governments.

These figures compiled by Wallace S. Wharton, state tax commissioner, include all revenues collected for the support of state government including property taxes, income taxes, gasoline taxes, motor vehicle licenses, etc.

Gasoline taxes alone cost the people of Oregon an average of \$1.25 per capita, compared to \$9.36 in Washington and \$7.72 in California. Motor vehicle licenses accounted for another \$3.07 per capita in Oregon, \$2.66 in Washington and \$2.15 in California. Comparison of these figures would indicate that the people of Oregon not only own more automobiles in proportion to the state's population but that they also bought more gasoline than did the people of either of the neighboring states.

While Oregon residents were contributing at the rate of \$4.75

Womans Club
Hears Of, Sees
Crime Pictures

Last Friday evening, March 8 the Moro Womens Club held its annual husbands night meeting. This meeting which is especially arranged for the pleasure of the husbands was in the form of a banquet with turkey and all the trimmings, followed by a program prepared by Mrs. W. Ray Blake.

A few words of welcome were extended to the honor guests by Mrs. Millard Eakin to which M. M. Oveson responded in a capable manner. Mrs. Russel Hollinshead gave an essay impersonating a little girls idea of a husband. Two pianologues given by Annajean Knight, "Sister's Best Feller" and "Retribution" were much enjoyed by all. A vocal solo, "God Bless America" was rendered by Mrs. Hollinshead.

T. Lehard Brown of The Dalles, guest speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Blake. He spoke on "Crime Detection and Its Prosecution". He also showed pictures explaining methods used in finding evidence as carried on in the laboratory in connection with the University of Oregon Medical school in Portland. It was through Mr. Brown's efforts that this laboratory was established, it was said.

Although some of the pictures were a little gruesome, one could appreciate the fact that much is being done to make this world a better place in which to live.

A pleasant and instructive evening ended by all singing "My Oregon".

Wasco P. T. A.
Installs Officers

A meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association was held and Mrs. A. B. Clough of Arlington was here to install the officers of the Wasco association. Mrs. Ormond Hilderbrand was installed as president, Mrs. A. McIntyre as vice-president, Mrs. E. P. Edwards as secretary and Robert Belknap as treasurer.

Committees were appointed to write a constitution and by-laws and to increase membership. Special committees were named to work with the school on the Mid-Columbia band festival which is to be held in Wasco May 4. Another committee will investigate the cost of making a tennis court on the American Legion property. Mrs. Scroggins was here with Mrs. Clough.

Three eastern Oregon men were arrested in February for failure to secure brand inspections while moving cattle, records of the state department of agriculture division of animal industry show. The brand inspection law, copies of which may be obtained from the department of agriculture, was enacted by the 1939 legislature.

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per capita through the medium of the income tax, residents of Washington, which state has no income tax, were contributing at the rate of \$9.88 per capita thru the medium of the sales tax. At the same time residents of California were being taxed thru both of these taxes at the rate of \$14.29 per capita via the sales tax and \$6.65 through the income tax.

Payroll taxes for financing the unemployment compensation fund of the three coast states averaged \$6.27 per capita in Oregon, \$6.07 in Washington and \$12.25 in California.

Oregon levied no taxes against property for state purposes in 1939 but in Washington property taxes averaged \$2.45 per capita while in California revenues from this source averaged \$1.80 per capita.

Attorney General Van Winkle this week filed with the United States supreme court Oregon's brief in the suit filed by the Standard Oil company of California in an effort to establish title to certain valuable oil lands in the southern state. Oregon's interest in the case lies in the fact that the lands in dispute are school lands to which Secretary of the

Action On
County Political
Front FasterMore Candidates File
For County Jobs To
Assure Competition

The anticipation of a continued desire for bulk storage this year, because of the higher prices grain bags has caused the Moro Grain Growers to start a new building program which is to be completed before harvest.

An addition to the present elevator in Moro will be to build the track from the main elevator. It will be close to the same machinery can be used for filling and unloading. It is planned at this time to erect storage for 100,000 bushels of bulk grain. This will increase the present bulk storage by about 60 per cent.

In addition to the increase in bulk storage, the warehouses at Hay Canyon and at Erskine to hold several thousand bushels of bulk wheat.

The board of directors of the new organization that is going to erect some additional storage and transfer facilities in The Dalles consists of Roy J. Taylor, Joe Peterson, A. C. Kasberg for Wasco, and Charles Harth (instead of J. Kelly as previously reported) for Wasco county. The new organization will be headed by J. Kelly as chairman and B. H. Gladly of Wasco to be secretary-treasurer.

Problems of financing the new construction at The Dalles and elsewhere are now confronting the organization, although no serious difficulties are anticipated.

No new developments have occurred in the grain trade, which will go into effect April 5, 1940. Carlin, superintendent of the portation in the public utility commissioner's office, was here Saturday to obtain the seal of this district regarding the rate.

Moro Council
Orders Collection

The Moro city council, in regular meeting Tuesday night, voted to continue furnishing water for the fair grounds on a temporary basis at a rate commensurate with the amount of water used. It is expected that the county and the fair board will have the well there put in commission soon.

A closer check on water bill delinquencies was ordered by the council as a means of checking the growth of over-crowded bill, that are difficult both to pay and to collect.

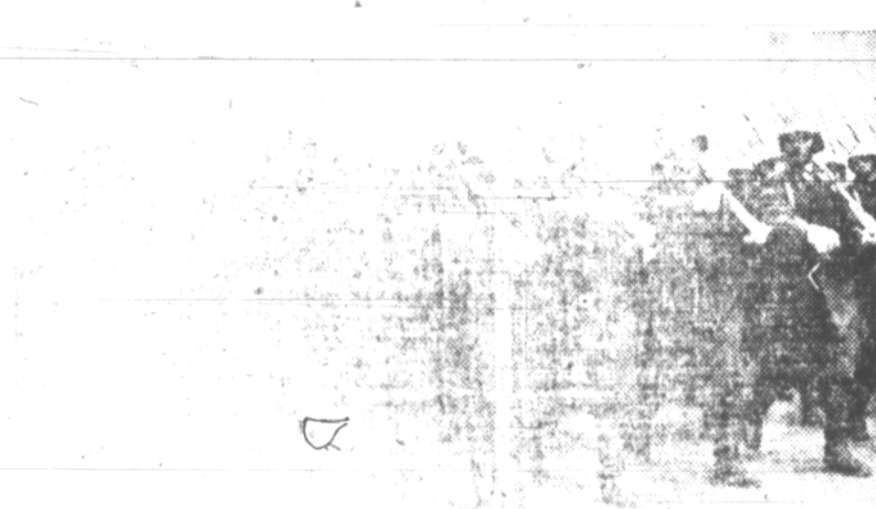
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Interior Ickes has filed claim on the ground that they are mineral lands. If Secretary Ickes makes good his claim it is feared that title to Oregon's school lands may also be jeopardized.

Regarded by state officials as one of the most fantastic pension schemes ever presented to the voters of Oregon the Oregon Retirement Payment League this week initiated a measure under which every citizen of Oregon over the age of 50 years would be guaranteed a monthly income of \$100. Payment of the retirement pension would be made through the Peoples State Bank of Oregon although it is not clear as to just what the proposed state bank would use for money except for \$1,000,000 which is to be appropriated for its use. A number of lucrative jobs would be created by the proposed constitutional amendment. The administrator of the pension program would receive an annual salary of \$7000 while the deputy administrators, one for each congressional district, would be paid \$5000 a year each. All public funds would be deposited in the proposed state bank and private depositors would be encouraged.

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Rumormongers Rubbed to Guard Oil



The Moro government's ban on the sale of oil to the Moro has resulted in many of the Moro being called to concentration centers. The Moro government has 12,000 men under arms, ready for any

County Court Proceedings For
March Term Include Election Order

March 14, 1940, being the regular term of the County Court, the County Court adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Claims presented and allowed against the general fund, March term.

Claimant	Account	Amount
First National Bank, Gen. Assistance		\$125.00
C. C. Wilson, Stamps for Sheriff's Office		7.50
First National Bank, Blind Assistance		4.40
First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children		23.40
First National Bank, Old Age Assistance		153.24
Department of Agriculture, Feeder Wts. and Measures		3.76
Carl Anderson, Coroner's Expenses		5.00
City of Moro, Water at Courthouse		1.85
Sherman County Journal, County Printing		\$35.55
Assessor's office, exp.		60.00 35.55

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Cooking School
Coming March 27

Miss Esther Nunberger, nationally known home economist, will be in Wasco Wednesday, March 27, to conduct a cooking school in cooperation with the General Land Office.

In addition to seeing many delicious foods cooked and hearing about how the art is perfected, those in attendance will have a chance to receive many valuable prizes which will be awarded by numbers given at the door upon entrance. There will include irons, stoves, etc.

Miss Nunberger is in Oregon for a month to demonstrate new and modern methods of cooking, housekeeping and home management.

The school will be given in the Wasco Opera house and will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon. Every woman in the county is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

County Agent's
Schedule of Talks

A talk on the management, feeding and culling of chickens will be given today, Friday, March 16, at the court house at 2:00 p.m. N. J. Bennion, extension specialist in poultry husbandry, is to be here to explain the best methods of caring for the farm flock.

Next Saturday the Land Use Committee of the county will meet at the court house to learn about the mapping program being planned by the extension service in soil erosion. Roland Schaud from OSC will be here for the meeting and will explain the purposes to which the farm maps are to be put when completed.

Monday, March 18, the range operators of the county will meet at the school house in Grass Valley to hear a talk on the program of the federal government for range management and improvement. Blaine Devers will speak to those of the 41 range operators of the county who have registered under the program and others who care to hear the discussion.

Paralysis Ball
Makes \$106.60

The official report of the officers of the president's paralysis ball, which was held at the school house last January, was received in the county for use of those suffering from infantile paralysis.

Addition To
Be Made To
Moro ElevatorMore Bulk Storage
Needed As Farmers
Abandon Sack Method

Activity on the political front in Sherman county this week has been more intense than for any like period since the preliminary campaign begun.

Petitions have appeared—and disappeared—in that time.

David Reid, who announced at last week's court meeting that he would again be a candidate for county commissioner, has his petitions out this week. Other candidates are not in the race at this time.

Harry O. Kunsman, Moro garage man, has his petitions out for the Republican nomination for sheriff. If nominated he will oppose C. C. Wilson, who has held the position since 1937. Mr. Kunsman promises to conduct the office efficiently and to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies.

T. Lester Johnson, district attorney, whose first term will expire next January, has petitions out for signatures in order that his name may be on the ballot in May. He is running as a Democrat although he obtained his present position as an independent. His candidacy must be filed with the secretary of state.

E. M. Alky, Grass Valley merchant, is having petitions signed in order to place him on the ballot for nomination for coroner on the Republican ticket. The place is now filled by Carl Anderson of Wasco.

It is understood that Wily Knighton will again file for the non-partisan office of county school superintendent, although no petitions on his behalf are yet distributed.

No one has filed for the offices of precinct committeemen—of which there shall be two, one a woman, according to the rather peculiar wording of the law. These offices are often filled by the write-in method, although filings are requested by state headquarters of the parties.

Sheriff Wilson
Takes Two CCC Boys

Sheriff C. C. Wilson arrested two CCC boys from Stanfield camp Monday morning on a charge of breaking and entering federal buildings. The two boys, Herbert Hardy and Clifford Ellis, both 17 and both from Indianapolis, hitch hiked from Stanfield and Sunday night broke into the office of the SCS at the CCC camp on the fair grounds.

No disposal was made in their case because of the federal connection with the case.

Farmers May Haul
Produce To Market

According to C. C. Wilson, sheriff, who was recently informed by Ralph W. Emerson from the secretary of state's office, "Farmers can haul within a radius of ten miles from their farm any products of husbandry for a nominal consideration to market." This means, says the sheriff, that a farmer having a farmer license on his truck can haul either his products or those of a neighbor within the prescribed distance any farm products to any market.

Further information on this recent ruling may be obtained from the sheriff's office.

Light Company
Pays Tax Bill

A check representing full payment of \$3819.39 of real and personal property taxes was turned over this week to Sherman County by Pacific Power & Light company.

R. V. Lockhart, agent for the company, said that the total property tax paid by the company this week to 27 counties in Oregon and Washington amounted to \$451,165.29, an increase of \$10,847.47 over last year. Property taxes represent only about one half of the annual tax bill paid by the company.