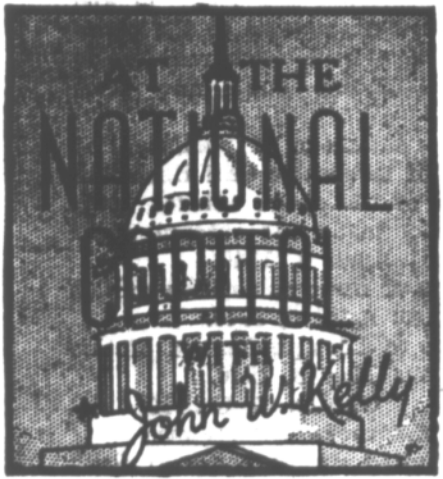


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Washington, D. C. April 25.—Peel or logs, choicest trees of Douglas fir forests in Oregon and Washington, are the mainstay of the plywood industry. These logs are being exported, processed and, in many instances, shipped back to the United States to compete with the product of local plywood mills. For a year efforts have been made to have congress enact a law curbing the exportation of peeler logs. The senate has passed such a bill and hearings are now being held by a house committee.

The peeler log business is important, giving employment to thousands of workers in the Pacific northwest. It is realized, however that when peeler logs are shipped out of the country the cream of the forest resource is being turned over to foreigners and gradually reducing the available supply which is required for American plywood plants and the workers there-in.

Principal opposition to the legislation comes from the department of state (the department of agriculture favors the bill) as Secretary of State Cordell Hull contends that placing an embargo on peeler logs will interfere with his reciprocal trade agreements.

In the past six fiscal years \$53,387,830 has been distributed to the farmers of Washington and Oregon through Triple A of the department of Agriculture. Of this sum Washington received \$32,492,656 and Oregon \$20,895,174. This is but one source of government money which has been poured into the Pacific northwest. Under the farm security administration in the past four years Washington has received \$577,389 and Oregon \$1,202,252. These contributions are for resettlement projects.

With a single exception, every member of the house of representatives from Washington and Oregon is supporting a new pension proposal. This is to furnish pensions for the widows and orphans of World War veterans, regardless of whether death was service connected. It is estimated that if the bill becomes law it will require taxes of \$48,000,000 a year to meet the claims, providing all eligible apply for the pension which they probably would. This sponsor for this pension proposal is a Mississippi congressman who served 90 days in the World war in a training camp. Chief opponent is a war veteran who is a member from California, his contention being that veterans have already been well taken care of.

Because of the apprehension of the nut growers of the Pacific northwest that Brazil nuts will swamp the market since England now refuses to permit importation of the nuts, the federal tariff commission will probably make a study of Brazil nuts. The walnut control board has made this recommendation to the secretary of agriculture and the latter will request the president to issue an order for such investigation. The department of commerce reports that in 1939 Brazil nut imports (in-the-shell basis) were 23,488 short tons, and England was then in the market.

Senator Schwelmbach, Washington, is waiting for Gov. Clarence Martin to come to Washington, D. C., in a few days, at which time, after a conference, Schwelmbach will decide whether he will seek another term in the senate. Washington's senators, Bone and Schwelmbach, have not met this session; have had but one conversation—on the telephone.

What burns up the Idaho senators is a report stating that a project in Cabinet gorge would be feasible, but should not be constructed because of the availability of electric energy from Grand Coulee and Bonneville. Idaho senators now regard extension of transmission lines from Bonneville in to the Inland Empire as a step inimical to Cabinet gorge.

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Golden Gate Exposition Prepares for '40 Opening



Face-lifting operations for the 1940 Golden Gate International exposition are well under way in preparation for the opening day, May 25. Left: Workmen are pictured plastering and painting in Treasure Island's court of reflections, where an entirely new color scheme will greet first-day visitors. Right: Statuary gets a bath on the exposition grounds. Jeanette Adams and Fay Lacey do their share with this sculptured figure.

Moro School Gives Spooky Mystery Play

"The Phantom Bells", the play chosen by the Moro high school, was presented to a local audience last Saturday night, April 20. Enough mysterious happenings were crowded into the first two acts to please the most inveterate reader of mystery story magazines but it all came out all right in the end with no one being permanently killed and one character, even coming to life after being considered dead.

Gene Brisbane, Margaret Caldwell, Clara Messenger, Mearle Miller and Florence Lawrence took the feminine parts and boys in the play were Vernon and Millard Meizer, Johnny Shipley, George Martin and Wyman French.

Miss Barbara Leisz directed the play as well as the girls' glee club which sang between the first and second acts. The second intermission was filled by Frank Sayra who gave a bass horn solo.

Woman's Club Dine Daughters

A very happy meeting was held last Friday night by the members of the Moro Women's club when the daughters were entertained at a pot luck luncheon in the basement. When everyone was filled to capacity it was suggested that all sing "Auld Lang Syne" which was very well rendered, considering. The president, Mrs. Carroll Sayra, in few well chosen words extended a warm welcome to the daughters and Patricia Pinkerton responded.

The meeting was turned over to the director, Mrs. H. G. Hanson who had prepared a special entertainment for the girls. Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin sang "Alice Blue Gown," and Mrs. Russell Hollinshead and Miss Mary Williams a duet "Little Old Lady."

She told a story of a little girl who was very lonesome and self conscious who at last overcame this by helping other such people, though they were persons of great wealth or position.

Miss Arbuthnot, instructor at the college of education at Monmouth, was introduced by Mrs. Hansen. Miss Arbuthnot told of her trip to Australia last summer, and passed around pictures of the important places and showed stuff, ed specimens of animal and bird life. Among these was the Kaola bear, which pleased the older daughters as well as the younger ones.

The next meeting will be held May 3 when the program will be on citizenship. The review will be of "Rome Haul."

BANDS TO MEET

May 4, has been chosen as the date for the Mid-Columbia band festival which will be held at Wasco this year. The first of these gala days for high school bandsmen was held in that city in 1934 and in several other cities in the interim. At least fifteen bands are expected for the event which will last all day.

Mid-Columbia Terminal Awaits Development

The way was cleared for the construction of the wheat storage unit of the Mid-Columbia terminal company last Monday night in The Dalles when representatives of the several groups in that city met and voted unanimously to obtain possession of the land just below The Dalles and between the river and the UP tracks. The proper authorities will also provide water, power and sewer connections to make the area suitable for industrial development.

W. T. Balsiger attended the meeting as representative of the co-operatives of Sherman and Wasco counties who have been planning an elevator and shipping facility below The Dalles.

Mr. Balsiger, president of the new terminal company, said Thursday after a meeting of his group held Wednesday night that it would probably be too late to construct the terminal before harvest but that plans for the project would be continued when the area was developed so that it would be possible.

The Dalles group, accepted in general the report of the planning committee of that city for the area. This means that proper connections will be made with service from the city, a spur from the railroad will be built and a four lane highway constructed along the river front to permit hauling of all kinds to and from the area.

The meeting was reported to be harmonious in every way which speaks well for the future of the river city since all factions have been brought together in agreement on a definite policy of local improvement.

Oregon's Rank In Agriculture Given

The rank which Oregon took in the 48 states in the inventories of various classes of livestock on hand January 1, 1940, is reported as follows by the state department of agriculture:

Turkeys, 3rd; Chickens, 34th; Horses, 24th; Mules, 32nd; All cattle, 26th; Milch cows, 29th; Hogs, 30th; Sheep, 10th.

The number on Oregon farms the first day of this year. Turkeys 475,000; chickens 3,124,000; horses 152,000; mules, 7,000; all cattle, 1,012,000; milch cows and heifers, 258,000; hogs, 274,000; sheep, 1,958,000. The total inventory value of all livestock in Oregon on that date was \$81,213,000, and in the United States, \$5,181,951,000. The figures are based on a survey made by the federal agricultural marketing service.

DON'T MIX 'EM

Inspectors of the state department of agriculture recently reported finding a restaurant serving a butter substitute mixed with butter on buttered toast. Warning was issued that this practice is contrary to law.

New Road Done; State Crew Sells Rock to County

Construction of the new two miles of road east of the four way bridge is about finished and the crew of men under the Fisher company are hauling rock for the state which is to be piled near Moro.

In addition to grading the new road—and doing as smooth a job as possible—the main hill was cut down five feet and the curves straightened. The county bought 4000 yards of rock from the outfit and had approximately 2000 yards of it spread on the lower Hay Canyon road where it was badly needed. The remainder was piled near the crusher where it can be used when wanted.

Frank von Borstel Wins Scholarship

Frank von Borstel of Kent has been awarded the Union Pacific scholarship for Sherman county for this year with Cassie von Borstel winning the alternate place. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Cassie is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel.

The judges complemented the winner highly for his excellent records he has kept during that time. He has been active in the beef club class for a number of years and has also carried other projects in addition to feeding stock for the fat classes and the breeding class.

Moro Wins First Softball Game

The first soft ball game of the 1940 season was played on the Moro lot Friday night when the local team defeated the Grass Valley boys by a score of 3 to 1 in seven innings. The game was really very fast and the opposing pitchers held the batters to few hits showing decided improvement over last year. Eddie Peters and George Beardsley were the battery for Moro and Boyce Blaylock, Wayne Karnes and Roy Wells for Grass Valley. Nearly everyone who appeared was given a chance to play during the game.

Junior Olympics Draw Athletes

Millard Melzer, Johnny Shipley, Mac Hall, Ramsey Schadowitz, David McLeod and Lynden Mersinger are contemplating a trip to Eugene, May 4 to attend and take part in the junior Olympics given under the sponsorship of the American Legion. Contestants are divided into two classes, junior and senior and compete against established times and distances for the dozen events listed. Included are sprints, jumps, football kicks, rope climbs and other events not often found in field and track meets.

Rain Comes To Add To Already Ample Moisture

Nearly An Inch In Week Makes Fields Greener and Prospects Brighter

The rainfall of Monday night, coming after two weeks of good growing weather, gave the Sherman county crop a boost that made it look even better than it had before, which was excellent.

The rainfall was surprisingly large to most people. At Moro .60 fell in a little over three hours, at Wasco there was .61 during the night and .76 was reported from Grass Valley.

This brings the total for April well above the average. In fact only two Aprils in the history of weather data at this station have been so damp. One of these was in far off 1914 and the other in 1937.

The normal for the crop year at the end of April is but little over nine inches and this year has already bettered that by over an inch and a half which gives grounds for the optimistic feeling about the coming crops that generally prevails.

The county has seldom looked better. Spring sown grain is green all over the county and as plowing is nearly done in the northern two thirds of the county the contrast is as fine as possible.

An additional .30 of an inch of rain fell Wednesday night to bring the total for April up to 1.74, in comparison to the normal of .73 for the month. The total normal precipitation for the crop year to date was 9.30 and is now 10.84.

	Max	Min	Precip
18	68	47	
19	63	40	
20	57	42	
21	65	30	
22	66	36	
32	64	44	0.63

Normal for April is .73"

1.44" to date in April

10.54" since April, 1939.

Wheat Exports For March Drop

Export shipments of wheat inspected by the grain division of the state department of agriculture in March totaled only 428,922 bushels, compared with well over two million bushels in March of 1939. However March shipments exported this year were larger than in February.

Destinations of the export shipments inspected last month were: Belgium, Netherlands, Russia and Norway.

Elevator Job Getting Along Satisfactorily

Work on the new elevator addition at Moro is going on apace this week with the crew of men now above the floor and on their way to working themselves into the air.

The floors of the bins are about six feet above the foundation as that much space was needed to provide for proper movement of the wheat into the channel so it can be handled by the machinery in the old elevator. Joists are of 4 x 12 laid nine inches apart.

The major part of the side wall will be 2 x 8 although 2 x 6 will be laid farther up and 2 x 4 will be used for the final few feet.

There will be nine bins in the new addition and it will care for between forty and fifty thousand bushels of grain.

Breakfast Club Members To Act

Next Saturday night the members of the Moro Breakfast club will present a series of three one act plays at the school auditorium with the ladies of the community taking feminine parts.

Mystery, comedy and drama are all listed in the three plays. For mystery there is "The Ghostly Passenger," for drama, "Find the Thief" and for comedy, "Station YYYYY." Local actors are taking all parts and those who come are certain to see some persons treading the boards who have not appeared in the capacity heretofore.

Winners Named For Local Declamations

The local declamatory contest was held Wednesday night at the school house after parents had rambled through the rooms for an hour looking at the open house exhibits.

Winners of the first division, comprising children in the first three grades, was Willy Knighten. Dean Fuller was second and Priscilla Melzer, third.

Second division winner was Dick Oveson. Donella Nelson was second and Wayne Melzer was third. This division includes those in the fourth to sixth grades.

Winners in the third division, which is the two upper grades, was Patty French with Annjean Knighten second and Donald Thompson third. Mrs. R. C. Chisom of The Dalles was judge. Thirty children took part in the contests.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnum were up from The Dalles Sunday.

School Events Dominate County Activities Now

Field Meet Today at Grass Valley Biggest Event of School Athletic Year

School events in Sherman county come thick and fast at this time of year when each school has so many things remaining on its calendar and so little time to do them. In addition there are always the county wide events that take time for all schools.

The county schools this week, Friday, go to Grass Valley for participation in the county track and field meet revived last year after several years abeyance. Past history of this event has been such as to bring fond memories to many of those whose school days occurred twenty and thirty years ago.

All five schools will compete in the 28 events listed on the program for Friday. Ray Jewel, principal at Grass Valley will be in general charge of the meet. Willy Knighten will be starter and judges will be chosen from the towns represented.

Grade Meet at 10:00

The grade school meet will begin in the morning at ten o'clock and will consist of the following events. For 7 and 8 grade boys, 100 yard dash; 50 yard dash; high jump; broad jump; shot put. For 7 and 8 grade girls, 50 yard dash; broad and high jumps; 4 to 6 grade boys, 50 yard dash; high and broad jumps; 4 to 6 grade girls, 35 yard dash, 50 yard dash, 1 to 3 grade boys 35 yard dash; 1 to 3 grade girls, 35 yard dash. Mixed relay for little tots, two boys and two girls each to run 35 yards.

The high school meet will be held in the afternoon and will consist of the following events: javelin, mile run, high jump, discus, half mile run, broad jump, shot put, 440 dash, 220 dash, pole vault and relay.

Declamatory Contest Tuesday

Admission will be 15 and 10 cents in the morning and 25 and 10 cents in the afternoon.

Next general event for all county schools will be the annual declamatory contest which will be held at Rufus this year with all five schools competing for the prizes in the three divisions.

The gymnasium in the Rufus school will be the scene of this event which will be given at eight o'clock next Tuesday, April 30. Local contests are being held this week to determine who will represent the several schools.

All Quiet on Political Front Report From Salem; Mahoney Withdrawal Only Skirmish Noted

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore., April 25.—All has been comparatively quiet on Oregon's political front since the candidates took the state house by storm on April 1 in their eleventh hour rush to get in to the race.

Except for quiet reconnaissance tours into the field on the part of individual candidates there has been no activity to indicate that a major battle of the ballots is in the offing some three weeks hence.

However the political pot can be expected to at least reach the simmering stage within the week with the young democrats meeting at Corvallis Friday and Saturday of this week to resolve and possibly endorse the Commonwealth Federation scheduled to gather in the new capitol here at Salem on Sunday to do some resolving and endorsing of their own.

The major development of the past week was the announcement by Willis Mahoney, late of Klamath Falls but more recently of Portland and Washington D. C. that he has decided not to run for the Democratic nomination for congress in the third Oregon district. Mahoney's decision is said to have followed scouting expeditions through his district which revealed him as a poor third in the three sided primary race. His withdrawal leaves the field to Nan Wood Honeyman, former congress woman from that district, and

Ashby C. Dixon, veteran state senator from Multnomah county who would like to try his hand at law-making in the larger field back at the national capitol.

Business is booming in Oregon's industries if the reports to the State Industrial Accident Commission can be accepted as any indication of business conditions. Industrial payrolls in the state for the first three months of 1940 hit a new high mark at \$38,131,885. This was \$3,300,000 ahead of the first three months of 1939 and \$6,000,000 more than was paid out to industrial workers in the first quarter of 1938. That employment in this state is still on the upgrade is indicated by reports for March which show industrial payrolls to have been approximately \$1,000,000 ahead of February, with 127,174 men employed for an increase of 11,000 over March 1939.

The World War Veterans State Aid commission is in the real estate business to the tune of more than \$3,000,000 according to a report by Jerrold Owen, executive secretary to the commission. Properties taken over by the commission to protect the state's investment through bonus loans and now being offered for sale include 452 farms and 827 city properties. Owen's report indicates that, in the experience of this commission, city properties have been by far the better risk. City prop-

erties for which the state paid \$3,811,623 have been sold at a profit of \$80,579. On the other hand the commission has taken a loss of \$33,164 on farm properties in which it had \$1,503,752 invested.

A total of 121 applicants for admission to the Oregon bar will take the examinations in July, according to Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the state supreme court. This will be the largest class since 1929 when 124 applicants took the test with 78 of the number passing. Six of the 121 applicants in the class this year are women. The largest class on record in this state, Benson pointed out, was that of 1913 when 160 applicants took the test with 131 being admitted to the bar. In 1919 and again in 1929 only 30 applicants took the bar examinations.

Carl E. Green, state sanitary engineer, told the Board of Control that state institutions are among the worst offenders in the matter of stream pollution.

Until the state does some thing about this problem, Green said, the sanitary authority can not very well insist upon municipalities installing sewage disposal plants.

Green pointed out that state institutions south and east of Salem were polluting Pringle creek by dumping waste into that stream while the eastern Oregon state hos-

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