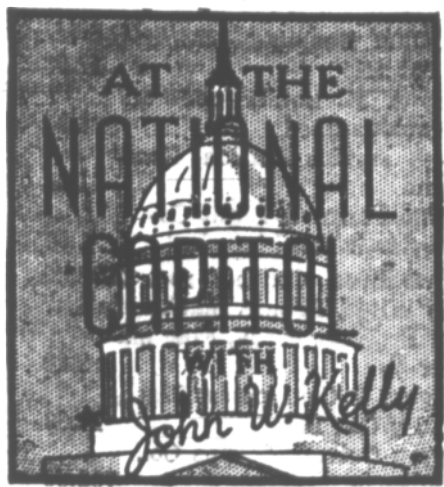


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Washington, D. C. May 9.—With congress drawing to a close, the Pacific northwest states shared very well in the appropriation bills although not everything wanted was not obtained. At the last minute \$900,000 was appropriated to enable the reclamation service to make studies of water resources of importance to a dozen counties in Oregon and Washington and funds were provided for small reservoirs. Army engineers have been authorized to provide a turning basin in Columbia river for Washougal and Camas and in the Umpqua river at Gardiner. The engineers are authorized to improve the channel at Baker's bay and at Arlington and initiate work for new locks at Oregon City.

Grand Coulee was given more funds to carry on construction and Bonneville funds for installing additional generators and six million dollars for transmission lines to be built in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and down the Columbia toward Astoria. Money was made available for perpetuation of the fish runs, which are vital to every community from the mouth of the Columbia to the Snake river.

Additional funds for Deschutes reclamation project were refused as the appropriation committee considered the project has enough money to carry on and is also benefiting from the services of three CCC camps. The supplemental funds requested were turned down because the committee became economy minded. This is also the reason the item for authorizing a dam at Umatilla was tossed out. It was this spirit of economy that rejected a request for sufficient funds to administer the C. & C. grant lands and Coos bay wagon road lands.

Defeated was an amendment to the wage-hour law which would affect all small sawmills and canneries of the northwest and exempt the thousands of seasonal workers in such establishments from the provisions of the law. Farmers wanted this amendment; unions opposed it, and were successful.

Legislation is proposed to have a government agency give mortgage insurance, applicable to farms. The suggestion is that private funds would be available to finance farm ownership and the mortgage would be insured (guaranteed) by the government. The plan also includes refinancing the indebtedness of present owners, especially where there are excessive farm mortgage debts which threaten present owners with foreclosure. A bill carrying these provisions has already passed the senate and has been reported with amendments by the house committee on agriculture.

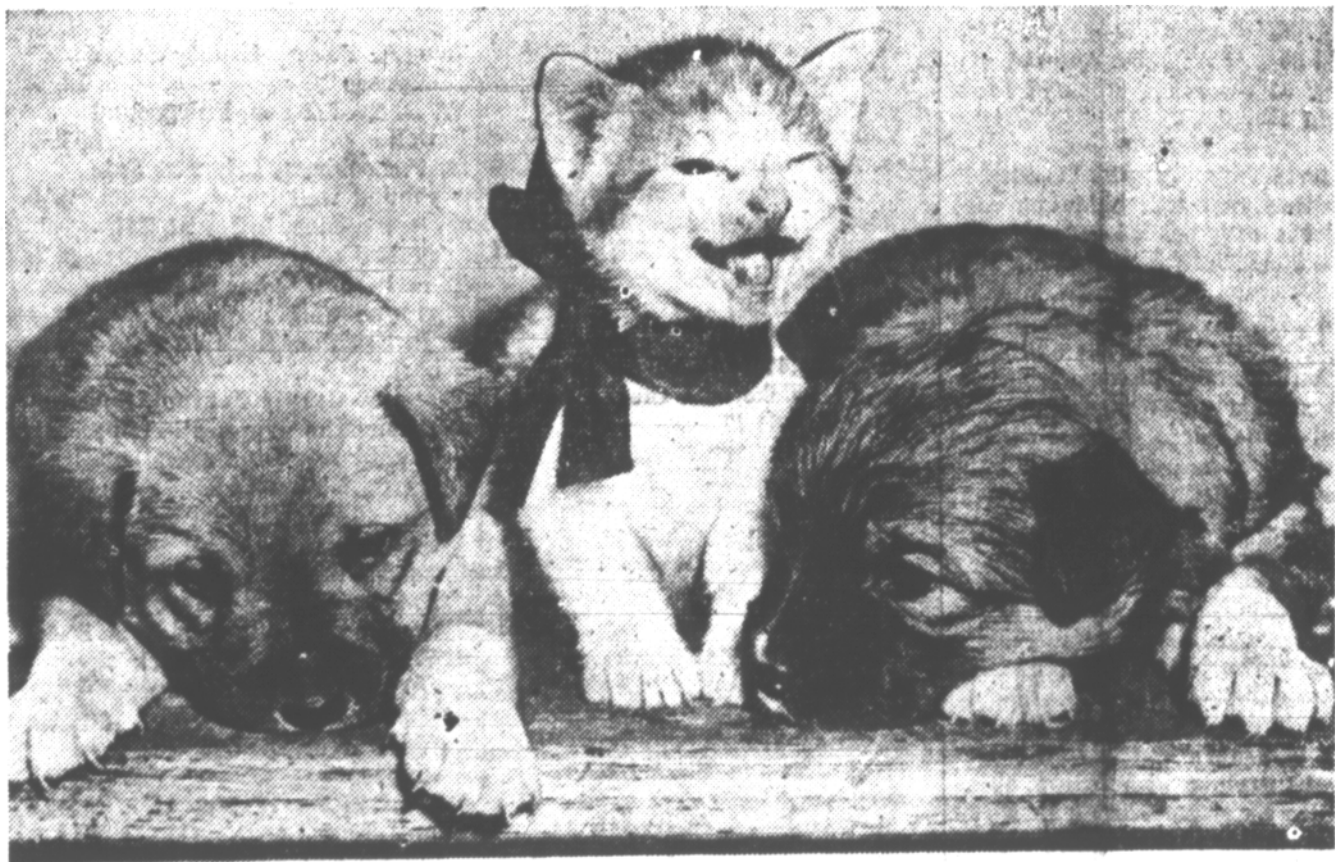
Under this proposition many migratory farm families which have come to the Pacific northwest might be eligible and they could start farm ownership without waiting for the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act, and what it also important, without a drain on the treasury.

No money has been voted yet, but the army high command has in mind the establishment of an air base between the Cascades and the Rocky mountains. Petitions of ambitious communities desiring the proposed base have no influence. The officials will make the location where they conclude it will best serve their purpose and it will not be a "political" selection. Informally, certain officers are inclined toward eastern Washington, in the Spokane section.

Survey is being made by Surplus Commodity Corporation of the carry-over stock of turkeys in Oregon and Washington. Object of the survey is to see if the turkeys cannot be disposed of to needy families through the blue food-stamp program. Mostly the stamps are for pork, when meat is on the list, and it is contended that turkeys

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Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Pups? Not Susie!



Jack fell down and lost his crown (as best pet), and Jill came tumbling after. Both pups were decidedly glum after Susie, coy maiden in the center, was named blue ribbon winner in the New York Boys' club sixth annual pet show. And look at the kittenish twinkle in her queenly eye as she lords it over the droopy-eared pups. Jack, incidentally, is pictured on the left.

Gordon Say To Be Common Words in Bridge

Unless a mere observer misses a well-considered guess the next meeting of several bridge clubs is going to be comparable to certain well known scenes around Babel. This all because of one Sam Gordon, self confessed bridge expert, who has given two sets of three lessons here to those women—and some men—who take their bridge seriously.

Mr. Gordon, the kibitzer, gives out a hand to each of the tables occupied and proceeds to tell how to bid it and how to play it. As is the way with kibitzers, he knows all the answers. He wittily describes wrong plays and rule breakers and gives out information about the game so rapidly that for ever after there is certain to be a sort of "Gordon say" game hereabouts just as there was recently a "Confucius say" and in childhood a "Simon say."

The lessons were sponsored by the Womens club and were attended by players from all over the county.

COUNTY COURT BUYS ROAD EQUIPMENT

The Sherman county court has made some purchases of road machinery during the past week having bought a dirt carrier similar to the LaTourneux often seen. Other equipment bought was a new road maintenance unit similar to the one now in use but of a different make and a new truck.

Oregon Voters Increase In Two Years; Republicans Lead

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Ore., May 9.—A total of 538,100 men and women are eligible to vote in Oregon's primary ballots according to a tabulation of registration figures by Secretary of State Snell. This is a gain of 16,875 over the pre-primary registration two years ago. A recapitulation of the registration shows that the Republican voters continue in the majority by 21,497 with a registration of 276,246 compared to 254,749 in the Democratic ranks. In fact the Republicans registered a net gain of 4534 over the Democrats during the two years for while the Republicans added 11,114 voters to their list since 1938 the Democrats could account for a gain of only 6580 in the two year period.

While the Republicans continue in the majority for the state as a whole the Democrats make the largest showing in thirteen of the states 36 counties. These are Baker, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Multnomah, Union, Wallowa. A total of 7105 voters who are registered as independents, socialists, prohibitionists, etc. will not be able to participate in the primary elections.

The state board of control is cooperating with Malheur county ranchers in their effort to increase

Wasco Defeated Sunday At Fossil Score: 7 to 6

Wasco was not so fortunate in its baseball game Sunday as it was the previous week. Fossil won the game by a score of 7 to 6 after nine innings of close ball. Triswold did most of the hurling for the victors but was relieved in the eighth for Prindle who stopped a Wasco rally that had already scored one run and filled the bases. Schaeffer did the catching for the winners.

For Wasco Jensen pitched and Williams caught. Errors on the part of the Wasco infield brought about many of the Fossil runs.

Grass Valley's baseball team won from Lyle by a decisive score of 16 to 4 last Sunday with Warren Morgan, local youngster on the mound for his first full game. Jack Lewis caught. Tygh Valley will be next opponent of the Grass Valley team.

In soft ball Grass Valley finally defeated Moro last Thursday night by 15 to 10. Model Ts were raced after the ball game at Grass Valley and one very lively wreck added to the excitement. Frank Pike and Roy Wells were racing radiator to radiator when Wells' car broke a steering rod and went off the track and onto a fence bottom side up. Wells, caught underneath, was not seriously injured. L. Fields and Ralph Balzer took second and third in the race. Another such race will be run next Sunday.

dairy herds and provide a profitable source of consumption for their surplus hay crops. Heifer calves from the state herds at the penitentiary and state hospital farms are being sold to Malheur county buyers at a very low price, the board announced this week. Depletion of the sheep bands which formerly consumed much of the hay grown in that section has resulted in a serious situation with farmers unable to dispose of their crops. The introduction of dairy herds into southeastern Oregon, it is said, will also enable that section to meet the needs for milk and butter through local production.

Oregon citizens were carrying an aggregate of \$729,584,914 in life insurance at the end of 1939 according to the annual report of Seth B. Thompson, state insurance commissioner. This figure represents an increase by citizens of this state the year before. Death claims and dividends paid to Oregon policy holders and their beneficiaries during the year aggregated \$14,276,905.

In appreciation of the courtesies shown to Crown Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway upon the occasion of their visit to Oregon last year Governor

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Wasco Council Reducing Cost Of Debt Service

The Wasco city council in regular meeting Monday night reached the point in its refunding operation to where the new bonds can be advertised for sale. Purpose of this move is to take up \$17,000 in city bonds and refund at a rate more advantageous to the city.

The city also ordered a new auxiliary pump which will be installed in a city well to be used in case of breakdown of the main pumping system. The new equipment cost the city \$841.00 a part of which was paid by trading in some used pumping equipment.

Woman's Club Names Officers For Year

The Moro Woman's Club met Friday, May 3 with a good attendance. During the business session Mrs. Vernon Eakin was accepted as a member.

The nominating committee reported the selection of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey as president; Mrs. M. A. Bull as vice-president; Mrs. Joe Truitt, secretary; and Mrs. L. V. Moore, treasurer; and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs for three year term as director. These officers will be installed at the next meeting.

Mrs. Russel Hollinshead was director for the program which was on citizenship. She spoke on a citizens responsibility to home, community and nation. Mrs. Sayrs told something of the author W. D. Edmonds and his books.

Picnic Arranged

Portraits of outstanding women of the Bible were shown by the Bible study division of the club assisted by Mrs. Hollinshead and Mrs. L. Hennagin who sang old hymns while each character was portrayed by a club member. The program was concluded by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

The next meeting will be May 18, Saturday. Mrs. Ramsey invited the club and their families to meet at her summer home near Wamic for the annual picnic weather permitting.

An invitation to the Garden club at Wasco for 1:30 pot luck dinner Tuesday May 14 was accepted.

This meeting will be held in the Wasco city park. Those wishing transportation may call Mrs. Helen Sayrs.

Band Festival Brings Musicians Together

The Mid-Columbia band festival held at Wasco last Saturday brought together youthful musicians from all over this area and a crowd of elders who came to listen. The day was not perfect for the occasion, being windy in the morning while the bands were playing. In the afternoon the children were given a show at the school house and those of them that wished to dance had that opportunity. A general dance in the evening was attended by a large number.

Yellow Wheat Cause Found By Station Staff

Grain Roots Unable To Keep Up With Descending Nitrates In Rainy Spring

Despite the wealth of rainfall that has blessed this county this spring there are many fields in which the wheat is a dismal yellow. This has caused some worry on the part of the owners, and naturally, for while the grain should be of brightest green it often is not.

Tests run at the experiment station on amounts of nitrates in the soil give an answer to this condition of the wheat.

Nitrates are soluble and because of the heavy rains they have been leached down into the ground where they are not immediately available to the roots of the wheat plants. It is generally noted that the yellow spots are on low places where rains have soaked the soil more thoroughly.

On plots at the station the parts per million of nitrates is as follows:

foot	poor	good	late
1	12.4	8.7	12.7
2	12.1	14.6	5.5
3	14.3	27.6	8.6
4	16.1	15.1	9.0
5	5.8	4.0	1.3
6	2.2	3.9	0.0
Av.	10.5	12.3	6.2

Because the nitrates are in the second, third and fourth feet the grain will remain yellow until its roots get down to it. For nitrates make the green color.

MARYHILL MUSEUM OPENING

The Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts will be opened to the public next Tuesday, May 14. To residents of this section this announcement means that Sam Hill's Castle on the Columbia will be opened so that the curious can walk in and see it. The gatherings of the eccentric Sam Hill are to be displayed. They come from all parts of the world, some from Roumania, whose queen dedicated the castle back in 1926.

May 14th has been chosen as the opening day because it was the birthday of Sam Hill. At the time of his death little had been done to make a museum of his home but for three years the directors of his estate have worked to prepare for this opening.

County Orders Fulton Canyon Road Closed For Construction

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, MAY TERM, 1940

May 1, 1940 being the regular time for the term of the County Court of Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom at Moro, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Comm.;

Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney; Joe Truitt, County Clerk;

The following proceedings were had at said term of Court:

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.

Re: 1 page of advertising published in Eastern Oregon Wheat League—\$80.00. Bill for advertising of EOWL allowed.

Re: Report of Lucille H. Vale, Sherman County Health Nurse covering six weeks period, Feb. 22 to April 5, 1940. Report received, examined and approved.

Re: Request of Mid-Columbia Sand & Gravel to close the Fulton Canyon Road for approximately six weeks, beginning May 1. Requested so as to expedite construction of same. Request of contractors to close Fulton Canyon road granted while road is under construction.

Re: Order designating location of electric transmission lines & fixtures upon certain public roads in Sherman county, Oregon. Michigan-Co-operative Electric Line. Order designating location of electric line on certain public roads

Erskine Elevator Effectively Erased By Fire

The Erskine elevator was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday night between eight and eleven o'clock from a cause that is so far undetermined. No one had worked there for ten days and wet weather made it unlikely that fire was caused by carelessness of passers-by. Fire was first discovered by Ed Peters who was going to Grass Valley. He notified Wendell Baliger, manager of the Moro Grain Growers, owners of the elevator, and although a crowd went to the fire nothing could be done as the warehouse was already in flames.

Total Loss \$17,000

The building was valued at \$10,000 and the 9000 bushels of wheat were worth approximately \$7000. Some new lumber was piled around the warehouse preparatory to cribbing the warehouse for bulk storage. A part of this was saved.

Two cars were on the track near the elevator and wooden parts of these were burned. The rails expanded enough to move the track 30 inches out of line and cooled to bring it back 23 inches.

It is expected that rebuilding will begin as soon as the new addition to the Moro elevator is finished. Insurance covered the greater part of the loss.

Council Deals With Minor City Problems

City council meeting of Tuesday night had several minor matters for discussion. At the present time the fire siren can be sounded at the pole on which it is mounted. It is in the alley back of Conlee's grocery. Telephone to the city marshal or to nearby stores will obtain the desired warning.

Glen Corey of the Pacific Light & Power company was present to notify the council that his firm desired to move to the main street in the building formerly occupied by the telephone company. The company will continue to use the warehouse in the hotel building.

It was also voted to notify owners of property on the Park sewer extension that the liens must be paid or foreclosure of them will be started by the city. This extension runs from the highway up Bidwell street. The library was granted its appropriation of \$50.

granted.

Re: County Treasurer's report for month ending April 30, 1940. Examined and approved.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, MAY TERM, 1940.

Claimant Account Amount Earl Snell, Secretary of State Predatory Animal Control \$400.00

C. Bargenholt, work at DeMoss Park 5.40

C. Hearing, work at DeMoss Park 4.50

A. Shearer, work at DeMoss Park 9.00

Wayne Darby, Assessor's field work 150.00

J. C. Freeman. Stamps for Primary Election 2.00

West Publishing Company Law Library 45.00

Bancroft-Whitney Company Law Library 25.00

Frank Shepard Company, Law Library 10.00

C. L. Montgomery, Hauling at Courthouse 3.00

First National Bank, Aid to Dependent Children 28.60

First National Bank, Old Age Assistance 186.60

First National Bank, Blind Assistance 9.40

Geo. A. Potter, County Judge's Salary 75.00

Otis Baker, Janitor's Salary 75.00

S. A. Wilson, Special Election Chairman \$3.00; 99 votes at 3c \$2.97 5.37

J. G. Addington, 50 miles at 10c \$5.00; Janitor \$5.00; Hall rent \$5.00; Judge \$3.00; 99 votes \$2.97 20.97

Sarah Addington, 1st Clerk \$3.00; 99 votes \$2.97 5.97

W. A. Morrie, 2nd Clerk \$3.00;

Lamb Show Set For Saturday By Wasco Club

Prize List Gives All Good Lambs Chance To Place In Money; Big Dance Planned

The annual lamb show will be held at Wasco next Saturday, May 11, and entertainment features to attract a large crowd are being planned by the Wasco Civic club, sponsor of the show.

The pens for lambs will be set up near the Opera house where there is grass and shade. Prizes will be more numerous and longer this year than formerly as donations have been obtained from firms doing business in this county and The Dalles.

For the best pens of market lambs the prize list is as follows: First \$7.00, Eddins Motor Co.; second, \$6.00 Porter-Wilson Auto service and Pound's Jewelry store; third, \$5.00 A. M. Williams Co., fourth, \$4.00 McHales' Grocery and Stadelman Bonn Hdwe; fifth, \$3.00 Edw. C. Pease.

For single market lambs: First, \$5., second \$4., third \$3., fourth \$2., fifth \$1., by the Sunset Motor Co.

For 4-H club lambs. First, \$5., second \$4., third \$3., fourth \$2., fifth \$1. and other entries \$1. First National Bank of Portland, Sherman County Branch. Grand champion lamb, a ribbon.

Fine wool fleeces will receive awards from Alex Marshall's store first \$3., second \$2., third \$1.

All other fleeces: First, \$3., second \$2., third \$1., fourth \$1., fifth \$1., by Walthers Williams Co. Grand champion fleece a ribbon.

Others who have contributed to the show are R. A. Twiss, Stipe Furniture company, Williams Cleaners, Swede Fox Appliance Co., Royal Barber shop, VanOrman's, Wern marks Shoe Store, Jessie's Flower Shop, Maier & Krier.

In the afternoon there will be a soft ball game between the teams representing the Moro Breakfast club and the Wasco Civic club. This is sort of a traditional game and always has much local interest.

At night the annual Shepherd-er's ball will be held at the Opera house with Ivan Koerber's orchestra playing.

This lamb show has become an event that draws a good crowd each year and, with increased prizes, it is certain that entries will be more numerous than usual this year.

Music Festival Next School Event

The county music festival is being held at Moro today with the program due to begin at 1:30 at the Legion hall. Rehearsals will be held in the forenoon.

The program consists of one rhythm band, a primary chorus, an intermediate chorus, a junior high chorus and a high school chorus. Each school will have representatives in each of these numbers. In addition to this each school will have a specialty number.

All five schools in the county will be here to have some part in the singing, dancing and playing which is to give spectators a taste of the musical education being given the children. If the weather permits the Moro school band will give a concert on the street at 12.30.

New Shrubs Received At Station

Receipt of some shrubbery from Cheyenne, Wyoming put Merrill Oveson to work this week finding a place to put out the plants where they would do best. The shrubs are decorative in many instances but some have commercial value other than their beauty.

Among them are Rabbit brush, Pygmy Caragana, Matrimony vine, Service berry, Bladder senna, Buffaloberry, Cotoaster, choke cherry, Rocky Mt. Maple, Hawthorne, elderberry.

COURT POSTPONED

Circuit court for Sherman county will convene Wednesday, May 22 instead of Monday May 20 according to Joe Truitt, Clerk, because attorneys in some of the cases are not able to be here by Monday.