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**AAA**

What seems about to happen to the AAA may be partially determined by reading a news story in this issue. Whatever is here said is based on the presumption that when marketing quotas are voted upon they will be defeated and the law made largely inoperative. There are several theories about the possibilities—several thousand theories. It may be that the administration, busied with war plans, has decided to let the farmer shift for himself for a time inasmuch as seven agricultural states expressed disapproval last November. Commodity Credit has vast sums tied up in wheat loans. The world has much too much wheat. If the price drops and the loans are taken off maybe the farmers will reduce the acreage sufficiently to cut down the surplus to a workable size. This is partially a return to older economics and away from the governmental responsibility theory of recent times.

Another theory holds that the certificate plan will be aided toward passage if the present involved plan is shaken.

The facts of the matter are more important than their theories.

It is true that there is a surplus of wheat in the world, that consumption is not going to be increased much even if everyone is put to work, for the per capita consumption of bread does not rise in good times. Canada has enough wheat for a year, Argentina and Australia cannot sell their crops. Thousands in central Europe cannot get wheat to eat because of the war.

The AAA has reduced acres from the peak of around 80,000,000 to below 60 million one or two years and 68 million in 1940 (which the department of agriculture will probably admit was an error.) Production has not been reduced as much in proportion. No one knows what to do. Even a controlled economy would find serious resentment in trying to settle a problem of so serious surpluses.

The AAA plan has not been successful in diverting enough acres from surplus crops. Diversion has not been the central part of the plan. The equalization feature to send farmers government money has been emphasized too strongly. We think there should be no payment for anything except diversion.

There is trouble in finding deficiency crops, but this is no reason why there should not be continued and increased effort in this endeavor. Such crops must eventually take the burden from present surplus crops.

**REAPPORTIONMENT**

Probably no bill has been introduced in the 41st legislative assembly that carried the general interest as did the Neuberger reapportionment bill. It is an endeavor to reapportion senators and representatives strictly according to the population and, from a strict conformist point of view, is the apparent intent expressed in the constitution.

Practices have grown up in the United States that are decidedly different than this system would permit. Hardly a single state apportions its legislators on a population basis nowadays. It has been found to be impracticable. Large cities universally do not have as many legislators as do rural areas on a population basis. This is true in New York, Illinois and Ohio among others.

It is fortunate for rural areas of Oregon who wish to retain the representation they now have that the bill in question was sponsored by Mr. Neuberger who is considered to be of the more radical group in the house and in Oregon politics. His followers are not at present numerous and those who fear his economic philosophy are in the majority.

A large part of the Portland delegation does not want more representatives and some have even been heard to express disapproval of the plan to give each county a senator and divide representatives on a strictly proportional basis. Their disapproval was not because of the loss of senators which would be involved but be-

cause of the increase in representatives. Portland conservatives are not as grasping as they are often considered to be. They realize that over a long time period if Multnomah county had control of the legislature that district could lose economic support over legislation which it would not lose if the upstate had good solid representation. Their reasoning seems good. While it is still too early to make any prophesy about the result of the reapportionment bills of which there are several, it is correct to say that at present, there are a great many legislators who do not desire a change of any kind.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer Jan. 24, 1902  
 P. W. McDonald and Jas. Sanders drove 6 head of horses to The Dalles on the 18th. P. W. had sold them to Portland parties for \$900 before they left the farm.

Emmett Sells has taken a position with G. P. Higginbotham & Co., R. P. Dear will work with The Inland Real Estate and Investment Co., Messrs J. O. Elrod and L. K. Moore after this month. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson have returned from their bridal trip and are now at home on the farm. It is a boy that tipped the beam at 11 lbs., and was passed to Jas. Tomlin at 11 a. m. Wednesday.

From the Observer Jan. 26, 1912  
 Work on the government canal at Celilo, suspended since the snow fell two weeks ago, was resumed all along the line Monday.

Mayor Goffin has a very artistic plan by which to improve the city park now owned by the city in planting trees and forming shady areas. The plan calls for silver leaf and Italian poplars and live oak locust.

The Dalles Military Road Co. was decreed title by the Supreme court of the United States as against the rights of the Sherman county settlers. There is now an effort being made to pass a bill for the relief of Sherman county settlers who lost these lands.

From the Observer Jan. 27, 1922  
 A farewell party was given in honor of Lena and Quay Martin at the Foss home Monday evening. Gwendolyn Foss was the chief instigator of the affair. About 25 school associates were present. The evening was spent in games. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. The two honor guests left Tuesday morning with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Martin, for Walla Walla, Washington.

Dr. C. L. Poley reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barzee on January 17th at the J. J. Schaeffer home.

Mrs. Fred Haynes, Mrs. Frank Haynes and daughter, Phyllis, went to Portland Tuesday to see Dr. M. B. Taylor.

**At The National Capitol**

By John W. Kelly  
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 The lease-lend bill. Most of the same senators who opposed the court bill are again arrayed against the president. There is greater public interest now because people can more readily understand what is at stake; this bill hits their pocketbook and touches directly on the lives of 16,000,000 who are within the draft age. London will continue being bombed and set fire to as the debate drags on in the senate, that much is certain.

WPA workers will be shipped to Clatsop county to build access roads connecting Fort Stevens with Wolf creek highway, with Camp Clatsop, and a twenty five mile pipe line for Fort Stevens. On the Washington side of the river are two gone-to-seed forts which will be rehabilitated and access roads constructed for them in Washington. While WPA funds will be sharply curtailed next fiscal year, defense works of WPA in Washington and Oregon will keep the workers busy and there is not likely to be much reduction in the force from present indications.

The committee for the President's Ball to be February 1st, at the Kent Legion hall, has secured Morey Graff's orchestra for the occasion.

A total of \$174,990.96 has been received to date in this county for payments under the 1940 agricultural conservation program. This is over 92 per cent of the amount to be received by Sherman county farmers since the total payment is estimated to be around \$190,000.

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 Attorney At Law  
 Moro and Wasco

**Legislative Comment and Predictions**

By Les French

They go rushing hither and thither. Now that the new codes are out the boys who have a little bill to drop in the hopper are busy getting it written and classified with the proper new code numbers which tell what is being done to what.

Very likely there will be many more bills produced this week than last—and most of those introduced last week will have to be amended.

Fred Paulus discovered from a reading of the constitution that there was no chance of paying ministers for praying over the house and senate as the constitution made it impossible. Fred is assistant state treasurer, not a practicing lawyer, and the constitutional attorneys running around here lost a point by his discovery.

Two reapportionment bills are in, the one by Neuberger to change the apportionment of senate and house and the one by Kimberling of Grant to reapportion the house. Kimberling admitted that his bill was in the style of a counter punch against Neuberger's lead. A forecast of house sentiment indicated that any reapportionment bill will have a short shift when it gets on the floor although there will be much said about it in committee and then it will be tried in the newspapers.

The larger truck bill has been sent to the senate by its sponsors and the high powered lobbyists who are expected to put it across are gathering in Salem to talk to the boys with the votes.

This week committees are beginning to meet, partly to get better acquainted and partly to handle the first of their bills. Important bills are looked over and moved aside as needing a bit more study. The ones that come out soon are the little things.

Representatives Miller and French are making ready a bill to change the method of apportioning the highway funds back to the counties. It is now on the basis of numbers of cars in each county, each car and truck drawing \$5.32. The bill, if passed, will put the division of such funds on the same basis as property taxes paid to the state by the counties. Many of the counties would gain by this measure.

There is talk of reviving the bill to increase the pay of county attorneys and to make a minimum of \$1800 for them. This was passed last session and vetoed by Governor Sprague. Sponsors of the measure have not decided what to do about it.

**Statehouse Gossip**

(Continued from page one)  
 For men who lack training for jobs this training will be supplied through special courses to be set up by the state department for vocational education.

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 From June 30, 1940 to December 31, 1940 Inc.

**General Fund**

Cash on hand June 30, 1940	\$53,742.38
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	9,440.82
Rec'd from Justice of Peace Stow, fines	75.00
Rec'd from Joe Truitt, County Clerk, Clerk fees	788.90
Rec'd from County Agent, Rent of Offices	60.00
Rec'd from Sherman County Health Dept's Amount pledged to budget	100.00
Rec'd from C. C. Wilson, Sheriff, Sheriff's fees	51.72
Rec'd from City of Moro, Building sold Transferred from Road Bond Sinking Fund, Loan of July 1, 1939	26.00
Paid General Fund Warrants	9,473.55
Balance on hand December 31, 1940	\$ 16,065.23
	\$7,693.14
	\$73,758.37

**County Road Fund**

Cash on hand June 30, 1940	\$25,305.03
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	6,859.93
Rec'd from Sec. of State, Motor Vehicle Registrations	6,095.83
Rec'd from City of Moro, Sale of Material	22.76
Rec'd from rent of equipment or sale of materials:	
L. E. Clark	2.45
W. K. Haggerty	8.00
F. L. Stradley	4.40
Donald Martin	11.20
T. M. Rolfe	5.00
Moro Grain Growers	15.00
Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers	5.50
Mrs. G. Johnson	4.00
A. C. Kaseberg	26.00
A. S. Johnson	40.00
Rec'd from Joseph A. Mee, Justice of Peace, fines	339.80
Transferred from Road Bond Interest Fund	239.81
Paid General Road Fund Warrants	\$12,550.06
Balance on hand December 31, 1940	26,435.65
	\$38,985.71

**County High School District Tuition**

Balance on hand June 30, 1940	\$ 4,959.29
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	1,848.17
Paid Warrants of County School Superintendent	3,814.23
Balance on hand December 31, 1940	3,003.23
	\$ 6,817.46

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**Elementary School Fund**

Balance on hand June 30, 1940	589.04
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Transferred from State Fund—for 1939 and prior years delinquency	12,923.72
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