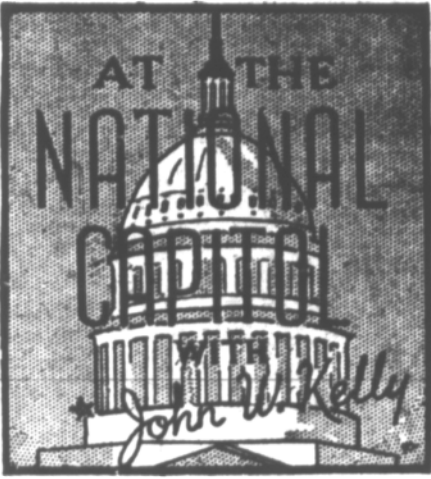


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Washington, D. C., March 13.—You postmaster, in about six weeks, will give you the first touch of war and national defense. Every postmaster in the country will have on sale thrift stamps and other obligations of the government. These stamps and certificates will be offered for sale to the general public. This is one device the treasury has adopted for raising revenue to carry on the cause of Britain, China, Greece and to provide home defense. There is no limit to the stamps, certificates and bonds that treasury may sell.

A feature of the securities is that they are not tax exempt. This means that the treasury will have to pay a higher rate of interest, but with the taxes paid on them and the number which may be lost the treasury expects to make a clean profit. Purpose of the stamps, in particular, is to reach out for the low income class of citizens. The stamps will be sold not only in postoffices but in stores and schools, wherever there is a prospect of sale. The savings bonds will not be negotiable; they cannot be transferred by the purchaser to another individual.

Treasurer is considering non-negotiable bonds to sell insurance companies. There has been much criticism of late about insurance companies by the "monopoly" committee. The companies are charged with using none of their capital as "venture money." Treasury thinks that the insurance companies can well afford to invest heavily in the new bonds, tax exempt and non-transferable, for their reserves.

These stamps and the smaller bonds will supplement the income and other taxes which will be imposed on the American people. At first, at least, there will be no drive to sell the securities, as was the case in the first world war with thrift stamps and liberty bonds. Provided the public does not step up and purchase, however, an intensive drive will be arranged, for Uncle Sam must have money, tons of money.

No one liked to mention it, openly, but the high spot in the debate on the lend-lease bill was the attempt to prevent the president from sending American soldiers outside the western hemisphere. It was not England or Europe where the troops might be sent but to Singapore, the great British naval base in the orient. The mobilization act permits the president to transport the national guardsmen of Oregon and Washington to the Philippines and Guam, if he sees fit, but dispatching them further west to Singapore was another proposition.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull was insistent that no restrictions be placed on the president, for the state department is looking to the time when conditions in the orient may be such that, with an alliance with Britain, American soldiers may be required at Singapore, Wake Island and Samoa. The subject was so delicate that no one wanted to mention the word Singapore.

Troops in the northwest, regulars, guardsmen and draftees, may be sent to Alaska to an imposing army base to be established there. Already draftees and regulars are being chined from San Francisco to smaller posts which are being built in Alaska. Sneaking of Alaska, the territorial legislature is treating the new governor harsh. The governor addressed the legislature and immediately after the lawmakers adopted a resolution protesting "outsiders" being appointed by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, and curbing the power of the governor. Plans for using Alaska as a stepping stone for refugees from Germany to enter the United States are still being pushed by Ickes, and this is another grievance the Alaskans have.

Naval officers will make a new inspection of the facilities of Oregon and Washington for the

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41 Assembly Considering Adjournment

Giles L. French

About the time this is being read—if it is—the Oregon legislative assembly is likely to be passing its last bill for this session and standing up and singing "Auld Lang Syne" so they won't forget the past sixty days.

It is not likely the members will be permitted to forget the actions taken during that two months period, "Auld Lang Syne" or not.

By the time adjournment sine die is had the 41st assembly of the duly chosen representatives of the people of Oregon should have made amendments to the unemployment compensation law of the state. These have been called the most important contribution to the state, but in many sessions they would have been routine matters overshadowed by more important things.

Raising of base benefits from \$7 to a slightly higher figure, and establishing a top and bottom for the size of the trust fund are not so very important. Inclusion of occupational disease in the workmen's compensation law is equally important and it is expected that this will be done.

An entirely new method of assessing personal property taxes has been proposed and likely passed by now. The date of assessment, the tax paying day, the fiscal year of the counties and school districts have all been changed and it is likely that hereafter personal property will be assessed through the filing of a statement on the part of owner instead of having a deputy assessor call and ask questions.

There may be some new taxes. And this depends largely to the activity of the pension groups. If they come and glare down on the legislators from the galleries and buttonhole members in the lobby they may pass a new tax of some sort.

The sales tax was beaten in the house but is almost certain to be called up again on a reconsideration motion. The vote was only 31 to 28. As now written the bill would cost rural areas quite a bit of money which would go into the pension funds of the congested cities. There is argument also that these prosperous times are not the best time to start new taxes for pensions which should not be so seriously needed if people are working.

The school equalization measure seems doomed to go down to defeat in the senate by a vote or two, that is, if present plans of the opposition are realized. "Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished," as one W. Shakespeare is quoted as saying.

The senate has apparently saved the house from the firemen's pension bill but the house failed to save the senate from the mistake of passing a barber's code. This innocent appearing bill merely included the words "and trades" in the fair practice law and it slipped by with few dissenters realizing what it was all about.

The new forestry bills will be important to the many counties of Oregon where there is timber to be saved and the work of passing them may eventually be the session's greatest contribution to the state.

The appropriation for the Sherman branch experiment station has been approved by the ways and means committee and HB 544 is on its way through the hopper—or through—as opposition is not expected to be serious.

Elisha Thomas, 62, Buried Sunday

Elisha Thomas, 62, a former resident of Wasco, died Friday, March 8th, at his home in White Salmon, where he had lived for several years. Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon and interment made at White Salmon.

Mr. Thomas is survived by three brothers, Jess of Medford, Roy of Parkdale, Lew of Moro and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Parriett of White Salmon.

Those attending the services from Sherman county included Messrs and Mesdames Arthur Messers, W. E. Nichols, Harry W. Gilder, Victor Anderson, Hilford Zell, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Thomas and Lily Webber.

Trail Ends in Sinking Sun



Framed between giant pine trees on the edge of the Kaibab Forest on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, this cowboy looks at the mighty chasm wrought by the Colorado river. This scene is at the end of the trail at Point Imperial as the evening sun bathes the canyon with brilliant light. —Union Pacific Railroad Photo.

Legislative Appropriations Exceed Governor's Budget \$750,000

By A. L. Lindbeck.

Salem, Ore., March 13—Legislative appropriations approved by the ways and means committee and voted by the House and Senate exceed the recommendations submitted to the session by Governor Sprague by more than three quarters of a million dollars. Just how much more depends upon the interpretation of two budget items.

One of these is an allocation of \$100,000 for the construction of new armories. This money is hedged about with so many restrictions that the ways and means statisticians do not include it in their list of appropriations. But if not an appropriation then it can only be interpreted as an idle gesture—a sop thrown out to Baker, Grants, Pass, Oregon City and La Grande all of which are demanding new armories at this session.

Just how much the budget is out of balance by these excess appropriations is also a matter of interpretation. Based upon anticipated revenues as set up in the governor's budget the general fund will be in the red approximately \$750,000 at the end of the next biennium if all the appropriations are used up. But there again the statisticians have stepped in to change the picture. The experts have increased the governor's estimates on income figures by some \$300,000 thus reducing the anticipated net deficit to between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

In the opinion of Governor Sprague the forestry program contained in 15 separate bills constitute the most important work of the legislative session. Growing out of the efforts of the Oregon Economic Council and offered as a part of the administration's legislative program all but 17 of the forestry bills introduced received House and Senate approval and have now received the governor's signature. Outstanding among the fifteen bills in the forestry program, according to the governor are two measures one of which clarifies and amplifies an act of the 1939 session authorizing the state to acquire timber lands for reforestation purposes and the other which requires that certain lands be left standing in logging operations, also for reforestation purposes.

In spite of the fact that the lawmakers voted to increase the maximum monthly payments for old age pensions from \$30 to \$40 Oregon's needy aged will probably have to get along for the next two years on a \$21 monthly average pension. No provision has been made for raising additional revenues for relief or pensions and the increased appropriations voted in accordance with the gov-

ernor's budget is only calculated to take care of the normal increase in the number of persons on the pension rolls.

Voters of Oregon were spared the experience of passing again on a sales tax when the House on Saturday defeated the Loneragan bill covering this subject. That sentiment among the legislators is pretty evenly divided on the subject, however, is indicated by the 31 to 28 vote. Sixty per cent of the revenues to be raised by the proposed sales tax were to go toward increasing pensions for the aged and more than 200 old folks folks packed the House galleries during the debate on the measure, brought to Salem from all sections of the state in the hope that their presence might swing a few votes in support of the bill and insure its passage.

The Board of Control is expected to announce the new superintendent for the State Training School for Boys soon. More than 40 men have applied for the job which is to be vacated by Sam Laughlin on April 1 after ten years in that position.

What will be the cost of the legislative session? That is a question that cannot be answered until all the bills are in and paid—bills for printing and binding the House and Senate Journals and the session laws which are yet to be compiled after the session adjourns.

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Sunday School Rally Attracts Many

The county wide rally of the Sunday schools held at Moro Presbyterian church last Sunday was well attended with about 100 persons present.

A basket dinner was served at one o'clock, followed by a program in which all the Sunday schools took part. The Grass Valley Sunday school gave the history of the origin of Sunday school.

The program consisted mostly of musical numbers and several talks were given by Pastors present and by others on the program.

Trees Available At Court House

A supply of trees is available at the county agents office. The following kinds are on hand: Black locust, Russian olive, Chinese elm, Caragana, Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and Western red cedar. These trees come in bundles of 25 and sell for 15c a bunch to help defray shipping charge.

Moro Station Appropriation Passes House

Appropriation Cut From Budget Makes Progress

In Being Regained

Word was received Tuesday morning from Congressman Pierce that the \$2600.00 Federal appropriation for the U. S. and State Experiment Station at Moro, which was deleted from the budget, had been included in the Agricultural appropriation bill which passed the House March 6th.

Congressman Pierce states that he regrets that the five thousand dollars asked for could not be added in the House bill, but he has called Senator Holman's attention to the fact they had got the \$2600.00 through the House in the hope that he can have it raised to \$5000.00 in the Senate Committee, of which he is a member.

The bill now rests in the hands of the Senate. Senator Holman has been informed of the value of this station and the necessity of regaining the \$2600.00 appropriation in order to preserve and continue records and experiments carried on by this station which has been in operation over a period of approximately thirty years.

A bill has been placed in the state legislature to appropriate this necessary amount to carry on the work of this station until it could be regained from the Federal government, which provided the amount all these years. The bill, however, specifically states that the fund will not be drawn on in case the money is approved by Congress.

So far neither legislature has completed the necessary procedure so the money will be available, but progress is being made in that direction after much effort on the part of interested organizations.

Sherman County Could Feed More Livestock

Based on the total feed supplies in Sherman county which include crop residues, all of the cereal grains, grass and grazing land, Sherman county is producing enough feed for over three-fourths of a million animal unit months.

By subtracting the production of wheat as grain from this total capacity the county still potentially could produce over one-third million animal unit months of livestock from the feed produced from crop residue etc. This means that after wheat is deducted as a feed, that is the wheat produced for grain, that Sherman county, to have the maximum number of livestock over a long-time period, that the actual carrying capacity would be in the neighborhood of 25,244 head of livestock as animal units. Actually we now are carrying approximately 14,400 head of livestock in the form of animal units.

If the available feed, supply was in the form that could be used by hogs, and if "these were market hogs, the hogs when fattened would consume a little over a half million bushels of wheat. If all the wheat produced in Sherman county was fed to hogs it would take a little over a million hogs to consume the total production in Sherman county, based on the average production over the last ten years.

If the present animal unit census figure for Sherman county was in the form of yearling steers it would take 137,600 bushels of wheat to fatten these steers. If the potential carrying capacity in Sherman county were steers it would take 416,500 bushels of wheat to feed them to market.

In order to feed all the wheat produced in Sherman county to steers for market it would take 150,000 head of steers to consume the wheat produced on the average over the last ten years. In order to do this, however, it would be necessary to provide approximately 112,000 tons of hay.

Custom, education, and fashion form the transient standards of mortals. Immortality, exempt from age or decay, has a glory of its own, the radiance of Soul. Mary Baker Eddy.

Sherman County Pioneer Buried At Grass Valley

John W. Hays, 83, a pioneer resident of Sherman county having lived the last 54 years of his life in or near Grass Valley, died Friday evening, March 7, in a Dalles Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sunday from the Grass Valley auditorium at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. Dayden officiating. Tom Fraser of Moro sang, accompanied by Mrs. Oville Ruggles.

Honorary pallbearers were Gus Engstrom, Lewis Olds, W. E. Garrett, I. D. Pike, Fred Krusow, Wm. Guyton, and Sam Holmes. Active pallbearers were Geo. Wilcox, T. M. Rolfe, Ernest Blaylock, Frank Bayer, Frank Lemley, and L. K. Smith.

Interment was made in the L.O. O.F. cemetery with the Grass Valley Odd Fellows in charge of the graveside services. Mr. Hays was a charter member of this lodge.

Survivors are his widow, Carrie of Grass Valley; five daughters, Mrs. Bertha Smith and Mrs. Sadie Alley, both of Grass Valley; Mrs. Hattie Zahner and Mrs. Ruth Feely, both of The Dalles; and Mrs. Verna Block, of Balacon; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; a brother, James, of San Luis Obispo, California and a sister, Mrs. Carrie Pate, of Paso Robles, California.

Appaloosa History Sketched Over Radio

The Oregon State Motor Association featured on their radio program Tuesday night a brief history of the Appaloosa horse, an animal developed by the Nez Perce Indians and at present very rare. An effort is being made by a few individuals of the northwest to preserve these beautiful and intelligent strain of horses. Sherman county is fortunate in having one of these breeders of Appaloosa horses, Claude J. Thompson, now president of the Appaloosa Horse Association.

These facts were brought out in the travelogue of the Motor Association with Giles French as guest. He answered questions to bring out the history of these rare animals, and that Claude Thompson's farm was within reach of anyone wishing to make a drive from Portland or vicinity to Sherman county to see the Appaloosa in his place.

Utilities To Pay Taxes In County

Pacific Power & Light company's \$3,524.94 real and personal property taxes due in Sherman county this year, will be paid this week, according to R. V. Lockhart, local agent for the company at Moro.

The Pacific company's annual property taxes here are equivalent to more than \$8.00 per customer served in Sherman county, said Lockhart. Property taxes paid by the company this year are equivalent to the total levy for county bridges in Sherman county last year.

Pacific Power & Light company's tax payments take more than 15% of the company's revenue from the sale of electricity, or the equivalent of nearly two months' total business each year.

Moro State Bank Liquidation Finished

The depositors of the Moro State Bank, which closed its doors in the latter days of September 1931 and was placed in the hands of the State Superintendent of Banks for liquidation, have received their last and final payment.

The checks received last week represented dividend No. 10, amounting to 7.86%, which was made possible by the selling of all the final assets, fixtures, etc. The previous dividends made amounted to 85% making a total of 92.86% paid on every dollar owed by the bank to depositors. This is more than was felt would be forthcoming that blue morning back in 1931—which reminds us "Every cloud has a silver lining."

They can, because they believe they can.—Virgil.

County Principals Meet For Date Setting

Spring Activities Numerous And Varied In Number

A principals meeting was held Thursday night in Superintendent Knighten's office with the following present: W. R. Jones, Kent; Ray Jewel, Grass Valley; R. G. Cunliff, Moro; John F. Jenkins, Rufus.

The music teachers of the various schools also were present to help make up the musical programs given near the end of the school year, with Miss Esther Cammack representing Kent, Miss Orva Stevens, Wasco; Miss Margaret Trabue, Grass Valley; Miss Esther Buche, Rufus and Mrs. Reba Nye, Moro.

The following schedule was made out with the typing contest to be held April 16th at Moro, which will include a test for both first and second year students in typing. On April 30, the annual declamatory contest will be held at Rufus. May 2nd has been set aside for the band festival and the grade school track meet to be held in Moro. The annual county music festival and high school track meet is scheduled for the 16th of May in Grass Valley.

Commencement dates set

The commencement dates have been tentatively set for Grass Valley May 20th; Kent May 22nd; Moro, May 27th; Wasco no date set as yet and Rufus has no graduating class this year.

The closing dates for the school year are May 23rd for Grass Valley, Kent and Rufus, with the 29th for Moro and Wasco.

The principals expressed an interest in the Junior Olympics sponsored by the Eugene American Legion Post No. 3 in cooperation with the other Posts of Oregon, to be held in Eugene on April 26 and 27. As many boys in school between the ages of 13 and 17 who wish to enter, will be transported down and taken care of by Legionnaires in their homes.

This is the second year for the Olympics which were instituted, not for real athletes to compete for records, but for promotion of physical exercises which help to develop good strong bodies. They offer golf and tennis tournaments and the decathlon, (ten events, with the junior and senior sections, the boys being placed by weight and age) 75 yard dash, 120 yard low hurdle, running high jump, running broad jump, football punt, baseball throw, 60 yard swim, hand stand, rope climb and a posture test.

Missionary Society Installs Officers

The Woman's Missionary Society had a fine attendance at the home of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Hanson had charge of the installation of the new officers. "Light" was the theme used in the service. A candle light ceremony gave special significance to the responsibilities assumed. A red lighted candle in the center represented Christ as the giver of Light. As each chairman took office she lighted her candle from the one in the center until all were lighted. Appropriate Scripture verses were read by each officer, as her time came.

Mrs. Hollinshead had charge of the program which was on "Christian work among the Japanese." She gave personal touches from her experience with Japanese children in California. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

4-H Club Leaders To Hold Conference

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, March 8, (Special) 4-H club leaders of 11 counties in eastern Oregon will hold a two day conference at the Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande on Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22. Since the meeting is scheduled during the college spring vacation, the delegates will stay overnight in the residence hall of the college.