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Washington D. C., Sept. 11.—While the labor and farm bloc in congress do not anticipate price regulation provisions which would be detrimental to them, in order to maintain their bargaining position they are keeping up their fight against the bill to give Leon Henderson authority to fix prices. There is some doubt whether such a bill can be passed, anyway, as prices have not yet advanced to the point where they may be regarded as inflationary.

Although there is considerable pressure for price fixing by law the problem is so loaded with political dynamite that many congressmen oppose it and will refuse to take any action unless conditions become such that legislation can not be avoided. Nothing can now be done about it until after September 15 and the question is so controversial that a decision could not be reached before sometime in October. No matter what the final outcome, there is slight prospect that a ceiling will be placed on wages or a maximum on the price of farm products.

People of Oregon who have made cash contributions to one or more of the 349 agencies actively soliciting war relief funds in the United States would find much of interest in a report by Secretary of State Cordell Hull tabulating these donations during the period from September 6, 1939, to July 31, 1941. All organizations soliciting funds for this purpose are required to register with the secretary of state and periodically report on the amount collected, the sum actually sent to the supposed beneficiaries and the total administrative cost.

This tabulation shows that in the period named the American people have contributed in cash, exclusive of the Red Cross, a total of \$40,554,058.97, of which \$29,261,395.94 has been spent for relief in the countries designated and \$1,263,725.25 has been used for administrative expenses. The unexpended balance, including cost of goods purchased, is still on hand. Agencies soliciting subscriptions range from the Adopt a Town committee (England) to the Yugoslav War Relief association of Seattle. As is logical to expect the largest fund collected has been by the British War Relief committee, a total of \$10,152,765.20, at a cost of \$865,797.19. The smallest administrative cost is reported by Bay Ridge Allied Relief of Brooklyn, which collected \$63.75, sent \$62.75 abroad and spent \$1 for expenses.

The Brooke County Allied War Relief committee in West Virginia collected \$16 at no expense and still have it. American Friends of a Jewish Palestine collected \$4,782.84, sent to the designated beneficiaries \$1,927.02 and spent for administrative expense \$2,855.82 thus breaking even but with the highest proportionate cost of any of the listed agencies. The International Children's Relief association is a close second with \$60 collected and \$25 given as administrative expense. The outstanding activity of all, however, was by the Lithuanian National Relief committee, which spent \$894.99 and didn't receive a single penny in contributions.

Nothing more is being said about the plan discussed several weeks ago for the formation of a billion dollar agency under OPM and financed by Reconstruction Finance corporation to build rolling stock for the railroads, now hard pressed for freight cars with which to move defense materials. Jesse Jones of RFC says he believes the roads can give reasonably satisfactory service without this aid, and the railroad managements are not disposed to invite it if they can pull through with the equipment on hand and ordered; they wish to avoid such additional control of and participation in the transportation industry. Ralph Budd, transportation head, has complained that the defense program is falling down because of inability to get

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Cowboys Eat Breakfast With Local Club

The Moro Breakfast club was host Wednesday morning to as hungry a bunch of citizens as could be found. Great piles of steak, dozens of eggs, bushels of potatoes and pots of steaming coffee disappeared rapidly under the onslaughts of the early morning customers who were awakened by the siren, the sound of "soups on" and the smell of food a'frying.

Chef L. L. Peetz and his crew were on hand before dawn and had the food ready before the earliest breakfaster appeared, sleepy eyed, to fill his plate around the cook stoves.

No accurate check on the number fed has been made but at least 150 must have been up to enjoy the biggest breakfast of his career.

Legion Commander Expected At Kent

State Commander of American Legion, Joseph K. Carson, ex-mayor of Portland and State President Mrs. J. W. (Polly) McInturf, of Marshfield have been invited to attend the joint installation of the Post and Unit officers of Moro, Wasco and Kent which will be held Sunday afternoon, September 23, following a Sunday "potluck" dinner, in the Kent Legion hall.

District Commander Merrill Richmond of Bonneville and Floye von Borstel, District President, who recently assisted with the installation of the Officers of the Posts and Units of Bend, Prineville and Redmond at Redmond and the Post and Unit Officers at Hood River, will be the Installing Officers.

Mrs. W. W. Knighten, Secretary of the Moro Unit, who recently received the appointment of State Poppy Poster Chairman, will act as Sergeant-at-Arms for the Units in the installation ceremony.

Whether or Not Snell To Run For Governor Is Still Question

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Salem, Ore., Sept. 11.—Secretary of State Earl Snell remains the big question mark in the forthcoming Republican primary campaign. Barred from seeking a return to his present position by the state constitution which limits a secretary of state to two consecutive terms, it is generally taken for granted that Snell will be a candidate for some other office.

It is also pretty generally taken for granted by most political prognosticators that Snell will enter the lists as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor in opposition to Governor Charles A. Sprague who has already publicly declared himself as a candidate for re-election.

There are a lot of other prognosticators, however, who still believe that Snell will step aside from the gubernatorial race and contend instead for the second district Congressional seat now held by Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande who has also declared his intention to seek another term. This is the course the Republican strategists are hoping Snell will pursue since it is feared a contest between Snell and Sprague might result in a breach in the party ranks through which the Democrats may be able to slip their nominee in the fall elections next year. However, this pathway which was wide open a month ago now presents a bit of complication in the form of Lowell Stockman of Umatilla county who is understood to have made up his mind that he wants the Republican Congressional nomination over in that district.

Snell himself is not taking anyone into his confidence regarding his plans for the future. Some time ago he intimated that he might have an announcement to make in September but now that the Ovater season is at hand he has decided to defer his announcement until "later on," probably after the first of the year.

In the meantime additional interest has been injected into the republican gubernatorial situation by rumors that State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, third member of the Board of Control, would also like to sit at the head of the council table. If the prospect of two strong candidates for this

Schools Open With Slightly Fewer Pupils

Drop in Enrollment Less Than for Several Years In County Schools

A total of 336 pupils are listed on the records of the five schools in Sherman county this week with a few more expected as soon as the fair and harvest are over. This is a slight drop from the beginning of the 1940 school year but not enough to indicate that schools will be much different from last year. In fact the enrollment as to grades indicates that the leveling off has come and that schools will remain about the same size for several years to come if those now in the county remain to finish high school.

There are 226 in the grades divided as follows: first 26, second 32, third 25, fourth 35, fifth 29, sixth 25, seventh 24, eighth 28. No great change in school population can be contemplated from these figures.

In high school the county has 110, Kent having 16, Grass Valley 28, Moro 22, Wasco 32 and Rufus 12.

Wasco has a total of 89, a drop of 4, Rufus has 42 an increase of 3, Moro has 74, a drop of 6, Grass Valley has 82, a drop of 5.

Heartening is the fact that the decrease in school numbers is this year nearly comparable with the loss of pupils found in nearly every other school in the state. For a number of years this county lost school enrollment faster than any other county.

While the coming fair will hamper schools for the first week work will be organized so that it can begin full blast next Monday.

George and John Mowry were here Sunday from Portland to look around the old homestead and meet a few friends of other days.

Wasco Masonic Lodge Nearly Fifty Years Old

The fiftieth anniversary of Taylor lodge No. 99 of Wasco, scheduled for Saturday night, will draw 30 Masons from Portland and vicinity. There will be members of the state Grand Lodge and members from Beaverton, the sister lodge of Wasco. Places will be provided for 200.

Speaker for the event will be Clarence Phillips, deputy grand master and Leslie Scott, state treasurer.

First master of the Wasco lodge was M. A. Van Gilder who was appointed to the place. Dr. J. Edgington was SW, R. W. Brock JW, W. M. Barnett Treasurer, W. H. Biggs, secretary and J. H. Johnson, Tyler.

Christopher Taylor, for whom the lodge was named, was the first man to be made a Mason on the Pacific coast. He died at Dayton in 1892. He served in several of Oregon's Indian wars and was adjutant general under Governor Gibbs and major general under Governor Moody.

Taylor lodge No. 99 has kept its membership roll at about the same number despite the fact that the population of the community has fallen greatly since the inception of the lodge.

Budget Meeting For City Set

Moro's city council voted to hold the city budget meeting October 7 with John Foss, S. W. Searcy, Dewey Thompson, George Updegraff, W. S. Powell and J. K. Kean as budgeteers to make up the list of expenditures for the city for the first half of 1942. This fall all budgets are to be made for a six months period only because of the change to June as the end of the fiscal year.

The audit of city finances for the year was accepted. It shows receipts of \$8,810.07 and disbursements of \$9,802.43 for 1940. Dropping is the unpaid taxes which are now but \$1613.14.

City bonds are now paid up to a third of the 1946 bonds leaving an indebtedness of \$22,000.

Festival Queen Candidates Named

Candidates for the queen of the Wasco library festival have been named by the high school classes. Vieing for the honor of reigning as queen of the festival are Carol Dae Drinkard of the freshman class, Shirley Juhnke, sophomore, Betty Juhnke, junior and June Hines, senior. Winner will ride in the queen's float in the parade and be crowned by the mayor.

All organizations in town are expected to enter floats in the parade which will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. A show at the school house will follow and later concessions will enliven the day along the main street. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the lucky number to win the table and rug will be chosen at the dance in the evening.

Money obtained through this festival is used to build up the local library which has attained a position of prominence throughout the state among libraries in towns the size of Wasco and larger. Ideas obtained from the Wasco library are being used by others.

Jimmy Hall of Goldendale will bring his six piece orchestra to play for the dance that will end the day's program.

Farmers Get Near \$2,000,000 in Loans

Up to the middle of the week the county agent's office had filled papers for 577 loans on 1941 wheat in commercial warehouses. This has accounted for 1,806,302 bushels of the crop, one of the largest in the county's history. Farmers realized \$1,735,829.56 from the loans.

In addition to this 8 loans have been made on 64,172 bushels of farm stored wheat which brought in another \$61,631.77. Few farm storage loans have as yet been made as the wheat must be allowed a month in storage before loans can be made. The AAA office expects that \$2,500,000 will be put out in loans before the season is ended.

Cattle Feeding Test to Await More Information

Result of Chemical Analysis of Hay and Chaff Shows Small Protein Content

Chemical analysis of the samples of hay and chaff sent to Corvallis this fall has been made and the report was bought here Wednesday by Ralph Besse, P. M. Brandt, Dick Richards and Al Oliver of the state college. A meeting with farmers and stockmen was held that forenoon at which there was a full discussion of the report and the possibilities of making a stock feeding experiment at the local station.

The chaff analysed showed about 2.5 percent protein. This is low, being about the same as straw, which runs around 1 percent. The hay samples were found to contain from 4 to 6 percent protein, the strongest being that which was cut in the milk or soft dough.

A protein ration of 9 percent is needed for fattening steers that weigh 700 pounds. Larger steers require a larger percentage of roughage and smaller steers a smaller percent of roughage—and consequently a higher protein feed.

Alfalfa, which Dick Richards of the Union experiment station, held to be almost an ideal feed for fattening steers contains 12.5 percent protein, which is the limiting factor in livestock feeding.

The 4-H club calves that are fed in this county so successfully, have a ration containing over 14 percent protein.

These figures indicated to those present that if at all possible alfalfa should be grown in this county for fattening steers for our wheat land will produce more dollars in the form of grain than in the form of beef. Sweet clover was suggested as an alternate for alfalfa and Richards reported that it contained about the same amount of protein as alfalfa and is as good a feed except for palatability. Feeding of some hay or chaff with alfalfa or clover will prevent bloat which sometimes occurs with them.

Crested Wheat grass contains 6.9 percent protein and is a good forage crop for that reason.

It requires 450 pounds of alfalfa hay and 300 pounds of wheat to make 1000 pounds of beef. It takes 1250 pounds of chaff with the grain to make the same gain. The time of feeding is lengthened and the animal is not kept in as good condition.

It is now most unlikely that a feeding experiment will be conducted here, at least this year. However, it is expected that analysis of hay and chaff will be made annually to determine the value of that feed. In the meantime stock feeders are to be encouraged to grow alfalfa which has returned over a ton per acre in this county on the 300 acres now sown on dry land.

Hogs Still At \$13.00 per Cwt.

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.50 to 12.50. Good grass steers \$10.00 to 11.00. Good grain fed heifers \$10.75 to 11.00. Good grass heifers \$9.25 to 10.25. Good beef cows \$7.75 to 8.25, medium \$7.00 to 7.75, common \$6.00 to 7.00, cullers \$5.00 to 5.75. Bulls, medium to good \$8.25 to 9.25, common \$7.00 to 8.00. Vealers, good to choice \$12.50 to 13.50.

HOGS: Good to choice carlots \$12.00; 170 to 215 lb truckins \$12.75 to 13.00; 230 to 285 lb butchers \$11.90 to 12.50; light weight butchers \$11.75 to 12.25; packing sows \$10.25 to 10.75. Feeder pigs up to \$13.50.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$10.25 to 10.75, carcasses to \$11.00; medium to good, \$9.25 to 10.00; common, \$8.50 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$9.50. Shorn lambs \$8.75 to 9.50, onc lot \$9.75.

BETTING BOSS HERE

Joe Waller arrived Thursday to be in charge of the pari-mutuel betting at the fair. Bets this year will be on win and place only and 2 tickets will be sold. A new location has been arranged. The board will be in the arena across from the grand stand and the odds will be posted and broadcasted.

County Fair Starts Today As Crowds Visit Exhibits

Fair time is here again. The movement of many strangers on the streets, the loads of fat, sleek stock getting ready for display, the finery of citizens, the feeling of tenseness and anticipation all indicate that something is about to happen.

Today at 1:30 the 1941 fair will open with the crowning of Queen Cleo, and her princesses Reutha and Dorothy, by A. H. Barnum, who was president of the fair board for 25 years.

Four-H club boys will parade their animals, the Sherman county riders will show the result of their summer's training, the six horse teams will gallop in the arena and the fair will be on.

All day Thursday trucks backed up to the unloading chute at the fair grounds and disgorged loads of calves for the 4-H club barns, heavy horses, sheep and swine and poultry.

Race horses have been at the grounds for several days getting their daily work outs. One after another they are brought on the track to lope slowly around a time or two and then run a part of a lap before going back to the barn man's ministrations for cooling out.

There can be no question but the Sherman county fair will have better exhibits of horses and cattle than can be found in any other single county in the state. Our draft horses have already won, and will again, when they visit other fairs. A Sherman county calf won grand champion at the state fair and others are ready whose owners think them just as good. There will be no county fair that will have the quality of livestock that will be seen at the fair grounds today, Saturday and during the Sunday parade.

Changes have been made in the appearance of the grounds this year. A platform has been built for the pari-mutuel betting with a booth at the south end large enough to house the men who take in the bets. Room has been provided for those who wish to wager to see the races from that point of vantage.

An entirely new rail has been built around the track with the approved lean out that is to prevent riders from catching toes on the fence. A band stand will occupy the fore part of the arena for Monte Brooks' band and acts that he will bring with him.

Four-H club children will find one of the finest club barns in the state in the reconstructed mess hall of the former CCC camp. Forty five calves will occupy it.

A telephone line has been built to connect the announcer's booth with the race barns, the bucking chute and the betting quarters. A catch pen for calves has also been built.

It is assured that all three strings of draft horses that show at Salem and Gresham and Portland will be on hand for the first day of the fair. The Rolfe herd returned from Salem this week, the Fraser herd is still here, having foregone the Salem trip this year and Helyer's string is ready for action although "Slim" will drive with one broken finger, caused from riding a half broken colt.

Thursday entries were made at the fair ground office and all day owners of stock, grange members, 4-H club boys with stock and girls with cooking exhibits, women with fancy work were on hand to place their entries.

The carnival arrived in town Thursday and set up rides and games in the flat where the small boy and girl can be found when strayed from mama and papa.

Dances will be held three nights beginning Thursday with Monte Brooks' band making the music.

FOUR MORE MEN DRAFTED
Men have been selected to fill the county's quota for the call to army service next September 29. Four men will present themselves at 10 a. m. at the draft board headquarters from where they will be sent to the induction station in Portland.

Called are Harold Lamire Owens, Chester Clout Coats, Michael Vincent Ignowski, Lewis Aaron Riggs.

Requests for deferment have been made on behalf of three men so far in this county, one because of dependents and two because they are needed in agricultural pursuits.

License Examiner Coming to Wasco

A Traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Wasco on Friday, September 12, 1941, and will be on duty at the city hall from 10:00 a. m. to 4 p. m.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars may get in touch with the examiner at this time.