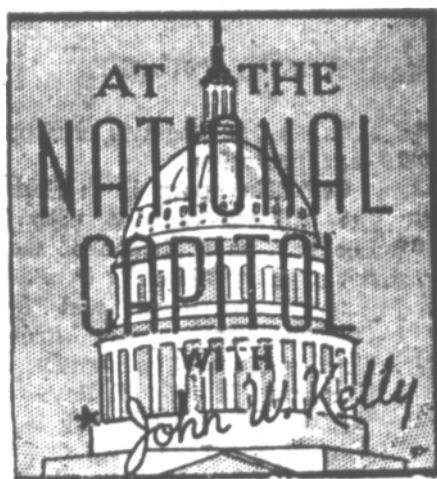


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Washington, D. C. Dec. 11.—Klamath Indians having made a clean-up of millions of dollars in their claim against the government, the Indians on the Caldwell reservation in Washington wish to present a claim. Back in 1872 President Grant lopped off from the treaty lands of these Indians 1,238,141 acres; threw them open to settlement, as Washington was still a territory and needing population. Treaties in those days were disregarded; the Black Hills, pledged to be immune from the white men were thrown open when gold was found in Deadwood and this the Sioux resented and they wiped out General Custer's cavalry on the little Big Horn in retaliation. Ancestors of the Indians on the Colwell reservation bided their time instead of going on the warpath; now they want the payoff. Nine Indians from Colwell are in the national capital seeking the right to sue the government in the court of claims. They consider the land worth \$1.25 an acre; want \$1,647,680 in lieu of the land. Plutocrats of Harney county are also asking money for the lands taken from them by the government and sold to the cattle barons. The plutocrats have been struggling for this for several years; managed to get senate approval and have been held up in the house. So far Klamath Indians are the only ones to ring the bell; second richest tribe in the country. Colwell tribe also wants compensation for fishing rights on the Columbia, destroyed by Grand Coulee dam.

Every member of the house of representatives has been given a printed list of communists with criminal records in the labor unions by Martin Dies, chairman of the committee on un-American activities. The west coast is well represented.

States hit by the anti-Okie decision of the supreme court (refusal to assist refugees from other states) can expect federal legislation. Representative Tolson, who has been heading a committee making a study of migration since last year, is expected to offer a bill which is calculated to bring the states to time. Apparently the plan will be that when states fail to help they will be cut off from federal assistance. The Tolson committee is concerned over the post-war depression and wants some protection ready for the hundreds of thousands who will be in destitute condition when that time comes. Until the supreme court made its decision several western states had laws withholding relief from outsiders.

Now being drafted is legislation which will permit the navy to award regional contracts to firms, notwithstanding that lower bids may be received from contractors outside the region. The measure also reduces the bonding requirements of the little fellows. This bill is intended to spread defense work and remove some limitations. The contract distribution division of OPM says that unless some changes in the present law are made, there is not much they can do for small business, despite the demand to use the bits-and-pieces system in vogue in England. If it is urged, congress is anxious to save small business the legislation must be enacted.

Senator Robert LaFollette (he has been ill with an infected leg) has offered an amendment to the fair labor standards act by defining oppressive child labor employed in agriculture away from their homes. The senator proposes to make allowance for the generally accepted practice of having children perform daily chores on their home farm and his amendment declares that this practice is not "oppressive child labor." It is proposed to permit the children's bureau of the department of labor to supervise agricultural employment without interfering with the institution of

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Wheat League Hears Opinions of Many Speakers

What Will Happen To Wheat Price and Nation After The War Most Absorbing Topics

The 1941 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, held in Heppner last week end was acclaimed as one of the most satisfying of the fourteen that have been held.

Crowds were as large or larger than before, 586 being seated at the banquet Friday evening.

Main committee meetings were held Thursday and Thursday evening although some sessions held over until Friday morning. After that the program included speakers and reports. Fewer speakers were heard than previously but each was given more time.

Governor Charles A. Sprague spoke Thursday afternoon and reviewed the legislative situation. He did not favor a special session of the legislature and his tax program was generally that of the league.

N. E. Dodd, former Baker county farmer and now western representative of the AIAA, spoke Friday morning. He talked of the international wheat situation and the endeavor of this nation to reach some agreement with other nations about production of wheat. No wheat conference has as yet been successful but there is still hope for some agreement wherein Australia, Argentina, the United States and Canada will be able to divide the world's imports and give some of the Balkans.

Under this plan nations would not have to fill their quota but would be required to keep a supply of wheat on hand to fill possible needs. It is a sort of ever normal granary plan for the world.

Mr. Dodd told of what is being done in other exporting countries. He had recently returned from a trip through Canada where he found that farmers were selling wheat for around 40 cents and were unable to dispose of much of it at that figure. Farm conditions are bad and costs of production are higher than in this country. While they have a delivery quota there is no soil conservation payment and but a very small grass payment.

In Argentina the law makes utilities burn wheat or corn with the coal used. Twice as much grain as coal is burned and, he reported, it makes a very good fuel after being ground and put through a force feed fireman. Such grain costs the government 473 pesos per ton and is sold to the utilities for 1 peso per ton.

The government provides a payment on 140 million bushels of wheat and any more that is raised is without subsidy. The price is 54 cents seaboard. All exporting countries will try very hard for the world's market when the war is over. We may need a subsidy in order to sell any wheat at all.

He explained the certificate plan by saying that it does not guarantee a domestic price for all wheat but a domestic price (to be set) on wheat used in this country. The remainder is shipped abroad and brings the market price.

He said, "We cannot continue to subsidize wheat at the present level."

He asked for a show of hands of those who would be willing to let their wheat go at the loan price if some sales could be made to Russia under the lend-lease. A large majority favored the sale. Release of wheat by farmers may be necessary to transfer wheat from CCC to lend-lease administration. There was disagreement as to how much Russia might be able to take because of shipping and demand for other material.

L. E. Harris reviewed the work of the weed experiment station near Pendleton and presented the report of that station in chart form that was easily understood.

The charts showed that morning glory roots in the soil decrease rapidly if the proper cultivation methods are followed. These are cultivation within 8 days after the plants emerge with early and deep cultivation recommended. After two years of this treatment the morning glory is patchy and can be killed by chemicals. Cost of producing wheat on land so tilled was 44 cents per bushel in 1941.

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Five Men Called To Fill Quota Of January 5

A call for five men to fill the January 5 quota for the army was received Thursday morning by the local draft board. The men who will be sent are Harry I. Stark of Grass Valley, David R. Richelderfer of Wasco, Phillip G. O'Meara of Wasco, Vincent C. Genteman, now working in Wasco and Owen C. Eakin of Grass Valley.

Quotations Given On Portland Livestock

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Wednesday's trading:

CATTLE: Good grain fed steers \$11.00 to \$12.35. Good grass steers \$9.50 to \$10.75. Good grain-fed heifers \$9.50 to \$10.50. Good beef cows \$7.25 to \$8.25, medium \$6.75 to \$7.25, common \$6.00 to \$6.75, canners \$4.25 to \$5.75. Bulls medium to good \$7.50 to \$9.00, common \$6.24 to \$7.50. Vealers, good to choice \$11.50 to \$13.00.

HOGS: 170 to 215 lb trucking \$11.15 to \$11.35; 230 to 285 lb trucking \$9.90 to \$10.60; lightweight butchers \$10.25 to \$10.75; packing sows \$7.50 to \$8.25. Feeder pigs \$9.75 to \$10.00.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$10.25 to \$10.90; medium to good, \$9.25 to \$10.00; common \$8.00 to \$9.25. Slaughter ewes, good to choice \$4.00 to \$5.25. Feeder lambs, good to choice \$8.00 to \$9.00. Shorn lambs \$9.00 to \$10.00.

Red Cross Drive Nets Big Membership

An incomplete report made by Mrs. H. E. Bruckert, of Klondike, chairman of the Red Cross drive in Sherman county, shows that 407 persons have become members of that organization and \$469.50 collected. Because of the week's events, others may desire to become members, and these may do so by sending their money to Mrs. Bruckert.

Lowell Stockman of Pendleton, former liquor commissioner, was here Wednesday evening while on his way to Prineville.

Unemployment In Lumber Industry Concerning State Officials

Salem, Ore. Dec. 11.—The threat of wide spread unemployment in Oregon is receiving serious attention at the hands of state officials.

A couple of weeks ago Governor Sprague called a conference of lumber men to consider the employment situation in that industry. Restrictions against the use of essential building materials were cutting sharply into the building program, lumber was piling up at the mills for lack of orders and many mills were curtailing their operations, throwing thousands of men out of work.

Now it appears that other industries throughout the state are faced with the same problem. The impending of essential materials for defense needs is cutting off the supply for non-defense purposes and many large and small industries throughout the state are finding it increasingly more difficult to obtain supplies with which to fill orders. As a result these industries are also laying off workers.

While other states faced with this same problem—notably California and Washington—have been able to turn their industries to the production of defense materials Oregon is being passed up by the defense program because this state has not yet shown the Office of Production Management that there is any unemployment problem here.

A delegation of Portland industrialists calling on the governor this week declared that they had been unable to gain any recognition from defense agencies in the national capital because this state had not taken the necessary steps to have the state declared a "distress area," that is an area in which there has been a serious displacement of labor. While the employment situation is said to be most serious in Portland because of the concentration of so many industries in that city, the problem is said to apply as well to the smaller cities of the state.

Legionnaires Pledge Support To Defense Head

Thirty Five Sworn In As Special Deputies By Sheriff Wilson At Meeting

A meeting of the American Legion posts of the county was held at the court house Wednesday night in order to publicly pledge the services of the members to the co-ordinator of defense as requested by the state commander.

Carl Melzer, commander of Chris Schultz post, presided, flanked by Arzell Lemley of the George Bell post and Lee Dehler of Frank Brown post.

Wily Knighten, co-ordinator for the defense council, explained what had been done by that group. He mentioned the organization of air place observers, the possible duties of air raid wardens, the use of sabotage to damage morale, and the possible need for guarding and watching.

C. C. Wilson said that he was deputizing legionnaires because of their guard experience and because it was a quick way to obtain the services of a big group of aids who could be depended upon in an emergency.

There was talk of First Aid and the need for classes, of medical supplies and where they should be kept, of the Red Cross request for \$1000 from this county and of many other matters all giving evidence of a general willingness to be of any aid possible. Those who signed as willing were sworn in as special deputy sheriffs and given the oath of office by Ross Ornduff. There were 35 of these.

It is possible that a series of mass meetings will be held about the county to acquaint everyone with the plans of the defense council and tell of what is being done to defend the county against possible attack.

Among those attending the wheat league meeting from Moro were Joe Peters, J. B. Adams, W. S. Powell, LeRoy Wright, M. M. Oveson, Leon Hubbard and Giles French.

Unemployment In Lumber Industry Concerning State Officials

With a view of placing Oregon in line for defense contracts that might take up the slack in unemployment resulting from a slump in non-defense production Governor Sprague has instructed the state employment service, the Economic council and other agencies to cooperate in an immediate survey of the present and pending employment situation.

The flare-up occasioned by State Treasurer Scott's "crack" at Utilities Commissioner Bean and his chief engineer, T. O. Russell, appears to have died down with Bean's explanation of his part in the board of control's negotiations for a new power contract. Criticizing Bean for his recommendations to the board approving a five year contract with the Portland General Electric Company, Scott at a meeting of the board declared that the commissioner "should be made to realize he is working for the state instead of the Portland General Electric company." In defense of his recommendation Bean called attention to the fact that the contract in question had been presented to him long before the board had started any negotiations for Bonneville power and that it provided for a saving of \$1750 a year in power and light charges as compared to the previous contract.

Again crossing up the political prognosticators Governor Sprague reached into his grab bag and plucked out 37-year old Charles W. Redding as his choice for the Multnomah county circuit judgeship. Redding's name was not once included in the long list of prospective appointees for this post which included such well known republican leaders as Frank Lonergan, one time Speaker of the House, Allen Bynon who served as the governor's legal adviser in 1939, Frank S. Sever, chief deputy district attorney in Multnomah

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More Enlistments Wanted In Civilian Reserves To Aid Defense

There is need for additional emergency volunteers to the civilian reserves. When signers were obtained earlier in the summer there was a lack of interest because danger seemed far away. Now that war is here many persons wish to offer their services to aid in any

emergency. Therefore the registrars who took enlistments last summer will again be available. J. E. Norton at Kent, T. Lester Johnson at Wasco, Carl Thompson at Rufus, E. M. Alley at Grass Valley and Giles French at Moro have blanks and will give help in filling out the enlistment paper.

There is for volunteer service as civilians. It is done to give the defense council a list of those willing to undertake certain jobs. It is important that those who are able and willing to aid in national defense enlist.

County Court Still Selling Lots

COMMISSIONER'S COURT DOCKET, DEC. TERM, 1941

December 3, 1941 being the time for the regular term of the County Court, for Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, the honorable Court did, on said date, meet in the County Court Room in the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10:00 a. m.

The following being present: George A. Potter, County Judge David Reid, County Commissioner J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner Ross Ornduff, County Clerk T. Lester Johnson, Dist. Attorney

The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of payment of claims against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of payment of claims against the Road Funds. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

Reverting J. K. McKean bill of \$1800.

Pete L. and Virginia E. Finley presented Court with Application of Beer License for 1942 for recommendation of the Court. Application duly considered and recommended that license be granted.

County Treasurer presents Court with report for month ending November 30, 1941. Examined and approved.

Re: Deed to Natalia Wasson-miller covering Tax Foreclosed property. Deed prepared and presented to Court for approval and signatures conveying Lots 7-8-9-10-11 and 12 of Block 12 of Clements Addition to Grass Valley. Deed approved and signed and Clerk ordered to deliver same to buyer.

Re: Deed to Vernon Platt covering Tax Foreclosed property. Deed prepared and presented to Court for approval and signatures conveying Lots 5 and 6 of Block 8 of Mowry Addition to Moro. Deed approved and signed and clerk ordered to deliver same to buyer.

Re: Insurance regarding the placing of fire insurance on County Fair Grounds buildings. Insurance placed with M. R. Schade-witz, Agent.

Re: Application for purchase of Tax Foreclosed Property. Mrs. Alta Smith submits bid of \$100.00 for purchase of Improvements on Lots 1 and 2 of Block 8 of Dun-lap's 2nd addition to Wasco. Bid of \$100.00 for improvements only accepted.

Re: Application for purchase of tax foreclosed property. H. D. Dutton submits bid for \$10.00 for purchase of improvements only on Lot 7 of Block 12 of Biggs First Addition to Wasco. Bid of \$10.00 for improvements only accepted.

Re: Closing of accounts. County Treasurer instructed to close Road Bond Interest Fund account and Road Bond Sinking Fund account and directing that all future receipts of money received by delinquent tax payments relative to such funds be credited to the General Road Fund. Instruction issued by authority of Sect. 110-1211 Oregon Compiled Laws Annotated.

Re: Abstract of Title. Cost of preparing Abstract of Title covering portion of Schade-witz Estate land. Court agrees to defray expense involved.

Re: 1943 Pioneer's Centennial Committee. Court appoints 1943 Pioneer's Centennial committee consisting of twelve members as follows: Judge Geo. A. Potter, Commissioner David Reid, Commissioner J. M. Wilson, Attorney T. Lester Johnson, Giles L. French, A. A. Dunlap, Wily Knighten, Fred Krusow, E. D. McKee, Claude J. Thompson, A. H. Barnum and W. G. McDonald.

No further matter coming to issue at this time, Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

Attest: Ross Ornduff, County Clerk.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, DECEMBER TERM, 1941

Claimant's Account Amount

Ross Ornduff: Clerk's Con-

Defense Council Lays Plans For Emergency

Police, Fire Protection, Air Observers, Registration Are Considered By Council

Sherman County's Defense Council met Wednesday morning to take further steps toward coordinating the resources of personnel and equipment for possible use in the case of air raids and other trouble that may come with the war.

Insistence that added precautions be taken to prevent fire or destruction of wheat warehouses and other property led to the passage of a resolution "that property owners and communities co-operate to hire adequate night watchmen." Steps will be taken in the towns with the grain growers organizations and the cities.

Discussion revolved around the organization of the police reserves, fire departments and air raid wardens and who was to have authority in case of raids or bombs. Sheriff C. C. Wilson is in charge of the police section and the council expected that he would deputize members of the American Legion for service.

Fire wardens were named as follows: Moro, Jack Cothran; Grass Valley, Earl Olds; Kent, James Mathies; Wasco, Charles Everett; Rufus, Arnold Brady; Biggs, Herb Willard; Miller, Leonard Jordan.

Air raid wardens will be named later. City fire departments are asked to appoint new men to fill places vacated and be ready in case of emergency.

George Wilcox, who was appointed by the defense council as air observer chairman and who works under the direction from the army, gave a list of his organizers who, he said, were ready with observers in all the 21 stations in the county. They are Art Justesen, Frank Lemley, Lester Barnum, Percy Thompson, Lee Dehler and Carl Thompson. They will report to their central stations.

Their work may be hampered by poor service on rural telephone lines and the council passed a resolution recommending that all rural telephone lines be kept in good repair to make communication better for national defense.

Clerical help is needed to compile the registration forms and Wily Knighten, co-ordinator, was asked to have this compilation made as soon as possible.

Some of the expenses of the council may be financed through the sale of waste paper which now has some value. It was voted to ask the American Legion Auxiliaries of the county to aid in gathering this waste paper. Newspapers, magazines and paper boxes are suitable for the purpose and those having them are asked to keep them until a representative of the Auxiliary calls for them.

Organization of the defense council was done last summer when members were appointed by the governor. At the first meeting Judge George A. Potter was chosen chairman and Wily Knighten co-ordinator.

There are six divisions of the job and these have been divided among the six other men on the council. Giles French has Planning under which is Morale, Publicity, Finance and Registration. These four branches are headed by Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Mr. French, A. A. Dunlap and Ross Ornduff, respectively.

A. A. Dunlap is in charge of the Protection division. He has C. C. Wilson for Police, LeRoy Wright for Fire, C. A. Tom for First Aid, George Wilcox for Air-Craft Observation and another man as head of air raid wardens.

J. E. Norton has the Necessities division which includes Food, Clothing and Housing. Women's organizations of the county have been named to aid in this work and names will be taken from the lists of volunteers as conditions indicate.

T. Lester Johnson has the Communications division. Under telephone and telegraph he has E. F. Feldman, chairman; J. S. Taylor, E. J. Hazen, E. M. Alley, Dora Moore, Grace Gregg and Jack Cothran. Under Radio, George Moon, Frank Pike and Clarence

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Red Cross Asks For \$1000

The quota for Sherman county for the latest call by the Red Cross has been set at \$1000 according to Curt Tom, county chairman. A telegram received from Norman Davis stated the needs of soldiers and sailors and the demands that would be made on the Red Cross in the emergency.

Women Send Clothes To British Children

Red Cross workers in Sherman county have made and prepared for shipment to Britain 40 "Toddler Packs" each of which should do much to keep some English child warm. Each contains a woolen snow suit, 2 pair of rompers, 2 undershirts, 10 diapers, 2 sleeping suits, a sweater, a pair of mittens and a cap.

In addition to this there are 35 girl dresses, 16 men's sweaters and 20 circular shawls.

For Fort Lewis soldiers there are 22 hospital gowns and 20 utility bags of khaki. These latter are being filled by the Past Mothers of Bethlehem chapter OES and will contain many articles of use by the boys. Mrs. M. A. Bull production chairman, expressed thanks to those who had done so much work.

Lessons In First Aid Available To All

It was announced Thursday by C. A. Tom, president of the Red Cross and instructor in First Aid, that lessons will be given in Moro, Grass Valley and Kent as soon as classes can be made up.

Mr. Tom will give lessons in Grass Valley Monday mornings at both the school and to the public. He will be at Kent Monday afternoon for two classes. School children and adults will have separate classes.

Friday afternoons he will be at Moro to give lessons to the school and to adults. He is already instructing Wasco and Rufus children.

Twelve lessons will be given. First Aid has been a serious weakness in the defense plans for this county but this will be overcome if enough people take advantage of this opportunity to learn about life saving.

vention	\$25.00
Vernon Platt: Freight on furniture, Courthouse improvement	.99
First National Bank: Old Age Assistance	140.00
First National Bank: Aid to Dependent Children	22.60
First National Bank: Aid to the Blind	9.40
Vernon Platt: Express on Adding Machine	1.58
Otis Baker: Janitor's Salary	75.00
Pacific Power & Light Co.: Lights at Courthouse	34.28
Margaret W. Peetz: Expense to Eastern Oregon Assessment Convention	18.25
Marie Hoskinson: Five days extra clerk in Clerk's office	16.00
Sherman County Journal: County Printing	15.90
Department of Agriculture: Sealer of Weights and Measures	3.75
Mid-State Construction Co.: Courthouse Improvement	319.04
D. C. Wax Office Equipment House: Courthouse Improvement, Furniture	104.75
City of Moro: Water at Court house	7.40
J. C. Freeman: Stamps for Clerk's Office	10.00
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