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on the Northwest

John Collier has resigned as commissioner of Indian affairs, after two congressional committees shot arrows at him. Before congress could lift his scalp he offered his resignation to "Honest" Harold Ickes, for the Indian bureau is under the secretary for the department of the interior. Twelve years ago Mr. Ickes came to Washington, D. C., with a round trip ticket from Chicago. He hoped to get an appointment as assistant Indian commissioner, which is subordinate to the job from which Collier has resigned. By one of those freaks of fortune he was introduced to President Roosevelt by California's Senator Hiram Johnson. The president was then making up his cabinet, and he had offered the position of secretary of the interior to Sen. Johnson, who refused. Senator Johnson suggested Ickes (who was living at Johnson's home at the time to save paying hotel bills) and Ickes landed right in the cabinet.

Mr. Collier began to introduce innovations in the Indian bureau. He desired to restore the Indian wards of the government to their normal state. He brought in from Mexico a "pink" to outline an educational program, and this did not set well because Mexico is far behind the United States in its civilization of the aborigines. Soon some of the reservation Indians began protesting the new deal policies and took their complaints to members of congress. Congress took up the complaints, and Collier found himself in hot water. In the past few years the situation has grown steadily worse and congressional committees have charged that instead of trying to improve the condition of these wards of the government, the bureau was rapidly increasing in personnel with the purpose of becoming immortal. Committees demanded that either Collier get out or that the bureau be dissolved; they didn't care which, but leaned toward liquidation of the Indian agency.

Named to succeed Collier is a man from Ickes' foreign and travel department, and already a firecracker in spitting under him because of his conduct of affairs in Puerto Rico.

Setting \$5,000,000 as the limit of value of surplus property which may not be sold without congressional approval was a mistake, in the opinion of many members of the house who have scanned recent reports of the war investigating committee. Sale of a multitude of items of a lesser value by various government agencies has disclosed

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Bills for January Approved by County Court

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS FOR JANUARY 1945, and APPROVED FEBRUARY 1945, TERM OF THE COUNTY COURT General Fund

First National Bank, General assistance \$32.68; First National Bank, Old Age Assistance \$126.50; Aid to Dependent Children \$30.40; \$157.00; Clarence Meringer, janitor's salary, less tax \$101.00; James W. Jones, expense of Government Trapper \$50.00; David Reid, County Commissioner \$9.00; Vernon I. Miller, County Commissioner \$12.00; T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney expense \$12.74; Pacific Power & Light Co., merchandise \$0.86; Lights courthouse \$67.71, \$68.57; City of Moro, water for courthouse \$2.70; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone all offices \$33.60; Oregon State Agricultural College, "Second-half 1944-45 budget for Agricultural Agent \$110.00; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Assessor's office \$50.00; Sheriff's office \$30.50, Superintendent's office, \$0.60. Clerk's office \$105.65, Treasurer's office \$12.05, \$198.90; W. E. Reid & Son, labor & supplies courthouse, \$22.95; Association of Oregon Counties, Association dues, \$0.77; Department of Agriculture, seal-weights and measures, three months, \$11.25; The Frank Sheppard Co., Substitution for county supplements \$10.00; The Dalles Hospital, laboratory tests, 3 delinquent girls \$3.00; Richard J. Ome, Circuit Court reporter, \$10.00; W. E. Taylor, M. D., Examination of Bruno W. DeLine \$20.00; Geo. H. Wilcox, Bond of Treasurer \$100.00, Bond of Coroner, \$5.00, \$105.00; E. E. Shull, bounty—1 female Bobcat \$4.00, 1 male Bobcat \$3.00, \$7.00; Wm. A. Pausch, bounty—4 male coyotes @ \$3.00 ea., \$12.00, 7 female coyotes @ \$4.00 ea., \$28.00, \$40.00; Paul Cyphers, board of prisoners \$1.60, May & Son, board of prisoners \$28.86; Foss & Co., official car expense, \$3.00; Sunset Motor Co., official car expense \$15.90; Standard Oil Co. of Calif., official car expense \$58.45; Clarence Meringer, night watchman 16 nights @ 3.50 per, less tax, \$44.80; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection \$4.82; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps clerk's office \$10.00; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$112.00; First National Bank, General Assistance \$34.07; E. M. Alley, County Coroner's expense, \$25.00; The J. K. Gill Co., Sup't office expense \$46.91; Wily W. Knighton, stamps for Sup't office \$9.00; Dorothy M. Sharp, matron for 3 delinquent girls, \$158.24; C. C. Wilson, Sheriff's expense, \$22.30; General Road Fund

Road Employees Pay Roll—L. L. Peets, \$85.60; C. Bargenholt, \$78.50; Earl Rehr, \$66.70; Glenn McLachlan, \$64.60; L. L. Peets, \$95.10; C. Bargenholt, \$95.40; Earl Rehr, \$81.00; Glenn McLachlan, \$20.55; Truman Strong, \$11.10; Alton Olds, \$18.15. Account: National Hospital, wages \$5.00; State Industrial Accident Comm., miscellaneous \$18.30; First National Bank, with-holding tax \$72.60; Geo. B. Moon, general supplies, \$7.50; Mid-Columbia Supply & Equipment Co., crushed rock, \$61.25; J. K. McKean, repairs \$25.50; Sunset Motor Co., repairs \$8.55; Foss & Co., repairs \$0.21; O'Meara Supply & Imp. Co., repairs, \$151.40; The Dalles Iron Works, repairs, \$12.50; Andrews Equipment Service, repairs, \$42.41; Howard Cooper Corp., repairs, \$141.30; Wasco Repair Shop, repairs, \$6.50; R. H. McKean & Son, general supplies, \$45.00; Moro Lumber & Fuel Yard, general supplies, \$3.05; Walker-Williams Co., general supplies \$40.00; Tires & Tubes \$54.55, \$94.55; May & Son, miscellaneous, \$1.54; City of Moro, miscellaneous, \$1.75; Pacific Power & Light Co., miscellaneous \$3.39; Standard Oil Co., gas & oil, \$40.22; Union Oil Co.,

RELIEF DRIVE CONTINUES

Some shipments of articles collected at the various schools for Russian relief have already been made according to Wily Knighton, county chairman of the drive. Collections have been interfered with by the recent inclement weather so the drive is being continued in many localities. Contributions of useable shoes or clothing may still be made at the school houses or through school pupils. All articles should be clean and well wrapped.

Darwin VanGilder Coming Home

Word was received this week from Darwin Van Gilder that he is in the Birmingham General hospital at Van Nuys, Calif. He expects to be home on a furlough in about two weeks.

Unusual Moisture and Cold Nights Mark February Weather

Additional snowfall and the lowest temperature of the winter featured Sherman county weather of the past week.

Snow which fell rather heavily Saturday and continued more lightly Sunday totaled about four inches or a precipitation of approximately four-tenths of an inch in the two days according to weather records kept by the Experiment Station. This week's snow, together with the earlier surges, brought the total precipitation for the first 15 days of February, up to 1.71 inches. This is considerably over the normal precipitation of 1.25 inches for the entire month.

This more-than-average precipitation during the first part of February has helped much to compensate the deficiency of moisture earlier in the season. The experiment station records show that up to the end of January precipitation since September 1st had only amounted to 4.76 inches compared with the normal of 6.57 inches during that period. The deficiency of 1.8 inches up to February 1 is now somewhat less and any further snow or rain in February will reduce it still more.

Sunday night was the coldest of the season, the station reports, with a temperature of 12 degrees. In the four preceding days, the minimum ranged from 25 to 30, giving almost a solid week of freezing weather.

COOKIE MAKERS TAKE NOTE OF PLAN

Twelve dozen cookies were given to Camp Rufus by the Rufus community Saturday, February 17. This week is Wasco week. The cookie chairman is asking only half of the community to send cookies this week. The other half will be asked to send cookies later when a smaller community sends cookies.

General salary increases of \$200 per year for elementary teachers and \$300 per year for high school teachers have been authorized by the Crook county school board. Ceilings have been fixed at \$2,000 and \$2,300 a year for each class.

gas & oil \$50.47.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT FEBRUARY 7, 1945

In re: Claims presented against County General and County Road Funds: Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In re: Monthly Report of balance of funds by County Treasurer, semi-annual report of County Clerk and Supplemental report of Sheriff covering tax collections: Reports approved and filed.

In re: Bonds of Sheriff, Sheriff & Tax Collector, Deputy Sheriff and Justice of Peace: Bonds approved and filed.

In re: Claim presented for loss sustained to poultry: Claim disallowed.

Purchase and sale agreement entered into with Union Oil Company covering gasoline purchases during 1945.

Deeds approved covering sales of Tax Foreclosure Property to LeRoy C. Wright and to Trustees of Kent Christian Church.

No further matters at issue. Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

Symbolic Red Cross Emblem To Appear In Windows Again

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Once again, next month the scarlet emblem of the American Red Cross will appear in the windows of American homes, symbolizing the financial support of the nation in supporting the manifold services of that organization to American fighting men overseas.

In every nation of the world, this red cross has long been the symbol of universal humanitarianism, both in peace and in time of war. Today, it is worn by medical corpsmen of all armies and navies serving the wounded, it protects hospital tents, ships, planes and trains. Painted on each of the International Red Cross ships bearing food parcels to prisoners of war and exchanged prisoners of war, it is a guarantee of safety from acts of war.

To the great doing his part to fulfill the \$200,000,000 goal of the American Red Cross in 1945, it represents his personal part in supplying the material things which add to the morale of the American servicemen, whether hospitalized or able-bodied.

"The window sticker means more than dollars contributed to the Red Cross," Chairman Basil O'Connor declared. "It means service clubs, canteens, recreation rooms and club mobiles for the men in war theaters." To the American Red Cross, each window sticker is a family's request to the Red Cross to continue its responsibilities on behalf of the son in Italy, the neighbor's boy half a turn around the globe in the Philippines, and the brother fighting on the Western Front. It is the expression of faith of the American people



Once again this year, in March, the world-known scarlet symbol of mercy will appear in windows throughout the nation, indicating that Mr. and Mrs. America are solidly behind the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund campaign.

Just Red Cross will maintain the supplies of surgical dressings, blood plasma and whole blood, kit bags and comfort articles to the battlefronts. It is a vote of gratitude for the millions of food parcels reaching American men in enemy prison camps.

Opening March 1, the third American Red Cross War Fund campaign for \$200,000,000 the same as last year, will continue throughout the entire month. More than 3,000,000 volunteers will distribute the familiar window emblems, conducting a house-to-house canvass to fulfill the 1945 quota. Along with the window emblem, each contributor will receive a lapel tag fashioned after the Red Cross flag, the tag known to all as a sign of aid and comfort.

Local Red Cross Three Classes of Income Tax Exemptions Explained

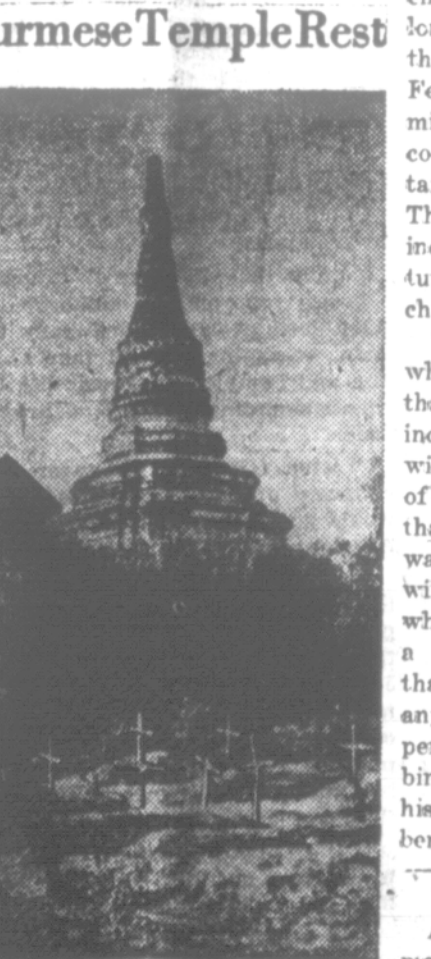
Arrangements have been completed for the annual meeting of the Sherman County Red Cross Chapter which will be held at the school auditorium in Moro Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Since membership of the Chapter includes practically all adults in Sherman county, there should be a good attendance.

Two outstanding features of the program planned for the meeting are an address by Mr. Graham, acting district field supervisor of Portland, and a concert by the combined bands of Wasco and Moro high schools. The annual election of officers will take place after the presentation of reports by officers and committee chairmen.

Word has been received that Ruth Wilson, assistant home service field representative, will also be present.

John M. McRobbie, personnel recruiter, will be at The Dalles office of the U. S. Employment Service February 26, 27, and 28 to interview applicants for employment at Hunters Point Naval Dry Dock, San Francisco; Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wn. and naval establishments in the Hawaiian Islands.

Burmese Temple Rest



At Tonkwa, Burma, in the shadow of a Burmese temple, a U. S. soldier pauses at the grave of an American killed in action when the Mars Task Force met the enemy in this vicinity. A pig has been cleared for the American cemetery. It will be landscaped.

FARM MEETINGS AT GARSS VALLEY, WASCO AND KENT

Farmer meetings for the preparation of planning and estimate sheets for 1945 will be held at Garss Valley today and tomorrow and at Kent next Tuesday and Wednesday as announced last week by County Agent LeRoy Wright. Meetings at Moro and Wasco during the past week were very successful bringing out the largest number of signers of any season yet. Farmers have been advised that they will not be able to participate in the AAA program unless they have signed these sheets. Local committees will be present to assist in making out estimate sheets at the coming meetings as follows: Garss Valley, Grain Growers office, Feb. 23 and 24; Kent, Grange hall, Feb. 27 and 28.

The Moro high school basketball team was defeated by the very smooth Hood River high team Friday, February 16. Although the Huskies played on a par with the Hood River boys in teamwork and handling the ball, the Moro five couldn't seem to connect with the basket. The game ended with the Huskies on the short end of a 29 to 17 score.

Hood River, being a class A school and outside the district, the game has no effect on Moro's standing.

As a result of previous victories over the Wasco five, the Huskies are champions of Sherman county and have gone to Arlington for the district tournament February 22, 23 and 24.

The local team was scheduled to meet the Condon Blue Devils Thursday evening. In previous games the two teams have divided the honors, with Condon winning at Condon, and Moro victorious at live up to it.

LOCAL GIRLS MAY ENTER SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS

Sherman county will be represented in two contests being conducted this year for the girls of Oregon, according to LeRoy Wright, county farm agent. The first of these is a competition for six scholarships in home economics at Oregon state college to be awarded to six farm-reared girls with scholastic ability who have a sincere desire for full and complete training in advanced home economics and who otherwise would not find it possible to enroll. These scholarships amount to \$200 each and are provided by the Sears-Roebuck foundation.

The second contest is the Servel 4-H food preparation activity in which the state college is participating. Silver medals are awarded to county winners with a trip to the national 4-H club congress for the state winner. Four college scholarships are offered as the top awards. Last year's winner in Oregon was Lois Jordan of Ontario.

Information concerning these competitions may be obtained from Mr. Wright or County Superintendent Wily Knighton.

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS

The Condon hotel, a 45-room structure built in 1920, has been sold to Ray M. Duke.

A new community telephone line has been completed between Rock Creek and Arlington.

Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S., in Clippert is celebrating its 50th anniversary the evening of Feb. 23.

A city engineer in charge of the pumping plant has been hired at Condon, salary \$160 a month plus house to live in.

A 30-foot well has been drilled for the city of Pilot Rock. It flows at the rate of 700 gallons per minute.

The senior class at Fossil will wear caps and gowns to the baccalaureate services and commencement exercises.

Money Demands on Legislature Are Tremendous

Although program was made during the past week on settlement of the major problems confronting this legislature, little was done to smooth the path toward agreement on these problems. An often happens, the first clash between opposing sides widens the breach between them instead of closing it by agreement or compromise. After some tests of strength, compromise will be easier.

Probably the bulk of the importance that are to come before this session are all in: The money problem is uppermost in the minds of the people, and means boys have been asked for money to use as a tax and more, too. State taxes, bidding programs money for veterans, money for elementary schools, money for higher education, money for larger pensions, money for local things never heard of before, all have strong proponents.

The state is like a shipyard worker who finds his means reduced by war time income tax and he resolves to be careful and save and prepare for a rainy day. After a few years of such prosperity he comes to think that his income will always be large because he is now capable of earning a higher wage and he and his family have been living on a scale beyond their previous game has no effect on Moro's standing.

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The sad fact that the state's income will drop at the same time as will that of the shipyard workers will be a matter of midnight instead of daylight. It now appears, unless the cooler heads prevail on the demands, that the state is in a bad way.

Th newspapers are already falling about when the session will end. The reporters are tired of hurrying from one committee room to another, listening to rambling raves and some prepared statements. They want to go home. The legislators would want to go home too, if they could finish the job, but nearly all have something of personal importance to them still in the mill.

A brief listing, in round figures of the requests may be found in the following: It is estimated by the commission that the income tax will bring in about \$10,000,000 after the 30% deduction is taken. From this we will need the state expenses that need to be over \$5,000,000, the \$5,000,000 which is already there and need not be considered although there is a statement to increase it. The state's school tax must be paid out (rather, before the \$5,000,000 is taken). That is \$5,000,000.

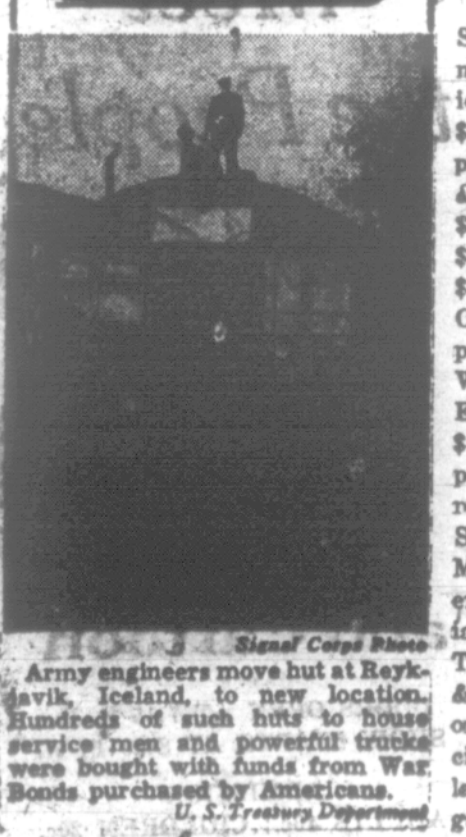
From the remaining \$5,000,000 there is any remaining the elementary schools want \$5,000,000, higher education wants \$1,000,000, and other groups including the counties that would like to have \$5,000,000 with which to pay their county school fund, want some \$5,000,000. You see, that the plan to give each any income tax is fairly difficult.

This difficulty is what will the salary increases and other cuts are considered for the \$5,000,000 \$9,000,000 of state debt will probably be nearer \$10,000,000.

To moderate an old biblical statement, it is harder for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a dollar to pass through the legislature. In 1945 the dollar got some back for the first time in the history of the nation. It was something of an American story (like man, like dog, like cat) it may be a thing that happens but once in a lifetime. (Lange County News)

Read the new war ads in the Journal this week.

WAR BONDS in Action



Slant Corps Photo: Army engineers move hut at Raykavik, Iceland, to new location. Hundreds of such huts to house service men and powerful trucks were bought with funds from War Bonds purchased by Americans.

U. S. Treasury Department

Read the Ads in the Journal.