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The not-so-well Robert F. Wagner of New York is whipping up a bill which would create a mediation board, but while the New York senator is anxious to head off anti-strike legislation, the senate committee on labor is now drafting a bill which will be introduced before the end of February. Senator Wagner sponsored the Wagner labor act from which flowed so much of the power that was vested in union leaders and which has kept the country in turmoil since its enactment.

The interpretations of the law's provisions made by the national labor relations board went far beyond the original concepts of Senator Wagner. He sincerely believed the act would do away with labor troubles and so assured the senate at the time the bill was up for passage, and the senators believed him. The trouble came with the appointment of men to the NLRB, who immediately organized a group of left wing lawyers, who swarmed over the country throwing the fear of government into industry and who proceeded to persecute employers. From the decisions of the "examiners" there was no possible appeal by the employers.

A special house committee was designated to inquire into NLRB and its methods. Report of the hearings held by this committee filled volumes of printed pages and exposed the intrigues of the examiners and lawyers. Nothing ever came of the investigations, as the lawyer for the committee who had conducted the probe died at the completion of the inquiry. It developed in the investigation that at least one member of NLRB was a left-winger who went to Mexico to attend a meeting of Mexican communists. This man has since resigned and has been indicted for using the mails to defraud. NLRB became a catch-all for people whose complexion shaded from pink to red and under the operations of these men and their misinterpretation of the Wagner act the labor bosses gained their "rights".

Throughout all the labor-management difficulties Senator Wagner kept his mouth closed. Now that the Republicans are in control of congress and anti-strike bills are being tossed into the legislative hopper by the score he is anxious to prevent congress from going too radical by asking for federal mediators—three of them within the department of labor—to adjust all strikes amicably. Under his former bill, now the law of the land, NLRB was opposed to such mediation.

This week there arrived in Washington, D. C., representative of the Italian government on a very serious mission. He comes to borrow, if possible, \$100,000,000 with which to place Italy back upon its economic feet. Italy has already been given substantial financial assistance but this has not been sufficient to do the job. Italy is asking only the United States to come to its aid, for Uncle Sam is still regarded as the Santa Claus nation.

At the same time the great loan to Great Britain, with the approval of congress, is being used up faster than the British government contemplated; the British labor government is acquiring coal mines, railroads and other national enterprises, all of which call for the spending of immense sums. Russia is still negotiating for one billion dollars but little progress is being made. Attacks upon the United States by the Russian press and the attitude of stubbornness displayed by Molotov are in part responsible for the loan matter being held in abeyance. Secretary of State Jimmy Byrnes has three times asked for a settlement from Russia of lend-lease aid, and he has received no reply.

Reported recently in this column was the slash in the price of furs. Clearance sales before Christmas cut prices 25 percent and more. The largest fur house in the Unit-

Wheat Damage Doubled; Cold Comes Slowly

Whether the wheat is frozen out or not is a question that has been debated to some extent recently. The majority refuse to worry about it but some of the more easily discouraged sort feel that it is a possibility.

A temperature of 2 degrees above zero is probably low enough to damage a wheat crop, especially a Federation crop. That is the lowest the thermometer has dropped.

A review of former freeze-outs does not lend much credibility to the scare. Back in 1924 when the great freeze occurred the temperature dropped to 11 below. That probably wasn't the worst of it. It had been warm for weeks and then the mercury went from 31 degrees one night to one below the next. There was hardly a field left growing the next morning and the 11 below came later perhaps had nothing left to kill.

In 1932 when the crop went out there had been a little longer period of cold weather before the coldest days. Temperatures went from 34 to 24 to 15 to five above and then five below. Five days were not a long enough time for the wheat to get dampened and most of it went out. Nights had been generally above freezing up to that time.

This year the wheat has had a longer time in which to get acclimated to cold weather. It was cold since the 20th of December and since Christmas there has not been a night above freezing. Temperatures of 25, 26, 18 all served to toughen the growing grain.

Merrill Overton at the station says that one wheat will freeze out as easily as another with a quick drop from growing weather to below zero temperatures. The difference between turkey red and Federation is that Turkey will toughen in cold weather while Federation will rot. Rex and Alice are fairly tough and will probably stand the kind of weather we have had, thinks Mr. Overton, who, however, cannot guarantee that his optimism is correct.

So far this year the record at the station is as follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
Jan. 1	36	18
2	26	8
3	26	5
4	30	2
5	40	8
6	40	18
7	37	17

Veterans Getting Unemployment Pay

Readjustment allowances for Oregon veterans under the GI bill of rights passed the ten million mark for 1946 when December payments to the unemployed increased 39 percent from November and 42 percent from December, 1945, the State Unemployment Compensation commission reported today.

Veterans unable to find suitable work received \$645,247 last month, bringing the year's total to \$8,619,514. Self-employed former service men earning less than \$100 a month drew \$147,742 in allowances to make \$1,941,362 in 1946.

Claims for readjustment allowances have been received from nearly half of the 120,000 veterans who returned to Oregon. About \$1,500 have received at least one payment, maximum allowances have gone to only 236 unemployed and 208 self-employed. All those who served at least ten months in the armed forces are entitled to a maximum of \$1,010 in readjustment allowances while getting started in civilian life. Those already exhausting their benefits have averaged about \$900 each.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Moro, Thursday, January 16, 1947 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Sherman County Bank Has Nearly \$2,000,000

E. B. MacNaughton, president of the First National Bank in response to a publicly expressed desire for more information about the financial status of individual banks, has released figures showing the deposits and loans of all branches of his institution in Oregon as of the first of the year.

The Sherman County branch had deposits of \$1,968,698.67 and loans of \$292,993.90.

Mr. MacNaughton said in his statement, "For some time requests have been made by editors and chambers of commerce in cities where we have branches, that we publish on call dates the totals for deposits and loans originating in their communities. We believe this to be proper and desirable public information. We hope this practice become general throughout the state."

Fishing Rule Making Due Tomorrow

The 1947 angling regulations will come up for consideration when the Oregon State Game Commission holds its annual hearing on January 11 at its offices at 1634 S. W. Alder Street, Portland.

Seasons, bag limits and regulations affecting the methods of taking game fish will be determined for the ensuing year.

Upon final adjournment of the hearing, the regulations adopted become effective and cannot be changed until the following year except in the case of an extreme emergency.

Marriages, Divorces Even On Record

Oddly enough marriage licenses and divorces came out exactly even in Sherman county, being four each in number. Smallness of the number indicates that much of the county's romantic and state. The apparent equality business went outside the county is not an accurate criterion, be it known, as residents of other counties often come here to have their divorce hearings. We made a gain in the marriage business in reality.

Basketball Teams Playing Heavy Schedules

Basketball by returned veterans and other men of the active age is very popular this winter in the mid-Columbia area and Sherman county has three teams that play about two games a week each. Wasco defeated Kent by a close score last week. Moro went to Fossil Saturday night and came home with a win by a 28 to 19 score. Jewel was high point man with 14, or half of Moro's total. Ted Thompson, moved to forward made 9 and Shipley had a bad night with two. No Fossil player was able to run up much of a score.

Monday night Moro went to Arlington and encountered a different sort of a team being defeated by a 65 to 34 score. Vancil, Arlington high school coach, made 23 points all by himself from a guard position and McClasky made 12. Local fans are still talking about the shooting perfection of the boys from the river town. Jewel scored 14 and Thompson, Shipley and Bayer all had five.

Wasco had a schedule of 26 games of which they have won eight of nine played so far. They defeated Centerville Wednesday night in a rough and tumble game. Score was tied at the end of the game and Wasco pulled ahead in the overtime to win 52 to 47. David Richelderfer and Dormaler were high scorers for Wasco.

Arlington played in Moro Thursday night. Continued on Page Three



ATOM-SMASHING BY COSMIC RAYS SOUGHT . . . Nobel prize winner Dr. Carl D. Anderson, seated, testing atom-smashing equipment, while Dr. Robert Serber, cosmic ray expert, looks on at ground laboratory. Inset shows other physicists have taken their laboratories to the top of the mountain to seek answers to cosmic rays.

Teachers Talk About New Education Laws

Several teachers from Sherman county were in The Dalles Sunday to attend a meeting at The Dalles Hotel for the purpose of discussing the probable effect of the two newly passed school bills on the counties of this area. Proposal was made that the basic school fund should be raised by means of a sales tax with distribution on a per pupil basis. Difficult and involved methods of distributing the \$15,000,000 found little favor with the instructors who felt it should be kept simple.

Attending were Superintendent Willy Knight, Principals Eugene Knott of Kent, Ray Jewel of Moro and D. D. Williams of Rufus.

Stacy Wilson Weds Texas Girl

Miss Josephine Appelt of San Antonio, Texas, became the bride of Pvt. Stacy A. Wilson on December 30 in The Dalles. Pvt. Wilson is on a short furlough and will return January 8 to Greenville, S.C. where he is stationed with the army. Mrs. Wilson will remain for awhile in Rufus at the home of her husband's parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson, Miss Bergliot Flaten, and Miss Velda Guilford were present at a birthday dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Williams' father, Mr. Flaten.

Leonard Peterson returned home Saturday after visiting with friends and relatives in Lewiston, Idaho where he formerly lived. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams and family and Mr. Flaten were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Guilford on New Year's eve.

Saturday shoppers in The Dalles were: Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and family, Mrs. Alta Smith and daughters Donna and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Guilford and daughter, Velda, Mr. D. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reed and family, Clifford Trumbo, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kuypers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millard and daughter Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller and family were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams.

Vyril Blackburne has recently purchased a new army jeep.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blackburne of Portland were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. Blackburne's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburne.

Mr. Pearl Jones has been sick during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tate spent Sunday visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers.

Mrs. Carl Thompson was called to Portland last week because of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of Arlington visited at the home of Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris.

Misses Ruth and Phyllis Isachsen, who spent the holidays with their parents in Wolf Point, Mont.

Masons, Star Install In Joint Ceremony

Installation of new officers of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges was held at their hall Thursday night with Clarence Sparkling acting as installing master and Walter Ruggles as installing marshal for the Masons and Naomi Van Gilder acting as installing matron, Alice Powell as installing marshal and Anna Moore as installing chaplin for the Star.

Installed were:

Eastern Star Officers for 1947: Genevieve Powell, Worthy Matron; Wendel Balsiger, Worthy Patron; Pauline Douma, Associate Matron; Clarence Sparkling, Associate Patron; Edna Metzger, Secretary; Ruth Sparling, Treasurer; Elsie Jones, Conductress; Louise Becket, Associate Conductress; Marie Hoskinson, Adah; Pauline Alley, Ruth; Gwen Ross, Esther; Norma Balsiger, Martha; Mary Eva, Electa; Naomi Van Gilder, Chaplain; Dorothea Moore, Marjorie; Helen Sayre, Organist; Nina Pinkerton, Sentinel.

Masonic Officers for 1947:

Elmer E. Barzee, Master; Irving Hart, Senior Warden; Lloyd Henrichs, Junior Warden; Merle Becket, Senior Deacon; Donald Martin, Junior Deacon; Harry Pinkerton, Secretary; Clarence Sparling, Treasurer; Clyde Gilmore, Senior Steward; Max Barzee, Junior Steward; Lloyd Johnson, Chaplain; Leroy Wright, Marshall; Ralph Brisbane, Tyler.

Cooperative Heads Meeting In Chicago

The biggest week of the year for farmers, cooperative associations will start in Chicago January 6 with the central feature the eighteenth annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. Two Oregon delegates are Paul Carpenter, secretary of the Oregon Cooperative council and extension specialist in cooperative marketing at Oregon State college; and R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers cooperative and a member of the national council board and W. T. Balsiger, Moro, representing the Pacific Supply.

Conferences in connection with the main meeting are gathering of the cooperative editors, publishers, advertisers and membership relations men; cooperative attorneys and auditors, the National Agricultural Transportation committee and the state council membership representatives.

Principal visiting speaker will be Sir John Orr, director general of the U.N. Food and Agricultural organization. Before returning Mr. Carpenter will confer with agricultural leaders in the cooperative field in Columbus, O., and Columbia, Mo.

Lester Conlee is now driving a new Chrysler.

City Council Adds Member, Amends Law

Re-appointment of Aden Axtell as city marshal at an increase of salary of \$20 per month and start of amendment of the city draymen's licence was done by the city council of Moro at its first meeting of 1947. The drayman's license will now cost but \$5.00 per year, when the final passage of the ordinance is completed at the next regular meeting.

It was stated that the rat eradication campaign could be carried on by the biological survey which will be done before spring. Care in dumping garbage at the dump yard was insisted upon by councilmen who specified that penalties be invoked by those dumping carelessly on the road before reaching the dump.

Darwin Van Gilder was sworn in as councilman to replace Lawrence Kenny who has moved out of town. Harry Kunsman will be acting mayor during the absence of the mayor who was given a leave of absence for two months. A compilation of the marshal's duties is to be made.

Farm Loan Office Pays Dividend

"Two hundred twenty-five members of The Dalles National Farm Loan Association in Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Wasco counties will share in a 5 percent dividend which was declared by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting held in the association office at The Dalles January 3, 1947," W. H. Ragsdale, President, reported today. "The dividend being paid is on stock outstanding as of December 21, 1946 and will amount to \$3348.00. Checks are now being prepared and will be mailed out within the next ten days. The dividend was made possible by the payment of a dividend of 6 per cent by the Federal Land Bank on stock owned by the association in the Bank as of September 30, 1946," Mr. Ragsdale stated.

This is the third dividend paid by the Bank and local association and reflects the strong financial position of both institutions. In addition to dividends paid, reserves have been increased to take care of all estimated losses and it is anticipated regular dividends can be paid in the future.

Price Supports Go January 1, 1949

Government price supports on 11 Oregon farm commodities are scheduled to end January 1, 1949, as a result of President Truman's proclamation formally ending hostilities on December 31, 1948.

The Oregon commodities affected by the action, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, are potatoes, flaxseed, dry peas, dry beans, sugar beets, eggs, chickens, turkeys, milk and butterfat.

Those commodities, Miller explained, are covered by the Steagall amendment, which pledged 90 percent of parity price support protection on commodities for which increased wartime production was requested by the government. To protect farmers from surpluses and low prices during a period of reconversion from high wartime output, price support was provided for two years from the January 1 following the end of hostilities.

The Steagall amendment also raised the support level of wheat and other basic crops to 90 percent of parity. Miller pointed out that this will revert at the end of two years to the 52½ or 75 percent of parity provided by the AAA act of 1938.

FISHERMEN TO BE HEARD

Collie Moore expects to be in Portland Saturday to represent the Sherman county fish and game club at the annual meeting of the game commission when limits and seasons will be established for the coming fishing season.

Court Appoints County Officials For New Year

Beginning of the year duties of the county court included a number of appointments of more or less importance, but sufficiently numerous to require two days of the court's time.

Sworn into office were two commissioners, Joe Peters for a two year term and Vernon Miller for a four year term. Sheriff Fields was inducted into office for his four year period of caring for the county's lowbreakers. Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder was given the oath as treasurer.

No health officer was named as Sherman county usually awaits action by Wasco county with which it is associated in health matters.

Norman Fields was named truant officer. T. M. Rolfe of Grass Valley was named as a member of the fair board succeeding Roy Barnett who now lives in The Dalles.

The court appointed its own members to serve as the DeMoss park board and L. L. Peetz, Donald Martin and Harry Pinkerton were named as road viewers for the year.

On the "dog board" W. E. Bruckert, Tom Douma and Kenneth Sather were reappointed. The Sherman County Journal was made official newspaper for 1947.

A beer license was granted Archie Brand of Poplar Grove camp ground. A jury list of 200 names was drawn and the Union Oil company was given a contract to furnish gas and oil for the coming year.

Some discussion of finance and road work was had and the court ended its work until the first Wednesday in February.

More Persons Die On Highways In Winter

Oregon's highway death rate rose for the second consecutive month during November, it has been announced by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr.

In September fewer than eight people were killed per hundred million miles of highway travel. In October the figure was 8.7. By November it had climbed to 11. This trend is repeated every year as bad weather begins to affect driving.

Authorities regard the death rate figures as more significant than the number of accidents since the rate indicates how safe travel has been by comparing deaths to miles traveled.

"The only good news in this announcement," Farrell said, "is that the 11.0 rate of 1946 is considerably below the 14.0 rate of the previous year."

The secretary of state predicted that when all the figures for 1946 have been assembled, the death rate will be slightly below that of 1945.

SHANIKO

Many who were guests at Shaniko over the holidays have returned to their homes.

Miss Nita Quinn, who was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Harris, has returned to her home in Blingen, Wash.

Bill Garrett returned Monday to Grass Valley after an extended visit here with his mother, Mrs. Maude Garrett.

Mrs. George Hart of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Reese who is now much improved and able to be about.

The Shaniko hotel is again closed as Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Johnson are giving up the business and are going to enter some other field of work.

H. G. Wilson has returned to Shaniko after working at Klamath Falls for some months on a state highway crew.

Frank Wagner was a visitor in the Willamette valley again Sunday.

Mrs. R. J. Kenney spent a few days here last week, returning to Madras Wednesday.

Temperatures reported in Shaniko and on nearby ranches varied from zero to 10 below.