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Despite the heat of the last days of June the season is just about ten days too late to injure to an appreciable extent the wheat crop in Sherman county. Cool west winds have succeeded to the one or two hot east windy days that had threatened to burn the tender grain stalks. This is the information brought to the Observer office by farmers of different sections of the county. Had the hot east winds continued, the slender stalk just below the wheat husk, which is filled with nutrition, would have dried up and the wheat become stunted and shriveled.

About forty members and friends of Moro Community Club met at an informal luncheon at Hotel Moro last Friday to welcome the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural College who were viewing the local experiment station. Governor Pierce had made the statement to members of the party that he would also be with them at Moro, but for unexplained reasons he failed to appear although a special trip by auto was made to The Dalles to meet the train he had designated.

Banditry on the Columbia river highway seems to be increasing. Several reports of hold-ups west of The Dalles have been made and now comes a report of a similar affair to party returning to The Dalles from Yakima. This last was attempted west of Arlington last week. The car was stopped by two men who allowed them to proceed after argument by the owner and his wife.

Dome Requires Much Paint.
One thousand gallons of paint are required to paint the dome of the capitol at Washington.

Grass Valley Pulls Off a "Four Square" Celebration

Once more Sherman county can inhale a deep breath and join in a prayer of thankfulness. The perilous first week of July is again history. The hot winds have passed us by and the fourth day of July is a closed incident.

The casualties have been slight, considering all things fairly. A boy can in future boast of having been run down by an auto. A man has a bruised leg and another a portion of the top of his scalp removed, both caused by their method of exit from an auto in which they were riding. Two autos are badly wrecked and a couple others have minor injuries, caused by a fast driven car colliding with cars parked on the Fourth.

The program of patriotic exercises at the Grass Valley park Wednesday morning was attended by a large crowd. The Declaration of Independence was read by Francis T. Wade of Wasco. The oration was delivered by Ira M. Peterson of this city.

The two base ball games were both won by Grass Valley. Wasco losing the first game by a 8-9 score and the last game by 10-2.

The smoker staged Wednesday evening was attended by a large crowd of fistic fans. The preliminary go between McDonald and Stout went the four rounds to a draw. Kid Parker got the decision over George Tomlin in the second round. Mike Bibby lost by an unintentional foul. Art Bibby and Bowman went the full six rounds to a draw.

The celebration closed with a dance the evening of the 4th. The music provided for the occasion was snappy and of the popular jazz variety. The hall was crowded with dancers who stayed until well into the next day.

The tax from the sale of gasoline for May amounted to \$142,000. On the basis of gasoline consumption a year ago, it is estimated that the tax will exceed \$300,000 for June and that the amount to be received by the state for road maintenance for the month of July will exceed \$300,000. The total tax for the year 1923 is estimated to be more than \$1,750,000.

CHURCH NEWS
Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

Dr. Day, an Elder in the Presbyterian church in Prineville, passed thru here last week by car on his way to Portland. Dr. Day stopped off to talk with the local Presbyterian pastor about a summer conference for central Oregon young people, something in which he is enthusiastically interested. In Portland he will take the matter up with Rev. Walter L. Van Noy, who has charge of the educational work in the synod of Oregon.

Rev. Henry G. Hanson preached at the Gorman school last Sunday afternoon. The Sunday School has recently elected a new superintendent, Mrs. F. E. Moquet to take the place of Mr. J. Thomsen resigned. The school is in a flourishing condition and expects to keep in session right through the summer. Sunday afternoon, in spite of the warm weather, practically the entire neighborhood was present. Mr. Hanson will preach there again on the second Sunday in August.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. Henry G. Hanson will give a resume of the work of the recent general assembly at Indianapolis. With the completion of some radical changes in the administrative agency this assembly will go down in history in some respects as of unusual importance. Every member of the church and congregation should hear this report.

Plans are on foot for sending several delegates to the Presbyterian young people's summer conference at Columbia Beach-by-the-sea. This church is entitled to four delegates, and it is expected that the entire quota will be reached. Orval Thompson and Frances Hennagin have registered to date.

Christian Science services as usual at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Sacrament." Golden text: 1st Corinthians, 10:16. Responsive reading: Luke 22:17-12-14, 24-25. Sunday School at 10:15. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 p.m. Reading room open daily in the rear of the church.

Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach at Spaulding at eleven o'clock next Sunday morning and at the union service at the Methodist church in Moro at eight o'clock in the evening.

Rev. D. H. Leech preached at Spaulding last Sunday morning and at Grass Valley the evening of the same day. Mrs. Leech accompanied Mr. Leech to Moro.

Rev. W. L. Dillinger will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. There will be special music by the choir.

Oregon Men Control Valuable Oil Lease

V. P. Harris, of Portland, was at Hotel Moro a couple of days last week in the interest of the Curry Pool Oil Co., an Oregon corporation drilling for oil on a valuable lease near Breckenridge, Texas.

The story of his company is interesting. Its president, Fred Haines, is also president of the Harney County National Bank of Burns, and Ira Mahon, secretary and treasurer, is a large landowner of Harney county. They, through Sidney Hughes, assistant post master at Breckenridge, secured this valuable lease through purchase when oil was at a low ebb and had hardly gotten it when crude oil took a sharp and steady advance, causing the big oil operators to begin drilling operations—with the result that seventeen gushers have been brought in in the last year within a mile of their lease—the closest being only three hundred feet away.

This fired all interested with enthusiasm and Mr. Mahon has gone to Texas to let the contract for the first well. To those acquainted with the facts, there is no doubt as to production. The stock of the Curry Pool Oil Co. is nearly all placed in central Oregon, being taken largely by the people of Harney, DesChutes, Lake, Crook, and Jefferson counties.

Mr. Harris, since talking to a few leading people of Moro, is inclined to believe there are many here who would like to take advantage of this investment before the books are closed and has decided to come back to Moro for a few days after July 15th. Any one wishing full particulars, write or leave word at Hotel Moro for Mr. Harris to call. If interested, don't delay, as the books of the company will soon close.

The city and commercial club of Bay City has protested to the public service commission against a proposed raise in rates by the Bay City Water company.

The city of Perrydale has requested the state public service commission to help with the restoration of a regular passenger, express and mail service in that town.

Despite unfavorable weather during the greater part of the month, the June tourist movement through Bend has been considerably in excess of that of last year.

Don C. Mote, entomologist of the Arizona state department of agriculture, has been appointed associate professor of entomology at the Oregon Agricultural college.

The highway between Coos county and the Pacific highway near Roseburg is now open to travel for the entire distance with the Camas mountain detour eliminated.

New Election Laws Change Status of Married Women

Important amendments enacted at the 1923 session of the legislature are embodied in a new compilation of Oregon election laws just issued by Secretary of State Koser. Of most importance are those affecting the laws governing the registration of voters, the use of the absent voter's ballot and the federal statutes relating to naturalization and citizenship, particularly of married women. The date for setting off and establishing election precincts by the county court has been advanced to the regular July term preceding the primary election, and the amendments to the registration laws prescribing a literacy test for voters, contingent upon the adoption of a proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people at the general election in 1924.

All other amendments to the election laws which were passed by the recent legislative assembly have been inserted at the proper places, and it is thought that the booklet will be found to comprise a complete and serviceable reference book for use in connection with all matters pertaining to elections.

New Motor Law Checks Car Thefts

Under the provisions of section 57 of the Oregon motor vehicle law, all motor vehicles licensed in another state or country, must be registered in Oregon within seventy-two hours after operation of same commences within this state. For the convenience of nonresident owners in registering their motor vehicles, registration stations have been established in seven Oregon cities.

Motorists must present the registration certificates of their home states with their request for registration in Oregon to the registering officer, as evidence of the ownership of the motor vehicle must be submitted in this form before the required registration can be made under the Oregon law. Upon the registration of the motor vehicle a registration certificate or "nonresident permit" is issued to be affixed on the inside of the windshield of the car as evidence of compliance with the law.

In those cases or instances where motorists from other states are observed by the various state traffic officers on the public highways between any of the established registration stations without the nonresident permit displayed on their cars, they will be registered by such officers upon exhibiting evidence of ownership of the motor vehicle, or directed by the traffic officer to secure registration at the nearest registration station, as in the judgment of the officer may be deemed advisable.

The department has provided these stations and the facilities there for the convenience of visiting motorists. Only a limited number of stations have been established for the registration of vehicles of nonresidents, as the experience of other states having similar laws justifies Oregon officials in providing these stations only upon the main highways.

More than six thousand cars have registered at the registry stations provided since the law requiring visiting motorists to register upon their entry into the state of Oregon went into effect. In addition many motorists have passed through the state without complying with the law because they were not acquainted with its provision. Through the operation of the new law it has already been possible to recover one stolen car and two other cars that were embezzled. The record of these registrations will afford an interesting study for many purposes. Its value has been fully demonstrated from the fact that it enables officers to identify stolen cars, as well as to apprehend those cars not operated with appropriate license and will later bring into the state a greater revenue than the cost of its operation.

Attorney-General Van Winkle has declared unconstitutional the act passed by the 1923 legislature authorizing the state industrial accident commission to reimburse the city of Coquille with the sum of \$1255 which the city paid Peter Hovring in compensation for injuries. The decision may go to the supreme court.

George M. Miller, pioneer resident of Eugene and brother of the late Joaquin Miller, poet, has launched a movement to create a national park or national monument at Cape Perpetua on the Pacific ocean in the northwestern corner of Lane county, the tract to include a portion of the Lincoln county coast as well.

Seven fatalities out of a total of 751 accidents in the state of Oregon were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended June 23, inclusive. Those fatally injured were: Frank Weaver, Salem; G. Gurdip, Gates; George C. Smiley, Eldorado Springs, Mo.; W. B. Beard, Grants Pass; B. H. Burt, Briggton; Herman Zimmerman, Homestead, and A. Vanstrom, Cascade Locks.

The latest addition to the lumber industry in Medford and Jackson county will be the erection of another mill on the Rogue river near McLeod bridge, between Medford and Prospect, with a capacity of seven to eight million feet of lumber per year. The Brownlee Lumber company that built the big modern mill in Medford a year ago and recently sold it to the Olds Lumber company, will build the new mill.

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At a recent election the city of Florence, near the mouth of the Stuslaw river, voted to reduce its size.
Twenty-two buildings in Portland, all rated as firetraps, were condemned by the fire marshal's office during May.
With broccoli planting at its height, Umpqua valley growers are finding a great deal of difficulty in getting plants.
Roy A. Klein has been made permanent chief engineer of the highway department by the state highway commission.
The Southern Pacific company has a surplus of \$31 cars according to a report received by the public service commission.
The Tri-County Bankers' association of Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties met in Wasco with thirty-four present.
The Roseburg city council has voted an emergency sum of \$250 to start the campaign against carriers which have invaded the city.
With the rainy season at an end, fire lookouts have been ordered to all high mountain stations within the Deschutes national forest.

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