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State Funds For Seed Wheat Being Secured Through Committee

Secretary of State Sam Koser, George Griffith, deputy state treasurer representing Treasurer Tom Kay, and W. A. Delsell, secretary to the governor, representing Governor Pierce, paid a brief visit to Sherman county late last week on a tour of this part of the state. They were working to expedite the execution of the provisions of the law recently enacted by the legislature, providing for state help in reseeding wheat from out "during the winter of 1924-1925."

Mr. Koser stressed the fact that it was the desire of the state board of control, which administers the act, to simplify matters and get the money into the right hands at the earliest possible date. He stated that many difficulties were being met, but that such was always the case in the administration of a new law, and that he saw no reason why there should be any delays.

The members of the County Court, W. H. Ragsdale and Marie Barnett Cooper, have been appointed as a committee in Sherman county for passing on all applications for loans. W. C. Bryant was appointed as their attorney. These appointments were made by the state board of control, and all applications for loans must be approved by this committee before they go to Salem.

Application blanks are now in the hands of all the banks in Sherman county. These blanks must be filled in, sent to the local committee for their approval, and then forwarded to the state board for final action. The money will be sent back at once. Money for the purchase of seed only will be loaned, all other expenses must be met otherwise.

In case where there is a mortgage on a place or on a crop, waivers must be sent in before the state will make a loan. The state can loan only on a first mortgage on a crop, and these waivers must accompany all applications. A blank is provided for this purpose.

The personnel of the board for Sherman county will meet with general satisfaction. A better one could



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One hundred and sixteen years ago on the 12th of February he made his appearance among the sons of men. His thought and life during the days of childhood were moulded by the Bible.

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His Virtues: His goodness, honesty, courage, kindness, sense of duty, and love for humanity challenge men today.

His Greatest Words were spoken in that matchless dedicatory address at Gettysburg:

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that the GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH."

AMERICANS! It rests with us to breed such wise, earnest, patriotic, and consecrated souls that the nation for which he lived and died may deserve not to perish from the earth.

George Washington

Faith in Men is Faith in Yourself!

When George Washington, whose birthday we shall celebrate Sunday, gave up the luxuries of a marvelous home life to fight for the independence that seemed high impossible of his little country, he had implicit faith in the men whom he later was to lead to success in battle.

But Washington's faith in his men was rewarded in the faith they had in him. So with us today. We believe implicitly in our Country and its citizens. In return we know we have secured the confidence that has enabled us to reach the position which we occupy among the thoughtful leaders of our present day generation.

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not have been picked than the five chosen, and they will be in session until the business is cleaned up in order that there may be no delays in administering this relief legislation.

An amendment to the original seed wheat relief measure, passed later by the state legislature, provides that "real estate mortgages which by their terms are not due prior to October 1, 1925, and upon which no payments of principal or interest are delinquent at the time of making the mortgages provided for in this act, shall not be deemed, for the purposes of this act, prior liens upon the crops covered by such mortgages."

Proposed Amendment Progressive

One of the most interesting acts of the legislature is a resolution passed by the house which provides for the submission to the vote of the people of the state for an amendment to the constitution. This proposed amendment provides that the supreme court of the state shall, when requested by a majority vote of the legislature, give its decision on constitutional questions, state policy or other matters calling for a final opinion.

Many of the states have such a constitutional provision, and it is believed that it would have a salutary effect in preventing the passage of measures which are unconstitutional and which merely add to the burden of courts and people. Probably it would discourage the passage of reckless and foolish laws.

Speaker Burdick introduced the resolution, and it appears to meet with the approval of the house. We imagine that it will be apt to pass a vote of the people, but some believe that its scope might be widened some what with profit.

A trust deed given by the Tidewater Mill company, which is a subsidiary of the Porter Bros. company, which owns large tracts of timber land in western Lane county and the old Hurd sawmill at Florence, to the Detroit Trust company, securing a loan of \$600,000, was filed for record in the office of County Clerk Bryson at Eugene. The deed covers several thousand acres of the company's holdings.

Because of the heavy damage that was done to wheat seeded last fall on the farm at Moro experiment station the grain nursery in Umatilla county will provide valuable data on the resistance to winter killing offered by the varieties seeded there last fall, according to D. E. Stephens, superintendent of Moro station. Last fall on the Moro farm 10,000 single row plantings were made and every row of the wheat was winter-killed. Some varieties seeded in the Umatilla county nursery were killed, but a big percentage is expected to come through with only nominal damage.

Grower members of the Hood River Apple Growers' association last week received checks, aggregating \$400,000, covering the co-operative agency's third cash distribution on the 1924 apple crop. The association set a new record for cash dividends on apple pits just before Christmas, when it cut a melon that exceeded \$400,000. A second cash distribution of \$300,000 was made in January. The fourth distribution, to be made in March, will reach an approximate \$400,000. Previously the co-operative sales organization had advanced to growers on supplies and for harvesting expenses more than \$1,100,000, and the total returns to growers on the 1924 tonnage, which was slightly in excess of 2,000,000 boxes, to date reaches \$2,227,000.

A Crop Year's Cycle Described
By Sherman County Poet Farmer

The following jingle of prose poetry, written and submitted for publication by H. B. Belshae, is quite likely to voice the viewpoint of many readers of the Observer:

I plowed my ground real easy last spring and harrowed it down and everything. Then I took the greatest of pains to get it sowed just after the rain. Then came a cold spell for quite a spell, I looked at my wheat, it was deader than hell.

And now is when the troubles begin, I have to re-seed and my chances are slim. I have to buy seed-wheat and the price is so high, that before it could get up they had to raise the sky. Now that is not all, my horses are thin, just a pile of old bones hid under the skin.

When I go to hitch up I know they will say, we can't do this work without some more hay. We did this work once and it should be enough. To climb these long hills it takes all our puff. Then I say come on, you must all do your best, if you can't make this hill we will all stop and rest. Now come on, old Dobin and don't raise a row, when we get this job finished, we must start into plow.

All through spring and summer we'll go plodding along, while the wheat from a sprout begins to get strong, then about June if we get a good rain, we'll begin to feel better and smile once again.

And then in the autumn if our crops are all short, we will go to our banker and make this report: "We have sold all our wheat and the very last sheaf; so figure the interest and add to our note; you will have to carry us over, with all our doubts and fears, for we have been looking for that big crop for the last twenty years."

Snow at the summit of the Cascades, near the Willamette pass highway, not far from Crescent lake, is 15 feet in depth and is packed into a glacier-like mass by heavy rains and sub-zero weather, according to reports being brought to Bend by trappers.

An amendment to the rivers and harbors bill providing for preliminary survey of Umpqua river and harbor with a view to their improvement was adopted by the senate committee on commerce. At the same time the committee gave its approval to the McNary amendment giving local interests on Tillamook bay credit for \$265,000 already expended by them on harbor improvement.

Reclamation of the Fort Rock district of the Deschutes, national project for grazing purposes, supplying range for an additional 30,000 head of sheep, or 8000 head of cattle, is being backed by sheepmen of central Oregon. An appropriation of approximately \$100,000 by the government for the purpose of bringing water 25 or 40 miles from Paulina lake to the arid Fort Rock country is being urged.

Paragraphs of State News

Two armed robbers held up the Parkrose State bank, just outside the city limits of Portland, and escaped with about \$1650 in cash.

H. L. Plank of Junction City was elected president of the Lane County Jersey Cattle Breeders' association at the annual meeting in Eugene.

Two major general improvement bond issues aggregating \$30,000 and changes in the present city charter providing for registration of voters in city elections will be placed before voters of The Dalles at a special election March 6.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, in January aggregated \$149,440, according to a report issued by Will Moore, state fire marshal. The most disastrous fire was at Silver Lake, where a hotel burned with a loss of \$20,000.

During the past year the Umpqua Valley cannery in Roseburg spent over \$23,900 in purchasing produce from the farmers of Douglas county, and approximately \$25,000 for labor, according to the report presented to the stockholders at the annual meeting.

The fur industry in central Oregon is seriously menaced by the use of poison by government trappers. It is held by private trappers in Lake and Deschutes counties. It is said that many valuable fur bearing animals other than coyotes are being destroyed.

One hundred and eighteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending February 7, manufactured 97,012,922 feet of lumber; sold 88,300,404 feet and shipped 87,964,130 feet. New business was 9 per cent below production.

A full-grown bobcat was electrocuted on the 66,000-volt line of the Vale Electric company, between Vale and Nyssa. The cat climbed the 50-foot pole and got its face against the top wire while its legs were around the ground-wire which runs the length of the pole.

A switch at Cayuse, where a big Mallet engine was derailed, was blocked by Harvey Strong, a 17-year-old Indian of Tappanish, Wash., according to a confession which the youth made to Deputy Sheriff Bennett at Pendleton. The Indian gave no reason for his action.

Suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$272,908.14—the largest sum ever involved in a legal action in Jackson county—was filed in the circuit court at Medford by the Welch Investment company and J. W. Stewart of Spokane against the Rogue River Valley Canal company.

A pulp and paper mill costing \$2,500,000 will be erected at St. Helens at once by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company and the Charles R. McCormick Lumber company. It was announced by Willard P. Hawley Jr., vice-president and general manager of the paper company.

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