

State Capitol  
News Letter

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Politics Occupy Center of  
Stage, Primary Vote  
Few Weeks Away

Salem—With the May primaries only 20 weeks in the future interest in political events naturally centers in prospective candidates. Governor Meier, about whose plans there has been much speculation during the past few weeks is expected to come forward with a definite announcement of his intentions soon. There are many among the political prognosticators who diagnose recent developments as unmistakable symptoms of a desire on the part of the governor for another four years in office. Among these symptoms are included his power message to the special session and his vigorous exposure of the sales tax for school relief. Many believe that the governor will resign his case before the people on these two issues. On the other hand there are many others just as politically minded as his, who believe that the governor's intention to retire with the end of his present term, after the November election even if he should be successful in receiving the nomination next May.

Rufus Holman, whose name has also been included in the list of possible candidates for the governorship, has let it be known that he does not intend to enter the race. Friends of the state treasurer, however, say that in his refusal to run he has not entirely barred the way to the reversal of that decision in event it becomes necessary to draft Charles H. Martin as a candidate against Meier. Sam Brown, state senator from Marion county, is understood to have been agreed upon by the anti-Meierites as the standard bearer for the true "free press" forces. It can be said with a fair degree of certainty that Charles H. Thomas will not be a candidate for the governorship. Thomas appears to be fairly well content to retain the post of utility commissioner and has been busy himself with plans for holding on to the job regardless of whether the next governor is Meier or Holman or Brown or any one of the number of others who have been mentioned as possible aspirants for the executive position.

In addition to the gubernatorial candidates there will also be candidates to succeed to the office of state commissioner of public instruction, state labor commissioner, two justices of the supreme court, 60 state representatives and 16 seats in the state senate. Charles A. Howard, who term as superintendent of the public instruction expires January 7, 1935, will be a candidate for re-election, as also will Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner, and Justices John L. Rand and George Rossman. There will also be necessary to nominate candidates for congress from each of Oregon's three districts. Charles H. Martin, of Portland will be a candidate to succeed himself unless he decides to make the race for governor. Walter James W. Mott of Salem and Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, Jay Upson of Bend has let it be known that he will oppose Pierce as the republican candidate while Mott will probably be opposed by John W. Marshall in the November contest, assuming that Mott receives the republican nomination in May, about which there is as yet no certainty with talk of several other republican candidates.

The state highway department spent approximately \$12,400,000 during 1933, according to figures released by R. H. Baldo, state highway engineer. New construction work accounted for the expenditure of \$4,425,000; highway maintenance required \$1,765,000; bond retirement and interest cost \$5,270,000; administrative expenses totaled \$230,000; secondary highways cost \$780,000; contributions to the counties totaled \$1,600,000; contributions to the state police totaled \$280,000; and \$50,000 was paid out for miscellaneous expenses. Construction work during the year included 40 miles of paving, 70 miles of rock surfacing, 65 miles of grading, 65 miles of bituminous macadam, 25 miles of new culverting and 75 miles of grading. The department is now maintaining 5214 miles of primary highways or 170 miles more than it had take care of a year ago at an expense approximately \$220,000 less than the maintenance cost of last year.

Governor Meier, who spent the Christmas-New Year holidays in San Francisco, returned to Oregon Wednesday and is expected to visit the capital today. Fred H. Kiddle, president of the state senate, who has been pinch-hitting for the governor during his absence from the state, has returned to his home at Island City to resume his private business which has been neglected since he left to attend the special session six weeks ago.

A total of \$73,529,227 has been paid into the coffers of the state (Continued on page 7, column 1)

City Council  
Plans Control  
Liquor Sales

Proposed Ordinance Modelled on Knox Bill to be Acted Upon at Meet

Collection Drive Set  
Councilmen Order Payment of Occupation Taxes

Liquor ordinance, incorporating the salient regulatory and license features of the Knox bill and drafted by the League of Oregon Cities to provide for control until the state act goes into effect was favored by the city council Tuesday night. Action was also taken to bring the collection of city occupation taxes to an issue.

That the city ordinance providing for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in Hillsboro and for license fees was repealed by the passage of the Knox bill was revealed by Paul L. Patterson, city attorney. Necessity of providing regulatory measures to operate during the four to eight weeks before the state liquor law becomes effective was emphasized by the attorney. With this emergency in view, Mayor O. Phelps called a special council meeting for next week.

Packers Get  
Prison Terms

The proposed ordinance will follow the features of the Knox bill passed at the recent special session of the state legislature, declared Patterson. License fees are set up to conform with the state law. These fees will be collected by the city and turned over to the state when the Knox law becomes effective.

Pees proposed in the League of Oregon Cities ordinance would be lower than under the former city measure. Following are the proposed fees: Breweries \$500, wineries \$250, farmer's winery \$25, distillery \$100, wholesaler \$250, restaurant \$100, hotel \$100, club \$50, package stores class A \$10, class B \$50, drugstore \$10, retail club of 60 cars \$50, boat \$50, barge \$200, retail beer \$15, and industrial alcohol except licensed druggists \$100.

Necessary changes will be made in the ordinance by Patterson to conform with the Knox law. The ordinance will be presented to the council next week.

Drive Planned  
That a large percentage of the local business houses are delinquent in the payment of city occupation taxes was revealed by the final report of L. J. Merrill, who has been working on the collection of assessments and fees due the city. Resolution was passed by the council "to proceed to collect the occupation taxes and file complaints where necessary." Councilmen expressed determination to bring the matter to an immediate issue.

Final report of Merrill indicated that 17 city assessments have been re-bounded during the past two weeks (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Mixed Chorus  
Gives Messiah

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented at the Hillsboro union high school auditorium Sunday at 7:30 p. m. by a mixed chorus of 500 that presented the "Messiah" Christmas Eve in Portland under the direction of Willem Van Hoogstraten. Soloists will be Ethel Gardner, soprano; Ethna Nash, soprano; Harris Hansen, tenor; Clara James, contralto; Lydia Scheidt, alto, and Edwin Secor, bass. Doris Halvorson and Miss Beatrice Miller will be accompanists.

County Unit Dairy  
Co-op to Convene

Annual meeting of the county unit of the Dairy Co-operative association will be held in the Hillsboro union high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday to select a new director for two years, according to announcement by Senator Arthur Ireland, county director. This director will represent Washington county on the dairy co-op board.

Growing of Flax Crop Arousing  
Interest Many County Farmers

Early planting is essential to success. This means that fiber flax is not a wet land crop as it would rarely be possible to get the crop in until after the middle of April. Generally, planting not later than the last of March or the first of April gives better results. Long, uniform straw is desirable and essential if the crop is to be profitable. This means rather early planting on a firm seed bed.

Most any of the soils that grow good crops of fall grain in Washington county will grow a satisfactory crop of flax when properly handled. On land that has been cropped to grain for years and the straw, then fiber flax growing apparently offers considerable promise to growers in this section. Until provision is made for providing the necessary facilities for handling the crop it is hardly something with which to spend much time.

Considerable work has been done at the Oregon experiment station in the past several years with fiber flax, reports George R. Hyslop of the farm crops department. Among other things they have established the fact that it is not necessary to go to some foreign country every three years to get good seed. American grown seed has proven just as good or better than that which was imported, according to Hyslop. Drilling, as a method of seeding, has proven more desirable than broadcasting, as a more uniform quality of fiber is produced in this way and on a finely pulverized and firm seed bed the amount of seed required is less.

Court to Seek  
Bids for Span  
At Gales Creek

Bids for a permanent bridge to replace the old covered one over Gales creek at Gales City which was dynamited during the recent high water will probably be called by the county court about January 10. Temporary bridge is now being constructed by a county bridge crew, according to Commissioner Herman Kerkman.

Bank Deposits  
Now Insured  
Against Loss

Insurance of bank deposits in Washington county became a reality Tuesday when provisions of the 1933 banking act, creating the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, went into effect. New schedule of service charges for banking services scheduled to become effective at the same time was postponed until February 1, according to word received from NRA headquarters.

Deposits up to \$2500 will be insured 100 per cent against loss under the new program. Larger deposits will be insured only for \$2500 at present. After July 1 of this year, plans of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation will be completed for effecting 100 per cent insurance of bank deposits up to \$10,000, 75 per cent insurance of deposits from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and 50 per cent insurance of all larger bank deposits.

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Sentences of eight months in the county jail were meted out to the five packer brothers of Pumpkin Ridge and a fine of \$500 assessed against Herbert Chambers, one of the packers, Saturday following their conviction on a charge of rioting. Trial of Charles, Walter, Joe, Jim and Herbert Packer and Chambers opened in the circuit court last Tuesday and a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury Friday afternoon. The seven men were alleged to have beaten Jesse F. Brown, a neighboring farmer.

Tozier Rings  
New Year Bell

Ringings of the old bell at the local Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday night by Albert Tozier to herald the passing of the old year and the coming of 1934, marked the 62nd consecutive time that the former Hillsboro resident had performed the ceremony. A large crowd attended the annual New Year's Eve service which was climaxed by the tolling of the church bell at midnight.

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Court Buys Trucks  
Road Department

Approximately 100 county motor-ists impeded an office of the county sheriff Tuesday for temporary automobile license permits. A large number of permits were issued Wednesday, but did not reach the office for the day before. No grace period will be given for purchase of licenses this year, and state police began enforcement on January 1.

Truck Load Limit Cut  
By County Court Order

Load limit on all trucks operating on county roads has been cut 25 per cent until further notice, according to an order issued by the county court Friday. Recent heavy rains have softened the roads and the court held it advisable to reduce load limits for the present.

Dinner of Jackson Club  
In Portland on Saturday

Jackson club of Oregon, state democratic organization, will hold its annual banquet at the Portland hotel in Portland, January 6, to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. Donald E. Long of Portland says a very entertaining program has been arranged.

City Fire Losses  
During 1933 Show  
Tremendous Rise

Fire loss in Hillsboro for 1933 totaled \$40,162.84, according to a report submitted to the city council Tuesday evening by Fire Chief Walter Tews. This total was nearly six times larger than the loss in 1932, due principally to the disastrous Commercial building fire January 29, 1933, in which damage amounted to \$38,235.29.

Federal Corporation Schedules  
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Pension Body  
Aids 15 Aged

Total of 15 old age pensions requiring aggregate monthly outlay of \$128, have been granted to date, according to records of the Old Age commission of Washington county. Nine applications have been rejected, three continued for further investigation and one cancelled as a result of the death of the applicant.

Many Non-Residents  
Registered Locally

Non-resident permits were granted to 230 visiting motorists at the chamber of commerce during 1933, according to Mrs. E. L. Moore, who issued the permits. Washington motorists, with a total of 109 permits, far exceeded the number registered from all other states.

Civil War Veteran Laid  
To Rest Here on Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday for Rufus Waggener, Civil war veteran and early day hotel operator in Hillsboro, at the Donelson & Sewell chapel, Rev. H. A. Deck officiating. Burial was in the Hillsboro cemetery where he was in charge of Hillsboro post, American Legion, with Past Commander R. L. Fatterson and Chaplain Arthur Kroeger handling the ritualistic work. A firing squad was furnished by the Hillsboro national guard company, and Nelson Weaver blew "Taps."

County Legion Meeting  
To Be Held January 25

County jamboree of the American Legion will be held here January 25 with Hillsboro post and auxiliary as hosts for the event. Time for the meeting was originally set for January 26, but was changed on account of a conflicting date. Next meeting of Hillsboro post will be January 12.

Sales Tax Subject for  
Blossoming Unit of Union

Blossoming local, Farmers' Union, will hold an open meeting Wednesday night at Bunning's hall in Corvallis. Ladies of Blossoming will represent the program given November 26 at Blossoming church. Sales tax will be discussed. Other locals are invited.

Fire Insurance Group  
Will Meet Here Monday

Annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance association of Washington county will be held at the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce rooms at 1 p. m. next Monday, according to G. E. Montgomery of Hillsboro, secretary. All members are invited to attend.

CWA Projects  
For Teachers  
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Hilhi Hoopsters  
Drop Game Here  
To Franklin Five

Hilhi hoopsters dropped a pre-season game to the powerful Franklin high school team of Portland here Wednesday night 21 to 9. Although trailing 13 to 13 at the close of the first half, Hillsboro made a strong bid for a comeback at the start of the third quarter, coming within a few points of matching the flying Franklin squad. Locals will split into two teams Friday night, one going to St. Mary's and the other to Gaston high school.

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