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Meier Announces Intent to Retire from Office; Race a Scramble

SALEM—In his decision to retire from politics announced over the radio Saturday night—Governor Meier is said by friends at the capital to have subordinated his personal ambitions and inclinations to the wishes of his family, his physician and his business associates. While the governor, himself, and for the sake of a few of his appointees would have liked another chance at the gubernatorial and delayed his announcement as long as possible because of this desire, his decision is said to have been influenced by the wishes of those outside of his immediate political circle.

In effacing himself from the gubernatorial race Meier has left the field wide open for a free-for-all scramble for the politically ambitious and his announcement is expected to be followed by the entry of several new aspirants for the republican nomination. With Meier out of the picture there is left in the present line-up no one to whom Budget Director Hansen, Purchasing Agent Enzinger, or other cabinet members can turn with any reasonable hope for a continuation of their lucrative jobs beyond next January. Both Brown and Burke are bitterly anti-Hansen and anti-Enzinger, although friendly to Commissioner Thomas, Charlie Hall, a long-time friend of the budget director might be willing to save Enzinger's scalp if elected, although he could not be expected to endorse over Thomas, but Hall is not regarded as a real contender for the nomination. Neither is there any great enthusiasm in the Meier cabinet over the candidacy of Frank Lomenger, with jobs paying from \$6000 to \$2000 a year. In fact, these Meier appointees can be expected to go the limit in their attempt to save their own political scalps. In this connection the rumor that "Thomas, himself, might make up the torch laid down by Meier, has again been revived. While Thomas has repeatedly said that he was not a candidate it has been pointed out that he never has said that he might not become a candidate in a short time. It seems as it seems to be at this time, and an announcement of Thomas' entry into the republican gubernatorial primary would not be at all surprising.

While the anti-Meier faction of the so-called progressive wing of the republican party already has two candidates in the gubernatorial race in the persons of Senator Sam Brown of Marion county and Senator W. E. Burke of Yamhill county it is a well known fact that there is still a search on for yet another "true progressive" who can consolidate the shattered ranks and command enough support to not only win the republican nomination but to carry the republican standard to victory in the November election. The candidacies of Brown and Burke, both rabid apostles of cheap power through public ownership of power, resources and distribution systems and both just as rabidly anti-Meier now as they were the progressive ranks wide open. In a statement two weeks ago, charged that he had been "lured" into the Portland convention under a misrepresentation of the facts and announced that he proposed to continue his fight for the republican nomination "till hell freezes over" in spite of Burke and his friends. To which charge friends of the Yamhill senator counter with a statement to the effect that Brown went into the Portland convention with the hope of winning the nomination, but that he had agreed to the convention at a previous gathering of progressive leaders and that Senator Zimmerman, a Brown supporter, had personally hand-picked 42 of the delegates to the progressive convention which resulted in the endorsement of Burke, while Burke himself had selected only 26 of the 100 delegates and the other 32 had been selected by A. W. Orton of Portland, a backer of Rufus Holman.

In refutation of Brown's charges that the purpose of the Portland convention had been misrepresented to him, Burke's friends cite the statement setting forth the call for the gathering which specifically sets out as the purpose of the convention "that they might act in union both in regard to a platform and a candidate for governor." While the dispute between Brown and Burke continues progressive leaders are understood to be bearing down on Ray W. Gill, master of the state grange, and Rufus Holman, state treasurer, in an effort to persuade one of them to step into the breach and possibly save the day for the progressive wing. Gill so far has refused to yield to the lure of a term in the governorship and Holman in a recent statement insisted that he was not a candidate, but here again, as in the case of Commissioner Thomas, it is pointed out that he has never said that he might not become a candidate under proper circumstances, which would be to have now arranged themselves propitiously for a renunciation of his earlier stand and Holman's announcement as a candidate is still well within the range of possibilities.

Beaverton Man Injured In Auto Crash Tuesday
Caught under his automobile when it turned over after a collision on the Canyon road Tuesday, H. E. Scruggs of Beaverton route 2 sustained concussion of the brain and severe cuts and bruises. His wife also was injured in the crash. Clarence E. Palin of Portland, driver of the other car, reported to the sheriff's office. Scruggs failed to give his signal for a left hand turn.

Murder Out as Cause in Death Case

Mystery Over Lee Collins Demise at West Union Sunday Cleared

Yeggs Crack Safe Officers Confiscate Still Near Bethany on Monday

Suspicion of possible murder in the death of Lee Collins, 69-year-old woodworker, whose lifeless body was found Sunday morning under suspicious circumstances on the porch of his cabin at West Union, were exploded Wednesday when an autopsy failed to reveal evidence of foul play. Evidence of blood in the collar of Collins' left eye and scalp, the finding of a quantity of blood in back of the cabin, and the fact that his partner, Pete Hahn, had disappeared led county officials to start an immediate investigation of possible homicide.

The cut over the left eye and the blow on the head, which led authorities to believe that Collins had been struck over the head, were caused Saturday morning when the man suffered a fainting spell at the home of Herman Kestek, a neighbor, and struck his head against a window sill, investigation revealed. The blackened left eye was said to have resulted from a blow earlier in the week that the deceased had suffered internal hemorrhages from time to time and as late as Friday explained the presence of the quantity of blood on the premises.

Partner Returned Here
Pete Hahn, Collins' partner, was taken into custody at The Dalles Sunday night and returned to Hillsboro as a material witness. Hahn, who had a blackened eye, offered an alibi that he had been in the Gaston Oregon city at the time of Collins' death and this was definitely substantiated. He was released Tuesday on his own recognizance and the promise that he remain in Hillsboro until investigations are completed.

Tigard Wins Grade Title
Tigard won the Washington county grade school basketball title at Forest Grove Saturday night by defeating Reedville, the class B champion, in the final game of the three-day tournament. Forest Grove won the consolation title by defeating Reedville 23 to 16 in the consolation game. Tigard, class A, and Orenco, class B, were also in the tournament. Forest Grove trounced Beaverton 17 to 8 in the opening round of the tournament. Tigard, class A, defeated Beaverton 20 to 10 in the second round. Tigard 23 to 16 in the class championship. In the consolation game, Tigard defeated Beaverton 17 to 8 and then lost to Forest Grove 17 to 15.

Wheat Men Given Thirty Days to Sign Adjustment Program
(By Wm. F. Cruss, County Agent)
Those farmers who grow wheat and did not make application for the agricultural adjustment act until April 15 to take advantage of the adjustment plan if they care to do so, practically all of the original sign-up, production of wheat for the years of 1930, 1931, and 1932 must be given to the county agent for review for 1933. Community committees will go over the new contracts and the allotment committee will make the allotments just as was done last fall.

Yields of wheat for the new applicants must be in line with the average yields of the old applicants in the same community. The new signers will receive the balance of the 1933 payments due this spring and the balance of the 1934 payments. They will not receive the first payment already made amounting to 20 cents per bushel. If the applicant has already secured a crop for the base years he will need to play up the excess acreage if he accepts a contract at this time. Growers who filed applications in 1933, but failed to sign contracts, may now sign and receive all payments, including both of the 1933

County Warrants Honored at Par by Local Banks

Washington county road and general fund warrants will be cashed for 100 per cent of their face value at Hillsboro banks until further notice, according to announcements Wednesday by the Hillsboro Branch of the First National bank of Portland and the Commercial National bank. The banks, except warrants from anyone holding them without restriction as to the number to be cashed or whether or not the holder is a customer of the bank. The first step in changing from the five per cent discount policy taken by the First National bank and the Commercial National followed within a short time. Prior to Wednesday warrants had been cashed at county banks for 85 per cent of their face value and, in some instances, had been accepted only from county employes or regular customers of the banks. The new policy is purely a local situation, local bankers declared.

Increase in tax payments and through budget provisions of the county court to restore outstanding warrants and to offset tax delinquencies, resulting in an improvement in the county's credit, was given the county court by the policy by R. J. Seacore, manager of the branch bank. He declared the step was being taken after an exhaustive study of the county and its assist residents in this community now holding warrants and to aid in strengthening Washington county.

Banquet Ends B.&P. Events
Charles Walker Will Speak at Dinner Here Friday

Public relations dinner Friday night at the chamber of commerce, with Charles F. Walker of Portland, president of the Northwestern School of Commerce, as the speaker, will close the National Business Women's Week program in Hillsboro. Mrs. Zola Morgan is chairman of the week's activities. Other numbers on the program will include a short play, "The Girl in the Red Coat," by Marjorie Sewell, and vocal solo by Maurice Deane. The dinner will be held at the Lutheran church, where Rev. George Reule gave a very interesting address. He told of the ill treatment of women in some of the other countries in times past and said that the history of woman is the greatest tragedy ever written. "Women are, above all, indebted to Christianity for their spiritual and social emancipation," he said. Mrs. Walter Steiner and Lawrence Hinrichsen were the soloists during the service.

Jury Indicts Seven Friday
Four indictments, naming seven persons, and two not true bills were returned Friday by the county grand jury. The indictments were returned against the following: J. J. VanDome, R. I. Cornelius, who was assisting in the check-up of non-signers.

Amateur Tourney Set for March 23
Elimination matches in the Washington county amateur boxing and wrestling tournament will start March 23 at the Hillsboro Athletic club, according to Robert Kelly of the local club. Invitations have been extended to all clubs in the county and all entries are to be submitted on or before next Tuesday.

Seligman Studio Moved To Commercial Building
Paul Seligman has moved his studio from the Linklater building above the Delta Drug store to the Commercial building. He is arranging model studio quarters and says the building is equipped for the best of photographic work.

Past Commanders Defeated in Drive
Past commanders lost to the rest of the membership of Hillsboro American Legion, 20 to 16 in the membership drive, which ended Friday night. The former legion leaders are to serve a feed as a result of the meeting April 10. Legionnaires voted to give \$10 for tuberculosis work by the county nurse.

Mrs. Boscow Selected as Treasurer

Wife of Late W. W. Boscow to Fill County Office for Coming Year

More Candidates File Voter Registration Closes for Primary April 17

Mrs. Maud Boscow, widow of the late county treasurer who died Sunday, was appointed Washington county treasurer Tuesday afternoon in an order issued by the county court. Term of office under the appointment will terminate December 31, 1934. Four more candidates threw their hats into the political ring by filing with the county clerk Fred J. Sewell to determine who will be elected as coroner on the republican ticket, while H. R. Huson of Cornelius, a democrat, filed for county surveyor. J. R. Peppard of Hillsboro presented himself as representative of the local justice of the peace district, filed as a candidate for re-election under the republican banner and Arthur M. S. Stook of Forest Grove entered the race for justice of the peace in that district.

Schulmerich Ponders
Ex-senator Edward Schulmerich of Hillsboro is understood to be giving serious thought to entering the primary race for state senator from Washington county, the position now held by Arthur Ireland of Forest Grove. Schulmerich served in the 1929 and 1931 sessions of the state legislature and had previously been elected as representative from the county. The former senator has received many overtures from friends and supporters to file as a candidate.

CWA Workers Find 5 More Skeletons
Digging up "family skeletons" is getting to be a habit with county CWA crews. News of the latest find was made by a party of five Indians at the Seth school three miles west of Gaston early last week. They were working on a road when they discovered a bone head-dress of the crew.

4-H Poultry Clubs To Meet Saturday
H. E. Cosby, extension specialist in poultry will be in Hillsboro, Saturday, to conduct a series of 4-H poultry meetings to be held at the court house at 1:30 p. m. Mr. Cosby will discuss brooding problems and the job of raising baby chicks. He will also discuss quality of eggs considering such factors as weight, shell texture, yolk color, and fertility. The final part will be a demonstration of candling.

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Dairy Co-op Wins Verdict Reversal in Creamery Case

Supreme court decision Tuesday upholding the contract between the Dairy Co-operative association and the Brandes creamery was hailed by local dairymen as a victory for the co-op and co-operative marketing. At the same time rumors of dissolution of the Brandes creamery in the Gales Creek area toward ruins of the Oregon State Milk Control board were received here.

Sign-up Near Corn-Hog Plan Total of 300 Applications Filed with County Agent

With close to 300 applications already on file in the county agent's office, sign-up for the corn-hog plan is rapidly drawing to a close. Local committees in all six districts of the county have been busy this week getting data on non-signers. The check-up has cleared up questions, which some farmers have had regarding the plan and several additional applications are being filed out.

New Facts Aid Salvage Plans
Discovery that timber killed by fire is good for lumber purposes for at least 14 years was revealed by experiments conducted at the Stimson mill in Scoggins valley. This fact should be of tremendous value to timber men with the big area of the big timber tract owned by the late C. C. Kyle, fire warden in charge of the Northwestern Oregon Forestry Protective association.

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CWA Jobs End Here March 31

Committee Sees Completion of County School Work Before Deadline

Wage Scale Changed Increase in Pay of Laborers Ordered as Retroactive

Work under the present CWA program in Washington county will definitely cease March 31, a month and a half after the original deadline of February 15, according to word received here Wednesday from the Portland CWA office. In the meantime, wages of all day laborers were returned to 50 cents an hour and skilled carpenters and painters to establish a fair uniform wage scale for the entire state.

County Native Daughter Dies
Funeral for Mrs. Emerick Conducted Here Monday

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Death Calls W. Boscow on Sunday

County Treasurer Succumbs at Family Home After Short Illness

Last Rites Tuesday
Late Official Native Son and Prominent Citizen

Wesley W. Boscow, 67, treasurer of Washington county, died early Sunday morning at his home here after a illness had kept him in his office for about 10 days. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Donelson & Sewell chapel with Rev. H. A. Deck officiating. Interment was at the Hillview cemetery in Portland.

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