

State Capitol News Letter

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Meier Toying with Idea of Entering Race for Governor.

SALEM—Announcement that Julius Meier is again toying with the possibility of entering the gubernatorial race was greeted in political circles with varying reactions.

To some the notion appeals as the best political joke of the 1934 season. Others take the announcement more seriously and see in the governor's attitude a chance for plenty of complications.

While the governor admits that he is being "urged" to run, the extent of the demand is heavily discounted by political observers. No doubt there are those among his appointees who are encouraging the idea as the only chance to hang on to their jobs. Others would no doubt like to handle a generously financed campaign such as the governor could be expected to stage. In addition to these mercenaries there are no doubt many sincere admirers of the governor who are convinced that he has done a good job and should be retained for another term.

But it is generally suspected that much of the "urge" comes from within the governor's own being and that the "exclusive interview" announcing the boom was merely a trial balloon sent aloft to test out the direction and velocity of the political currents. The governor, it is known, harbors a deep seated and genuine ambition to remain in the political spotlight. His renunciation of future political honors, voiced in a radio address last March when he definitely eliminated himself as a candidate for the republican nomination, is understood to have been made very much against his own personal inclination and in response only to the insistence of his political business associates and members of his immediate family.

As a man convinced against his will he retains the same opinion still, so the governor has retained the smouldering spark of his political ambition and this spark has been fanned to a sizeable flame by the recent visit to Portland of President Roosevelt, affording as it did an opportunity for Oregon's chief executive to bask in the reflected popularity of the nation's idol and to share with him the pleasures of admiring multitudes on that memorable automobile ride from the city of Roses to the site of Bonneville dam.

Governor Meier, it should be understood, still believes himself to be just as popular as he was four years ago when he was elected to office by an overwhelming majority of voters, riding the crest of the free-power-for-nothing wave and clad in the habiliments of the late George W. Joseph whose cause he espoused to such effect in this regard. Many political observers are convinced that the governor greatly overrates himself and while even his worst detractors are willing to concede him a sizeable slice of the November vote, he will decide to run, if he is not left no other alternative, especially in view of his definite refusal to enter the primaries and his delay until the eleventh hour in making up his mind as to just what he wanted to do.

Many argue that it would be better for him to retire at the end of his present term comforted and consoled by this illusion of a sustained popularity than to put this popularity to the test at the polls with the prospect of defeat and bitter disillusionment.

It is difficult from the vantage point of a seat on the political sidelines to visualize any great army of voters rallying to the standards of a conservative government should he decide to raise his banner in the present campaign. While there are those who contend that the conservative element, especially business interests, are back of the present boom and would support Meier because of their stand against the present radicalism, it is not clear that the men's strike in Portland, by this same token he has lost the support of organized labor which musters a far larger voting strength than does business. The Grange, which with its prospect of defeat and sinking in 1930, has lost confidence in his sincerity with respect to the power program, besides which the farmers now have a candidate of their own in the person of the Zimmerman. As to the voters where would the governor go for support. Not that the press is absolutely essential to political success. Candidates have been elected in spite of unanimous newspaper opposition, but as a rule friendly press is a valuable asset to any political aspirant. The Oregonian is definitely and emphatically committed to the support of Senator Dunne and has gone too far now to desert the republican nominee in the middle of the campaign for an independent candidate, no matter how well it might think of him. And the Oregon Journal, which supported Meier in 1930 with everything that it had, and was rewarded with a swift kick in the pants for its pains after the election, certainly could not be expected to desert General Martin, whose candidacy it has espoused from the start. Neither are the smaller papers, particularly friendly toward the governor whose petty bickerings with State Treasurer Holman have been made the subject of many caustic editorial comments by most of them.

Just what effect Meier's entry into the race might have on the outcome of the gubernatorial contest is also the subject of much speculation. There are those who contend that the rank and file of the voters, disappointed in the present candidate, would welcome the chance to rally to his support.

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County Fair Opens Thursday

4-H Exhibits Show Year's Activities

Club Events to Feature County Fair

Record Exhibits Anticipated for Three-Day Showing to Start on Thursday

Calf Entries Large

Girls' and Future Farmers' Planning Many Displays



R. M. Banks of Banks and H. T. Hesse of Scholls, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Washington county fair board. C. D. Minton of Forest Grove is vice-president of the board and manager of the 1934 county fair.

Competitive events for 4-H club and Future Farmer members, perhaps the most feature of the Washington county fair to be held at Shute park here next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, will be the center of interest next week for hundreds of county boys and girls who have prepared exhibits and displays representing activities of the past year. This annual competition serves as a measuring stick in determining the quality of work during the club year and a creditable showing is anticipated.

One of the largest 4-H club calf shows ever held in the county is anticipated by L. E. Francis, assistant county agent, who is in charge of the livestock and crop division. More than 70 head of calves were blood tested by their owners during the past week to qualify the cattle for entry in the competition. In addition, several other prospective entries are below the age limit and do not need to be tested. The hog show will be as large as last year when a greater number were entered than at any time in previous history of the exhibit.

Sheep Exhibits Gain

Sheep show will be another feature of the livestock section which is expected to show an increase this year. Most of the stimulation comes from the Forest Grove National bank sheep project sponsored by John Thornburgh, president. More than 30 entries were made at the bank show held in July and the greater part of these are expected to be entered at the county fair. A number of the county 4-H club members are planning to show more than one animal this year, whereas only a few years ago scarcely any livestock club boys entered more than one animal. Donald Josay of Rock Creek, who is completing his seventh year of club work, intends to enter five.

Forest Closed in the County

The state forester, Lynn F. Cronmiller, issued an order closing down all woods operations, such as logging and others, constituting a fire hazard located in Washington, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Yamhill, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Linn and Polk counties.

The order was issued because of extreme fire hazard developments in the 48 hours previous to the order due to weather conditions. Cronmiller estimated that several hundred camps would be effected by the closure, which will continue in effect from noon Tuesday until weather conditions become more favorable.

Citizens' Emergency League Organization Need Stressed

Need for the organization of patriotic American citizens into the Citizens' Emergency League and the purposes of the organization are cited in a letter to the Argus this week from C. T. Richardson, commander of the Citizens' Emergency League. He points out that the other communities in Washington county are also organizing. The letter:

"On account of veiled threats, communist meetings held in our community, past demonstrations headed by paid agitators, spreading of propaganda and the continuing of propaganda, the time has come when true Americans should ally themselves on the side of law and order. The killing in Portland this week, is a case in point. When a young, newly married man, is shot down in cold blood, without even a chance of self defense, it is time to prepare for action. When well known men openly threaten judges on the bench, and defy them to pass sentence on guilty agitators, and when communism is flowing into the Pacific coast, to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to undermine all forms of government, and create disturbances in all lines of labor, it is time to go on record as being either for our form of government, or to quietly do your duty as American citizens, by assisting those in authority. "During the last month a communistic school at Tigard had 28 students, who were being trained to

County Herds Make Showing High in Second Class

Washington county dairy herds made a creditable showing in the July report of the Yamhill-Washington Herd Improvement Association, although they yielded the heaviest production of milk and butterfat from Yamhill county. C. E. Robertson & Son of Forest Grove ranked first in the division for herds of between 12 and 20 head, while cows owned by Washington county dairymen placed first in two out of the four age classes.

Thirty-eight herds were included in the test, consisting of 922 cows, 117 of which were dry. Total production of milk for the month was 630,667 pounds and of butterfat 28,102.9 pounds. Average production was 68.6 pounds of milk and 30.48 pounds of butterfat. A total of 245 cows produced 49 pounds or more of butterfat.

Honors for the high producing herd of over 20 head went to John H. Pick of Woodburn, whose herd of 43 purebred Jerseys produced an average of 737 pounds of milk and 38.76 pounds of butterfat. C. E. Robertson & Son at Forest Grove were first in the division for herds between 12 and 20 head with 19 purebred Jersey cows producing an average of 759 pounds of milk and 41.95 pounds of butterfat. In the smaller division, eight purebred Jerseys owned by Elmer Dietz of Newberg produced an average of 933 pounds of milk and 48.07 pounds of butterfat.

Two high cows in the test were owned by the Fairview Farm at Troutdale and by John H. Pick at Woodburn. "Number 116," a three-year old grade Jersey at the Fairview Farm produced 1323 pounds of milk and 74 pounds of butterfat during the month, while "Little," a two-year old purebred Jersey, owned by Pick turned in a record of 933 pounds of milk and 73.7 pounds of butterfat.

J. J. Hanel Death Sudden

John J. Hanel, 53, well known local resident, died suddenly at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland at 10:05 Wednesday morning. Mr. Hanel had been in the hospital following an operation performed in an effort to clear up a leg injury received in a fall while working at the Fred Amacher market in January.

Mr. Hanel was born at Unionville, Mo., July 6, 1881, and had lived in Hillsboro 15 years. He came to Oregon from Kansas in 1918. He owned an electric store on Main street for several years and later devoted his time to electrical contracting. Deceased is survived by the widow, Etta B. Hanel, a son, Lawrence, and a daughter, Naomi Louise Hanel, all of Hillsboro. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: M. W. Hanel, Ashland; Carl Hanel, Portland; Mrs. S. W. Howard, Medford; Mrs. Joe Whitacre, Great Bend, Kan.; Mrs. Charles Temple, Mrs. C. N. Pear, McCracken, Kan.; Mrs. Oscar Temple, Lyons, Kan.

Patterson Member of Oregon Legion Group

P. L. Patterson, prominent local legionnaire, was a member of the state American Legion committee that made an extensive report in Portland Saturday for law and enforcement changes that would enable the country to better cope with radicalism and violations. The report showed a careful study of the existing conditions and made recommendations for improvement. The committee included prominent Oregon residents from all sections of the state.

Vacation Period Nearly Over for County Students

Vacation days will soon be over for children of school age in Washington county, according to a list of opening dates for more than half of the county schools as released by O. B. Kraus, superintendent. Majority of the schools have selected September 10 as the opening day, while a number of others have chosen the following Monday to open school doors.

Six elementary schools and Banks high school have selected Labor Day as the first day of school and seven grade schools will open the following day, September 10. It was selected by 37 schools and September 17 by 12 schools. The last school to open will be Reedville on September 24. To date 57 out of 104 elementary schools and four out of five union high schools have reported.

Hilhi Has Metal Working Course for Coming Year

New course in metal working and building construction will be offered this year at Hilhi for third-year manual training students and approximately \$325 worth of metal working equipment has been installed. Addition to the course will permit students to major in industrial arts according to Maurice M. Romig, instructor.

Housing Loan Plan Studied

That all Washington county banks would probably make loans under the federal Housing administration plan as soon as specific regulations and forms are received was the opinion of E. J. Seare, president of the county bankers' association, following a meeting Saturday to discuss the program. The First National bank of Portland, Hillsboro branch, has definitely adopted the plan, he said, while some other banks are withholding decisions for more definite information.

County Banks Expected to Adopt Federal Program

Completion of the county republican central committee organization will be undertaken Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the local chamber of commerce meeting.

Jersey Clubs Meet Sunday

FARMINGTON—Joint picnic of the state and county Jersey cattle clubs was held Sunday at the W. T. Putnam & Sons farm with about 115 persons present. The meeting was well attended by leading Jersey breeders from over the state.

County Hay Shipped East

Five carloads of clover hay were loaded at Forest Grove Tuesday and shipped to Kansas City as the first consignment of what may possibly develop into a considerable hay movement from Washington county to the drought area in the mid-west. All negotiations are being handled through W. C. Schultz of Forest Grove and an independent mid-western dealer.

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Fall Ballot Plans Made by Parties

Progressive Convention Set for Friday Night Grange Hall in Hillsboro

Democrats Organize County Republican Central Group to Meet Tuesday

Convention of progressives at the Grange hall Friday evening for the purpose of endorsing or nominating progressive candidates for county legislative offices will be the political highlight of the coming week. Last Friday night, members of the democratic central committee met in Hillsboro to formulate campaign plans for the coming election.

Campaign Outlined

Campaign plans of the democratic party in Washington county were outlined here Friday night when members of the county central committee met at the Wilkes Abstract company office. Short talks were given by eight party candidates.

Delinquent Taxpayers Given Short Time to Comply

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Free Gate Expected to Attract Large Crowds—Opening Day for County Children

Grange and Union Plan Big Time

Milkmaid Contest, Twin "Round-Up" and "Mutt" Dog Show Scheduled

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