

State Capitol News Letter

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Congressional Battle of Votes Found Quite Close

SALEM—In their interest in the gubernatorial campaign, most of the voters seem to have lost sight of contests being fought on other political fronts over the state.

In each of the three congressional districts candidates are bidding for support in contests, the outcome of which is still just as much in doubt at this time as is that of the gubernatorial race.

Ordinarily the election of a republican congressman would be expected in the first district where James W. Mott is a candidate to succeed himself. While Mott enjoys the distinct advantage of an overwhelming majority of republicans in the district, the democratic R. R. Turner, Dallas Democrat, is making the democratic "new deal" and its appeal to the masses regardless of party affiliation another factor in the first district race is the presence of an independent candidate in the person of Emmett W. Guiley, Newberg "dry" who has been making a real campaign for votes under the slogan of "human values" and who will unquestionably attract thousands of votes that would otherwise go to one of the other candidates.

In the second district Walter M. Pierce, democratic incumbent, is faced with the hardest fight of his political career in his efforts to retain his seat. While Pierce is said to be strong as ever among the farmers of his district Jay Upton, his republican opponent, receiving the support of organized labor throughout the district in return for Upton's support of labor legislation throughout his service in the state senate. Upton also enjoys a slight edge over Pierce in the matter of party strength although the republican registration east of the mountains has been materially reduced in the past two years while the democrats have recorded substantial gains in almost every county.

Vote of the third district have seven candidates from whom to pick a Congressman. If the race were confined to a contest between William A. Edwall, republican, and Walter B. Gleason, democrat, there would be little, if any, doubt as to Edwall's election, but in a field as badly split as that in Multnomah county anything might happen, especially when one of the candidates happens to be as well known as is Andrew C. Smith whose "big game" plan also enjoys a lure that will unquestionably attract thousands of votes that would ordinarily go to one of the regular party nominees.

The dogs and ponies have been hired \$161,914 in the public market here in Oregon since pari-mutual wagering was legalized in March, 1933. The money all goes to the support of fairs, the state fair and Pacific International each receiving \$60,392 to date and \$40,216 being divided among the 36 counties.

Either drunken driving is on the increase in Oregon or the courts are beginning to tighten down on offenders a little harder. Forty-seven drunken drivers had their licenses suspended here during the month of October. Only six of the number, however, were from Multnomah county while 41 came from the rest of the state.

Cash receipts of the 1934 state fair exceeded the receipts of 1933 according to a report by Max Gehlhar, manager of the fair. Fairing on the races at the fair exceeded \$10,000 a day. Gehlhar's report shows...

County Men Hear Detail Herd Tests

Control of Dairy Diseases Federal Program Indemnities Planned Agreement Forms for Plan Expected Near Future

(By Wm. F. Cyrus, County Agent)
Indemnities for dairy cattle reacting to the blood test for contagious abortion, amounting to a maximum of \$20 per head for grade and \$50 per head for registered purchased cattle, are provided in the federal plan of abortion control which was explained to more than 300 dairymen at five meetings held at Gherston, Roy, Laurel, West Union and Sherwood. This plan is in charge of the bureau of animal industry of the United States department of agriculture and will be administered in this section by Dr. S. B. Foster.

Under this plan the dairy herd owner signs an agreement in which he agrees to permit his herd to be tested by designated officials of the bureau of animal industry. There will be two tests made without cost to the dairy herd owner.

The indemnity plan is to herd for slaughter those animals that react to the test and will then receive, in the case of grade cattle, whatever the animal brings for slaughter plus the \$20 indemnity, providing that the salvage and the indemnity together do not total more than the appraised value of the animal. In the case of registered purebreds, the maximum indemnity will be \$50 per head and the owner will receive the salvage in this case plus the indemnity providing the total does not total more than the appraised value. No indemnity is paid on grade bulls that react to the test.

Testing at the owner's expense must continue after these two first tests are made under the plan of accreditation for an abortion free herd as outlined by the state agent. This means that the owner must have four successive clean herd tests not closer than eight months apart or more than eight months apart. In the case of the first two tests, which will be made by the government without cost, the owner will be paid the indemnity on animals that react on both or either of the tests. Blood samples from herds in Washington county will be taken by Doctors R. J. Nicol of Hillsboro and Eliza Coon of Clatsop.

Agreements covering the program were expected to be on hand a week ago but to date have not been received. As soon as these are received they will be available to those dairymen who are interested in Hillsboro, and the offices of Doctors Nicol and Coon. Each of the local committees appointed at the various meetings will also have a copy of these which his neighbors may draw on.

The whole plan is voluntary and some have offered objections to it on the ground that it was not a compulsory one.

Checks Arrive on Hog Quotas
Total of 313 checks aggregating \$15,830 for the first payment of \$25 a head on hog quotas in Washington county were received this week at the county agent's office. All county contracts were approved for payment by the corn-hog administration of Washington, D. C., with the exception of about 100. These were held up temporarily because of minor technicalities and payment will be received soon.

Dunne Addresses Republican Rally Here on Monday

Joe E. Dunne, republican candidate for governor, will be the principal speaker at the 8:15 p. m. rally of republicans at the Hillsboro Grange hall. Candidates for state, district and county offices will also be in attendance, according to the committee in charge.

Meeting Monday night will be the last of a series conducted in the county under the direction of the central committee. Candidates expected for the rally include Dunne, James W. Mott, candidate for United States senator; Earl Snell, candidate for secretary of state; Edward Schulerich, state senator; J. O. Johnson and J. W. Hughes, state representatives; H. D. Kerkman, county commissioner; F. J. Sewell, county coroner; Mrs. Maude Boscow, county treasurer, and J. W. Barney, county surveyor.

Committees in charge of the rally include Jack Anderson, chairman, L. C. Kramien, James Sewell, Charles Tolson, Paul L. Patterson and E. A. Griffith.

The Hillsboro band has been invited to play during the rally.

Damage High in Windstorm Telephone, Power Service Hampered on Sunday

Telephone and electric wires bore the brunt of damage resulting Sunday from one of the worst wind storms to strike the county in years. Local telephone and power company repair crews were kept busy Sunday afternoon and Monday repairing broken lines and over-topped poles while trees were uprooted and buildings damaged in several districts.

Falling trees and limbs caused the principal damage to power lines. According to R. R. Easter, local Portland General Electric Power company manager, service was interrupted in scattered sections Sunday, but the majority of facilities were restored Sunday night. About half of the Hillsboro street lighting system was cut off during the night, he said. He also expressed appreciation for the assistance of customers who called in to aid them in locating trouble centers.

Telephone service to a number of customers was interrupted during the storm due to falling trees and limbs and to overturned poles. Several reports were received by the county road department regarding trees and telephone poles that had fallen and blocked highways and roads.

Bierly Boys Win Honors Corn Show

Amos and Ivan Bierly of the Kinton club won first and second places in the annual Commercial National bank corn show here Saturday for the second successive year, competing in a group of 41 county 4-H club exhibitors. Totaling \$69 and ribbons were awarded in the show which was first placed in the show which has been sponsored for the past five years by the local bank.

Amos Bierly took first place this year and Ivan Bierly second, the prize being three jars, reverse of the 1933 year, when Elmer Bierly took third prize, the reverse of the three brothers a clean sweep of top honors, but he slipped to fifth place Saturday. Victory this year gives Ivan and Amos a record of four times first and second places during the five years of the event.

Record Set in 4-H Club Crops
An enviable record in 4-H club crops projects has been maintained by the two Bierly boys during the past two years. Last year the boys took first place at the county and state fairs and at the Pacific International Livestock exposition with their crops demonstration. They were also declared the outstanding demonstration team in the state and were instrumental in bringing the Plummer trophy to Oregon. This year the boys won first at the state and county fairs and ranked second in the state.

Other prize winners at the show Saturday were: Carl VanKleek, third; Adrian Hornecker, fourth; Elmer Bierly, fifth; John Hansen, sixth; Cyril Vanden, seventh; Charles Davis eighth; Irving Chase, ninth; Glen Ireland, tenth; Marvin Heyderick, eleventh; and Joe Berger, twelfth.

D. C. Smith, assistant professor of farm crops at the Oregon State University, was the principal speaker at the luncheon served by the ladies of the Grange for exhibitors. He commended the boys on the fine work they were doing with their corn projects and briefly outlined the factors that should be considered in raising corn.

The Hillmen have been showing marked improvement with every game in prospect with a wet, sloppy field in prospect again for the Hilhi-St. Helens game the locals may not hit the top of their stride. Insecure footing would be a serious handicap to the light Hilhi linemen and backs, Coach B. M. Goodman staid.

"Standy" Will, regular left tackle, will probably not be in the lineup Friday due to the knee injury that kept him out of the McMinnville clash. Bill Wunderlich will probably take over the assignment as he did last week with Coslett at the other tackle. Earlier in the season Coslett and Wunderlich were alternating at right guard and tackle.

The game last week with McMinnville gave Hilhi a record of one victory, one defeat and two ties for the season. The locals were swamped by Jefferson 55 to 0 in the opening game of the season, tied with McMinnville 14 to 14, and lost Rainier 7 to 0. The McMinnville team took Newberg into camp 57 to 0 in the first district game and then tied McMinnville 7 to 7 Friday. Brilliant 38-yard run by George Holscher, Hilhi fullback, behind (Continued on page 10, column 1)

Auto Accidents in County Show Slight Decrease

Results of the "Let's Quit Killing" safety drive were shown in the September monthly summary of accidents, deaths and injuries for Washington county, although figures for the state as a whole continued to show increases, according to figures compiled by the Oregon State Motor association, one of the drive's sponsors.

The record for the whole state is as follows: During September 24 persons were killed in traffic accidents this year as compared to 16 last year; 496 persons were injured this year and 492 in 1933; there were 1825 accidents this year and 1902 in 1933. Totals for the first nine months of 1934 are as follows: 14,893 accidents; 218 deaths; 3564 injuries. For the same period of 1933, totals were 13,748 accidents with 172 deaths and 2958 injuries.

In Washington county during September this year there were 29 accidents, eight injuries and one death as compared to 43 accidents, 13 injuries and no deaths in September, 1933.

Sponsors of the "Let's Quit Killing" safety drive pointed out this week the unless motorists, and pedestrians alike use more care in driving and walking, with closer observation of traffic regulations, the present rate of increase in auto accidents will result in staggering casualty lists.

Drunken driving is the major accident cause selected for attention during the current two-week period of the drive. Traffic experts report that while accidents from this cause are not as numerous as those from other violations, they usually are more serious in results, because the drunken driver is physically handicapped in that it takes him longer, after perceiving an emergency, to apply his brakes or turn his car, than it takes the sober driver. This, in addition to the chance for intoxication, is what makes the drunken driver such a serious menace, experts declare.

Local Group Urged Study Candidates

Time Spent in Selection of Good Government Candidates "New Deal" Scored

Padgett Cites Qualifications of Republican Ticket

National conditions confronting the people today demands the thought, consideration and patriotic endeavor of every citizen, the speaker stated. He held it important to the future of business to elect proper officials, contending that the state legislature would do more harm to business interests in one day than an individual could do good in a long period of time.

That James W. Mott, candidate for United States representative from Oregon, would support President Roosevelt when right, but would not be a "rubber stamp" was the statement of Padgett in opening his plea for the election of republican candidates. He stated that Mott had taken a stand against the "bureaucracy" of the administration. He also acknowledged support for Joe E. Dunne, candidate for governor; Earl Snell for secretary of state; Edward Schulerich for state senator; J. O. Johnson and J. W. Hughes for state representatives; H. D. Kerkman for county commissioner; Mrs. Maude Boscow for county treasurer; and F. J. Sewell for county coroner. He paid particular tribute to Representative E. J. McAlair, declared (Continued on page 10, column 1)

School Districts in County Show Decrease in Debt

SALEM (Special)—Washington county school districts reduced their debt by more than \$108,000 during the past year, according to figures compiled by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. Outstanding bonds were reduced from \$351,440 to \$310,440 and the school warrant debt was withheld down from \$225,619 to \$138,910.

Reports from every county in the state show a reduction of more than \$4,000,000 in the school debt burden. Outstanding bonds have been reduced during the year by \$1,326,862 to a net of \$17,264,773 while the warrant of the school districts which on June 30, 1933, had amounted to the staggering total of \$6,955,563 is now down to \$3,353,933, a reduction of \$2,701,627.

Howard points out that the progress made by the school districts against their debt load in the midst of the recent depression was made possible largely through curtailment of activities and reduction of teacher salaries. He said 30 per cent of the schools of the state have discontinued courses in physical education, music others have discontinued music courses and still others have dropped vocational subjects.

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All grangers were invited to the Tigard Grange booster night program November 7. A pot-luck dinner will be enjoyed at 7 o'clock, following a program.

January meeting of Pomona will (Continued on page 10, column 2)

Mills Named County Head of Pomona

Grangers of County Elect New Officers; Gale Grange Host

New Group Formed World's Fair Plans in '36 Received Endorsement

Fay Mills of Washington Grange was elected master of Washington County Pomona Grange in session at Forest Grove Wednesday with Gale Grange as host. Thirty-four were present from Hillsboro and the total registration was 175.

Other officers named were Harry Schulerich, secretary; Otto Wohlen, Flint, Hillsboro, gatekeeper; Mrs. J. R. Stricker, Sherwood; lecturer, Charles VanKleek, Tigard, steward; LeRoy Mills, Washington, assistant steward; Mrs. C. W. Craft, Riverside, chaplain; A. M. Kennedy, Beaverton, treasurer; Mrs. Leland Flint, Kinton, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Stricker, Hillsboro, Ceres; Mrs. B. Forstie, Hillsboro, Beaverton; Pomona; Mrs. Jacob VanDomein, Washington, Flora; Mrs. Alva Logan, Washington, lady assistant steward.

Workshop on Board
Dan Burkhalter of Hillsboro was named the executive committee for a three-year period. Holdover members of the board are R. Hornacker of Hillsboro and A. M. Kennedy of Beaverton.

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