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County Sets Record for Registration

Democrats Lead with New Voters; Republicans Show Gains

Pace Shows Speed Campaign Moves Faster as Election Nears

Intensive drive by both major political parties in Washington county resulted in considerable changing of voters and a total registration which surpasses the peak of 1897 of 1922 figures in the office of Ed C. Luce, county clerk.

Complete registration figures, released this week, show republicans in the lead with 11,007 as compared to 7,539 for the democrats.

Preparations for election November 3, are going forward steadily at the court house with preliminary copy in the hands of the printer for the ballots which contain the names of all candidates, as well as the various measures upon which the voters are being asked to pass.

Both state and county candidates have become more apparent in the last few days as the local campaign votes have been speeded up by both parties.

Health Seal Group to Meet

Chairmen to Discuss Drive Here October 24

Chairmen of the various Christmas seal sale districts will attend a luncheon in Hillsboro Saturday, October 24, at 1:15 p. m. in the Hillsboro Pharmacy to discuss the county-wide sale and receive materials.

Last year's sale topped the record in Washington county with a total of \$990.46, or a per capita sale of 32 cents.

An average sale of five seals per person in the county would make a total of \$1513.75, allowing the local association to retain \$332.50 for the work here.

Portland Garageman Relates Adventure on Air Trip from Portland to Germany

Trans-Atlantic travel on the Graf Zeppelin, Hindenburg, is as safe as any other method of transportation.

Relating the high points of his trip, he said that he started his journey from Portland by airplane to New York from where he flew to the Lakeland naval base to board the Zeppelin.

At Lakehurst, which is the U. S. naval base and landing field, the 50 passengers were compelled to wait three hours while the ship's crew waited for proper climatic conditions.

Finally the airship was trundled out of the hanger, Bates said, and the passengers loaded in a bus for the trip from the waiting room to the place where the Zeppelin would load and take off.

Letter Relates Graphic Tale of Fire Disaster

Graphic description of the fires which swept the coast country in the vicinity of Bandon and Coquille, is given in a letter written September 28 to Mrs. Ida Kays of Scholls.

"I suppose when you read the big black headlines in your newspaper concerning our part of the world you think of us. Well, we are still here and all is well with us, and I am glad to hear that.

"On Saturday the humidity was very low and a strong wind. Until then the fire situation was average, but that day it seemed the whole country burst into flames.

Several fires in the Laurel neighborhood caused considerable anxiety, while a fire near Tualatin Friday, menaced a number of homes in the second growth and brush covered tracts near there.

Dry Weather Adds to Fire Menace Here

Mountain Resident Suspect in Saturday Blaze

Aided by unseasonable dry, hot weather and winds, numerous slash fires over the county kept fire fighters busy during the past week, and one man is under arrest on charges of setting fires near Sherman's Mill.

The fire a half mile north of the Sherman mill burned over considerable stump lands before brought under control Sunday by crews from nearby logging camps.

Later a fire was discovered burning above the mill and a man was seen standing on the hill above the fire, calling for the sheriff.

New Pastor Called by Local Church

The Rev. Ortiz W. Weniger, pastor of the First Baptist church at Burns, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Hillsboro Baptist church, recently vacated by Rev. M. S. Woodworth.

Mr. Weniger is a graduate of Dr. W. B. Riley's theological school in Minneapolis, Minn., and has ministered at the Burns church during the last two years.

Portland Garageman Relates Adventure on Air Trip from Portland to Germany

As the passengers entered the ship, they were met by a member of the crew who requested that each passenger give up his or her matches, cigars, cigarettes or pipe.

The staterooms were located between the dining room and the lounge room, Bates said. When meals were served, the waiters telephoned the order to the kitchen and the meals were sent to the dining compartment by a dumb-waiter.

When the ship finally took off, Bates remarked, the passengers were surprised to find that they no longer were near the ground but drifting slowly upwards to about 1000 feet from which elevation the ship flew over and around New York before setting its course toward Newfoundland.

After the excitement of sailing had somewhat died down, lunch of sandwiches and wines was served. After that the passengers retired to the staterooms which are about the size of a Pullman car compartment.

Woman Dies in Mountain Train Wreck

May C. Griffels, 51, Caught by Runaway Engine at Steep Curve

Crew of Four Leaps Old Sherman Logging Road Scene of Mishap

Death rode the rusted, twisted rails of the old Sherman logging railway Thursday morning about 10:30 o'clock and snuffed out the life of Mrs. May Griffels, 51, rancher's wife, and left four others stiff and bruised, thankful for the respite fate dealt them.

The accident happened, as nearly as the engine crew employed by the Alaska Junk company of Portland could relate, when the brake beams on the engine became uncoupled and left the locomotive and a carload of 30 tons of steel rails out of control.

The engine crew included Doyle McCurley, 30, Hillsboro route 5, engineer; Everett Swank, 33, formerly of Hillsboro route 2, fireman; W. L. Tebo, late of Lakin, Kan., and Clair Swank, 21, brakeman, jumped to safety along the precipitous sides of the canyon.

For a half a mile the crew related, they waged a desperate battle to bring the careening engine and logging car under control, and then abandoned the train just before the load of rails plunged from the tracks on a curve, hurling one truck over the brink of the canyon and scattering rails for 150 feet down the track before the car was uncoupled, allowing the engine to plunge down the steep grade alone.

Weaving and plunging along the uneven tracks, rounding curve after curve in the steep gitch to the valley floor, the locomotive stopped and then careened backward down the canyon, sweeping tracks, rocks and ties before it. The water tank, torn loose by the impact, was thrown almost to the opposite side of the canyon, where it came to rest in a little flat nearly a quarter of a mile from the wreck.

When the locomotive left the tracks, it brought tragedy to the homes of the Griffels family, a mile and a half away and up the mountain northeast of the wreck.

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County Team Wins Honors

Hazeldale Club Champions Pacific Northwest

The northwest championship in agricultural demonstrations was won this year by the Pacific International Livestock Exposition by Joe Berger and Donal McIntosh of the Hazeldale poultry club, R. H. Kincheloe, local leader. A national flag is awarded as a trophy by O. M. Plummer, manager of the exposition, to the state having the highest scoring agricultural and home economics demonstrations.

This is the third time that a Washington county agricultural demonstration team has won this contest. Ivan and Ames Bierly of the Kinton corn club, were the first boys to bring the honor to Oregon when they won the trophy in 1933.

Health Association Meeting Scheduled

First public meeting of the Washington County Health association will be held at the Tigard grade school building next week, with Dr. Carey of Portland as guest speaker, it has been announced.

Dr. Carey will speak on "Child Nutrition and School Lunches." Miss Rose Cave of Hillsboro will explain "Why the Seal Sale?" in Washington county. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Mrs. Essex Marsh, president, Beaverton, has announced.

Unseasonable Heat Ends with Showers

Unseasonable dry, hot weather was brought to a close this week with the arrival of clouds, cooler days and some rain, eliminating some of the fire hazards from clearing and slash burning.

History of City Cited at Meeting Breakfast Group

Hillsboro has always been a live, active community with an interesting background and enviable reputation.

Judge Peters opened his talk with a brief summary of the early history of Hillsboro and the prominent part in the organization of the state. He cited the fact that David Hill, for whom the city of Hillsboro was named, served as president of the first executive council in the Oregon movement.

An interesting fact concerning the organization of the state government was cited by Judge Peters. The move for a state organization was the outgrowth of the need for laws to probate an estate.

School Boards Seeking Nurse Aid Check-up

Conference Held Tuesday on Health Conditions

For the purpose of threshing out rumors and reports of infantile paralysis in Hillsboro, members of the union high and Hillsboro school boards, doctors, and the state health officer, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, met in the chamber of commerce rooms Tuesday night.

After a talk by Dr. Stricker on the prevalence of the disease in Oregon, Portland and this vicinity, the members of the board agreed to hire a nurse if possible.

In opening his discussion, Dr. Stricker declared that while most adults were immune to the disease, there was a certain percentage susceptible to it. He declared that it was not particularly contagious.

As to methods of preventing the spread of the disease, he suggested the employment of nurses in the schools to examine the children and weed out those in ill health. Sprays of various kinds were discussed and it was pointed out that one particular spray was considered of some benefit, but should be used under the direction of a doctor only.

The patent gargles and mouth washes were useless, Stricker said. One household alone was reported under quarantine because of exposure to the disease.

Stricker urged that all children with severe colds be eliminated from the schools, which are reported on page 5, column 1.

Parked Cars Irk Firemen

Department Handicapped in Saving Dwelling

Handicapped by an antique fire plug having only one outlet, the automobiles parked within the fire zone along streets through which a new sewer line had been dug, firemen Friday night managed to save the home of Fred B. Clark at South Ninth avenue and Baseline.

Damage amounted to several hundred dollars covered by insurance, it was reported. The roof of the two-story dwelling was nearly destroyed, and considerable damage from water was suffered to the second story ceilings, firemen reported.

Proverb Contest Winners Named

Completion of another successful Argus proverb contest Tuesday night, October 8, brings a surprise this week to three subscribers who successfully entered the competition and emerged with prizes.

First place went to Mrs. P. M. Jorgensen of Hillsboro Rt. 1, who will receive \$5 in cash. Second place was won by Mrs. J. M. Elder of Hillsboro, who receives \$3, while third place went to Mrs. Fred Watt of Hillsboro, who will receive \$2 in cash.

Correct answers to the proverbs are: "A fool and his money are soon parted"; "A drowning man will catch at a straw"; "Rivers have wings"; "Marry in haste and repent at leisure"; "Beggars cannot be choosers"; "Never too old to learn."

Grand Jury Finds Many True Bills

Former Oreoco Farmer Held on Six Counts; Logger Arrested

Sixteen indictments were returned by the Washington county grand jury which completed its work Saturday. Eight of the sixteen indictments were secret and two were for persons already in jail.

Martin J. Bernards, former owner of the Oreoco Nursery property farm and who was disseminated this summer, faces six indictments, five of which charges grand larceny and one willful malicious injury to personal property.

Two persons face indictments for non-support of minor children. They are Sam Frost, formerly of Midway, and Milton R. Tregaskis, 40, Portland.

W. C. Dale, Columbia county logger, is in jail on an indictment charging theft of a donkey engine from John Shannon of Portland. The donkey is said to have been on the Dutch canyon road just this side of the county line and appropriated by Dale, who used it for a time and then is alleged to have sold it.

George Baldwin, Forest Grove filling station operator, will come to trial before Judge R. Frank Peters Monday morning on a charge of manslaughter which was filed following an accident near Aloha New Year's morning in which Kenneth McDaniel, Hillsboro youth, son of Mrs. Helen McDaniel, city resident, was killed.

The following orders were filed this week in circuit court, Mark T. Cox vs. Alveta Gates et al, judgment and decree; Liquidation Shute Savings bank, authorizing compromise; J. Merrill indebtedness; Liquidation Bank of Beaverton, authorizing compromise indebtedness; V. A. and Mattie Wood, authorizing compromise.

Despondent because of ill health, Eldon C. Overman, 80, Hillsboro resident and Spanish-American war veteran, shot himself through the head and died in the hospital with a 32 caliber pistol. He died about four hours later in the county hospital where he was taken by Deputy Sheriff Dick Busch.

Overman's plight was discovered a few minutes after the shot was fired by a neighbor, Francis Beach, who heard the report of the gun and investigated, he related to Coroner Fred Sewell later.

On discovery of what had happened, Sheriff John Connell was notified and Deputy Busch went to the scene to investigate. He found Overman showing some signs of life, the pistol on the floor near him.

Efforts to save his life at the hospital were unavailing as the bullet had plowed through his brain from the left temple to the right side of his head. Overman has been lying alone in his home on North First avenue.

Miss Francis Overman, a niece, (Continued on page 5, column 3)

Three Columbuses in Voyage on Foot

Picked up by state police on the highway near McMinnville, three boys from St. Mary's home at Beaverton, were returned to the home Monday morning.

All three admitted that Monday being Columbus day, they were interested in a voyage of discovery which began Sunday morning when they decided to see the world on foot.

Traveling all day Sunday and all night Sunday, the three youthful adventurers finally arrived at McMinnville without discovering any undiscovered excepting a mule patch.

Stopping over in Hillsboro Tuesday morning under escort of a state trooper, the boys still retained some signs of their adventure, particularly around their mouths where a telltale ring of grime suggested succulent foods such as muskmelon or the more juicy variety of watermelon.

They did discover, however, that the police officers are on the alert and that the inside of the jail house is more inviting to a small boy than the wide open spaces in mid-October.

Speakers Launch Shafts at Three Referred Laws

Compulsory Military Bill; Grange Power; State Banking Targets for Attack at County Tax Meeting

Presenting three speakers in opposition to three of the referred laws to be voted on at the election in November, the Washington County Tax league met Monday night in the court house.

The speakers were Elbert Bede, Cottage Grove; Arthur Foster, Gresham, former North Dakota farmer and present landowner there; Paul L. Patterson, Hillsboro attorney. H. R. Findley of Cedar Mill, president of the league, presided, and M. P. Cady acted as secretary.

E. J. McAlear of Hillsboro, who was to have spoken on the tax limitation measure, was unable to attend. In his absence Findley outlined briefly the benefits to be derived from the measure and pointed out that the county already is assessed at 50 percent of its value.

Resume Given Patterson opened the speaking with a resume of the bill which proposes to eliminate compulsory military training from the college and university. He explained that military training in the government colleges and universities is a part of the national defense act passed after the world war.

Under the plan, he said, national defense is based on a stronger standing army, an enlarged national (Continued on page 2, column 2)

Snell Speaker in Hillsboro on Armistice Day

Legion Committees Prepare Program for Day

Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be the speaker in Hillsboro for the Armistice Day observance in the Venetian theatre Wednesday morning, November 11. It was announced this week by Paul L. Patterson, chairman of the Armistice Day program committee of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Invitations to attend were given during the Roseburg convention of the American Legion last August and confirmation of his promise made at that time was given recently, Patterson said.

Plans for events of Armistice Day and for Armistice eve, now are underway under the direction of Arthur Kroeger, general chairman, assisted by Patterson and his committee, which includes B. M. Goodman and Stanley Hubbard, and Dr. Ralph Dresser, dance, with A. W. Hoffman and William Dierdorff.

Armistice program this year will feature a gala occasion. On Armistice Day, the program will begin with the usual parade to the flag pole on the court house grounds for the sounding of taps, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Legion Committees Report on Activity

Hillsboro post, American Legion, Tuesday night heard reports of the committees, discussed Armistice Day and planned the fall program. Reports also were given on legion matters by the committees.

An invitation was extended by the post to all patriotic and veteran organizations to assist the legion in the Armistice Day observance.

Dr. H. D. Huggins and Dr. R. J. Nicol served as refreshment committee. Next meeting is October 27.

Produce Association Manager Believes Labor Trouble Ahead for All of State

Not only will Pacific coast shipments be paralyzed by a strike with in less than 90 days, but Oregon agriculture faces the prospect of dealing with radical labor agitators in every part of the state.

Such is the prediction of W. H. Perkins, manager of the Oregon Producers and Shippers' association, who has just returned from California, where he was sent by his organization to investigate the present waterfront situation.

Council Wins Damage Suit Against City

Judge Rules Engineer Was Without Contract for Alleged Work

Suit brought against the city of Hillsboro by A. C. Forrester to collect for alleged services in connection with the establishment of a sewage disposal plant here, were terminated in circuit court this week with a decision by Judge R. Frank Peters against Forrester.

The suit was filed last July. Forrester alleging that the city engineer, George McGee, and the city council had hired him to carry out tests and make plans for a sewage disposal plant. He asked \$2,163.50 for his employment between September 1 and November 10.

Judge Peters ruled that as the city charter of Hillsboro specified that every contract over \$100 must be authorized by ordinance or resolution and must be signed by the mayor and city recorder.

In the complaint filed by Forrester, the opinion says, Forrester did not allege that his services were authorized by resolution or ordinance, while he did seek to recover on an implied contract.

The law of Oregon has been established that the provisions of the charter outlining the steps necessary to make and validate a contract, are mandatory, consequently the plaintiff in this action is unable to recover, according to the decision.

In rendering his opinion, Judge Peters quotes the supreme court of Oregon in a similar decision on alleged contract with an individual. Forrester may appeal from the decision if he so chooses, but at present there is no indication that such an attempt may be made.

The decision follows arguments September 28 in a demurrer filed by the city at which time Judge Peters took the matter under advisement. Paul L. Patterson, city attorney, argued the demurrer.

When talk of a possible final (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Large Rally of O.A.P. Sunday

Dr. Shadduck and Mahoney Principal Speakers

The Townsend clubs of Washington, Columbia and Yamhill counties meet for a big tri-county rally Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the high school at Hillsboro. The program begins at 2 o'clock with a prelude of vocal and instrumental music. Dr. Ralph I. Shadduck, state director, of Portland, and Mayor Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls, candidate for U. S. senator, will speak.

It was first planned as a Washington county rally on that date when it was learned that Mrs. C. O. Hill, district manager, was also planning a tri-county rally at Hillsboro October 25. So arrangements were completed immediately to hold a rally of the clubs of the three counties October 18 instead of October 25.

G. N. Taggart is chairman of the committee in charge of all arrangements for the rally. He promises one of the best programs presented at any rally in the county.

Hillsboro club manager, the Methodist church Sunday. Mrs. Harriet Krause, director of women's work in the Townsend clubs of Oregon, was the speaker. "The cancer of America," she declared, "is our attitude toward the money system," and "the secret of recovery is the free circulation of money which the Townsend Recovery Plan will effect. Our present money system is a violation of principles found in the American constitution."

Veterans' Annual Token Sale Friday

Forget-me-nots will be on sale in Hillsboro Friday and Saturday of this week by the Disabled American veterans of the World War in the annual drive to raise funds for the assistance of the war disabled, it has been announced.

Last week Mayor J. H. Garrett, in a proclamation, called on the citizens of Hillsboro to aid the veterans in the sale, which is an annual event.

"Bridges and other paid leaders of these maritime unions have plainly indicated they have no desire to submit their differences with employers to an impartial board of arbitration. Right now they are stalling for time, but every action and every gesture of these union leaders points to the fact all negotiations with their



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