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The republican state central committee has been called to meet two weeks from today, July 25, to nominate a candidate for governor. Where they will meet has not been named. It will be one occasion when Portland's preponderant population will cut no ice, for Curry county will have as much to say as the nomination as will Multnomah.

James Watson, Coos county's delegate to the convention, as it will in effect be, has not pledged himself to any candidate and will not until the votes are cast.

The Portland bunch which is trying to dictate to the republican state central committee who shall be named as a candidate for governor, is barking up the wrong tree. Geo. W. Joseph only received about a third of the republican vote cast at the primary, and a sixth of the registered republican vote, which hardly gives them license to dictate. More than that it would be a good thing for the republican party if some of these self-appointed leaders would leave its ranks. They are republicans at primary elections, when they have to declare their allegiance, how ever they may vote in the fall.

If Ralph L. Hamilton, of Bend, decides to throw his hat into the ring and become an active candidate for the republican nomination for governor, as now seems probable, it will make three candidates from that central Oregon city. Beside R. W. Sawyer, there is also Jay Upton, of Bend, but the latter does not stand a very good chance of securing the plum. Either of the other two would be a strong candidate. And if either of them has the support of those nine eastern Oregon committeemen, who are pledged to vote as a unit, he, which ever one it is, has a splendid chance to win out.

Coos and Curry counties, which are of western Oregon, but not of the Willamette valley band of habitual office seekers, could do worse than align themselves with the eastern combine. There would be some chance of securing recognition for southwest Oregon from a central Oregon man, but there is no hope of such recognition from the Willamette valley trust.

R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

It is probable that in all the wagon trains that creaked across prairies and plains, forded streams, climbed mountains and explored valleys, there was not a soul whose imagination could pierce the years ahead and see or dream of the Independence Day when the covered wagon of the pioneer would be one of the most appealing pictures in the fireworks display of the night of July 4th, 1930.

Like the ships of the sea which carried the pioneer on his search for new lands and new endeavors, so the covered wagon, the vehicle of the same spirit of adventure and endeavor, is written down in picture, song and story.

Prof. Strange, of the Southern Oregon Normal, gave the address in Ashland's Lithia Park. He spoke on law observance and law enforcement. His words proved that you do not have to guess where he stands on law observance and law enforcement, for to him the man who is not for law observance and law enforcement is a poor citizen and a menace to the country.

One March day Theodore and I were on the mountain bench of the homestead. We heard the drum of a pheasant nearby. Cautiously we got where we could see the fallen tree on which he was standing. We watched for the performance to be repeated. Soon the tail of the pheasant went down up, down up, down up, then the wings were lifted straight up from the body and commenced to flutter, slowly at first with hardly a perceptible sound, then quicker and a blurring sound, then fast and faster, until it broke out into the "drumming" that carries far and continued until the piece was finished, then he folded his wings in their proper place against his sides and seemed to stand hopefully waiting. We watched three performances staged by that pheasant on

A DREAM OF HEAVEN

Perhaps, in that land, He may grant we may be together,
 Glorified, in the old home glorified,
 You never sick, and I never weary,
 No dark days, and no days dreary;
 You, and I—and our Savior beloved beside.

Perhaps, in that land, in the spirit of our green valley,
 Our spirits, as here, shall labor hand in hand,
 As here we see cloudily, there seeing clearly:
 As here we are troubled, there we shall understand.

Perhaps we shall know how Death, here the final gateway,
 Is there, new-opened, the door of a beautiful birth,
 Perhaps we shall find, revealed in that glorious hour,
 That our love is a seed which cannot come to its flower
 More than a daisy, until it is free of the earth.

Perhaps we shall there, with all we hold dear about us,
 Unfold in His freedom as poppies unfold in the sun,
 All earthly love into love of Divinity molded,
 All earthly good in the heart of His goodness unfolded;
 As here we are many, shall there, in His beauty, be one.

Frances Holmstrom.

the log and at the conclusion he hopped to the ground and after waiting a while flew away.

The assessor has just been around. This county (Jackson) is now adopting a new method of assessing which is said to be the system to be used in nine counties of the state. In reply to questions, we were told that the valuation is to be based upon cost of construction with two per cent depreciation for each year of age up to a certain limit. Any house that is still standing is to be supposed to be worth at least twenty percent of its cost of construction. This assessor measures the house upon the outside and records how many rooms, flues, plumbing fixtures, built-ins (except those in the kitchen), makes record of plastering and calcimining and underpinning of basement and attic and alley, and of how many years since the house was built. It will be interesting to note how the assessed valuation is affected by this new method. The assessor mentioned two houses in our immediate neighborhood, the valuation of one being raised and of the other lowered by this assessment.

R. A. Easton.

News From State Capital

Coos county's highway fund was enriched by \$2,243.26 this week through the apportionment of automobile registration funds and motor transportation funds by Secretary of State Hoss. Of this amount \$1,863.10 comes from the automobile registration fund and represents one-third of the \$3,363.71, less administrative expenses, which motorists of the county have paid into the state fund during the three months from March 16 to June 15. The county's share of the motor transportation fund amounts to \$380.16, and represents one-fourth of the amount which this county has contributed to that fund in the same three month period.

All together a total of \$69,665 was apportioned to the counties of the state from the automobile registration fund and \$14,214.92 from the motor transportation fund. This money is available for use in highway construction or maintenance work and to pay off highway bonds and interest.

Voters of Oregon when they go to the polls next November will be confronted by an array of 13 measures, ten of them involving constitutional amendments, for their consideration. Except for the fact that five of the nine proposed initiative measures failed to receive sufficient support the list would be even longer. As it is four of the thirteen measures are on the list through the medium of the initiative. These are the anti-cigarette constitutional amendment, the lieutenant governor constitutional amendment, the water power district constitutional amendment and the Rogue River fishing bill. Two measures enacted by the last legislature have been referred by the people, the income tax bill and a bill providing for two additional circuit judges for Multnomah county. Seven proposed constitutional measures were referred to the people by the legislature as follows: Repeal of the state payment of interest on bonds of irrigation and drainage districts; adoption of a cabinet form of government for the state; extending the provisions of the state bonus law to ex-service men not residents of Oregon at the time of their enlistment but who have lived in the state for at least ten years at the time of applying for a loan; a provision for filling vacancies in the office of state senator and representative; fixing salaries of legislators at \$500 for the two year term; two measures clearing the way for the adoption of a new automobile registration fee and giving consideration to the age and value of the car as well as its weight in computing license fees.

The new 1930 census figures just made public have automatically increased the salaries of two of Oregon's circuit judges by reason of increase population in their respective districts and may result in the decrease of the salary of one judge by reason of a population loss in his district Judge W. K. Duncan, of Klamath

county, comes in for an increase in salary from \$5000 to \$6000 a year since his district has now grown into the 30,000 population class and Judge H. D. Norton of the Jackson-Josephine district also graduate into the \$6000 class from the \$5500 class. Judge James Alger Fee of Umatilla county may suffer a decrease in his salary from \$6000 to \$5500 a year since his district shows a population loss to less than 30,000. A constitutional provision against decreasing salaries of judges during the term of office, may, however, save the day for Judge Fee, although the office was paying only \$4000 a year at the time of his election in 1928. The question as it applies to Fee's salary has been referred to Attorney General Van Winkle for an opinion.

The outstanding political development about the state capitol during the past week is contained in the announcement of Governor Norblad that he is not a candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination. The governor, in a formal statement, thanks the voters who supported him in the primaries but declares that he has decided to abide by the verdict of that contest in which he was defeated for the nomination. While the governor's announcement has eliminated one of the contenders for the nomination which will be made by the state central committee the latter part of this month it is believed here to have cleared the way for another aspirant—Jay Upton, of Bend,—who, so long as Norblad was in the race could not consistently enter the contest in his own behalf but who is known to have serious leanings toward the honor.

The Coos County Fire Patrol association has been allotted \$5,000 for fire patrol work this year out of the federal Clarke-McNary allotment of \$99,045 to the state, according to Lynn Cronmiller, state forester. These funds are paid the state in recognition of federal responsibility in the protection of state and privately owned timberlands from fire and the law specifically states that the funds are to be used for no other purpose.

Oregon, according to Forester Cronmiller, stands near the top in the amount of federal funds allotted any state and this for the reasons that the system of forestry as practiced in the state and the policies adopted and followed out most nearly correspond to the objects of the Clarke-McNary law. The primary object of the law is to keep forest lands producing and for this reason the same degree of protection must be given to cut-over or otherwise denuded land as to merchantable timber. The greater amount of these federal funds, when received by the state forester are in turn paid to the various patrol organizations in the state, numbering 22 in all. The amount paid to the various associations is determined by the total expenditures of the association, amount of cut-over land, hazard and similar conditions that may influence protection and suppression costs. The funds are allotted for the purpose of assisting the associations in carrying the protection load and make it an inducement to continue the protection of the denuded areas.

Henry L. Bergman, serving a 13-year term in the state prison here for looting the Lane County State & Savings Bank at Florence of which he was president, will be released July 14 under a commutation of sentence granted Judge Skipworth who sentenced Bergman and District Attorney John I. Medley of Lane county who prosecuted the case, and by a large number of depositors of the defunct bank.

Perry T. Allison, publisher of the Sebastopol, Calif. Times, accompanied by his wife, was a guest at the Coquille Hotel Sunday night. They were on a vacation trip to the north. Their comments on the green appearance of Coos county, as compared with the brown of their own section, was interesting, and they were certainly enjoying the climate and scenery.

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