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Registration figures released this week by Secretary of State Snell show that the democrats made gains in every Oregon county except three over the pre-primary registrations of 1932. The three counties in which the minority party lost ground were Gilliam, Harney and Wheeler. In some counties, notably Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Josephine, Klamath and Lincoln the democratic registration has doubled in the four-year period. Whereas not a single Oregon county lined up in the democratic column prior to the 1932 primary there are now four counties in this state which show democratic majorities. These are Baker, Harney, Klamath and Union.

Republican registrations on the other hand, show losses in all but 12 counties—Clackamas, Benton, Crook, Hood River, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Sherman and Yamhill.

The democrats who registered only 122,200 voters in 1932 now number 198,322 followers in Oregon, representing a net gain of 100,000 on their republican opponents who lost nearly 24,000 adherents while the democrats were picking up 76,000 new ones.

The registration total of 478,188 is the highest for a primary campaign in the history of the state but lacks nearly 8,000 of equalling the registration prior to the general election of 1932 when 486,146 Oregon citizens qualified for a right to vote.

A request addressed by Governor Martin to Attorney General Van Winkle this week as to his right to remove an appointive official has aroused the curiosity of capitol circles as to who might be slated for the political skids. The governor's assurance that his inquiry holds no particular significance fails to satisfy. The attorney general advised the governor that appointive officials whose tenure is indefinite but "not to exceed four years" hold office only at the pleasure of the appointive power and may be removed at his will.

Nineteen experimental nursery schools, financed through WPA funds, are now operating in Oregon, according to C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. Units are located at Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Hillsboro, Klamath Falls, Milwaukie, Newport, North Bend, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Salem, St. Helens, and Tillamook. Each school enrolls from 20 to 25 children between the ages of two and five years from under privileged families and gives employment to two teachers and a cook who otherwise would be without work.

Negotiations are now under way between the board of control and FWA officials in an effort to have federal funds which were earmarked for the proposed state-owned telephone system transferred to the proposed highway department-police department radio system. State funds for this program, if approved, would be supplied by these two departments.

A historic trowel, now in the possession of Mrs. Hal Patton of Salem, was used by State Treasurer Holman in laying the corner stone of a new hospital at Lebanon last week. The trowel, a tiny gold-plated one, was presented to T. McF. Patton, A. F. & A. M. of Oregon, at the laying of the cornerstone of the state capitol at Salem, October 8, 1873. The presentation was made by John F. Miller, Henry Klippel, and Samuel Allen, capitol commissioners.

The right of Oregon counties to turn their old age pension funds over to the State Relief committee for administration was upheld by the supreme court Saturday in an opinion by Justice Bailey in a test case brought by the Ladd & Bush bank of Salem against the county court of

Marion county.

In the opinion of the court it was held that "rules and regulations which have been prescribed by the State Relief committee were within the power of that committee to make and prescribe; that such rules and regulations are reasonable and that the disbursement of federal, state and county funds through a single agency such as the State Relief committee was contemplated by chapters 407 and 55 if such should be the method provided by the State Relief committee rather than through the counties separately."

"It cannot be questioned that the disbursement of old age pension funds can be managed much more effectively, uniformly and with less expense through one central agency rather than through thirty-six independent agencies whether the latter attempt to make disbursements independently or in conjunction with the central state agency," Justice Bailey declared. "Furthermore the federal enactment and state acts impose upon the State Relief committee the duty of making reports to the general government and to the federal government and make the State Relief committee responsible for carrying out within the state the provisions of both federal and state agencies."

The verbal tilt between Governor Martin and Attorney General Van Winkle this week over the Clatsop county labor riot paroles is generally regarded here as presaging another attempt on the part of administration forces to make the attorney generalship an appointive office at the next legislative session. Governor Martin is known to hold the opinion that the attorney general should be appointed rather than elected.

The population at the state prison is rapidly approaching the all-time peak of 957 reached in 1929. Number of convicts in the penitentiary passed the 940 mark this week, within 17 of the record.

The issue which came near disrupting the state capitol commission at its meeting in Portland last week is understood to have been: Shall the new state house have two domes typifying the elongated ears of the democratic donkey or a single dome glorifying the trunk of the familiar republican pachyderm?

Annual reports now being filed by public service corporations are being carefully analyzed by Frank McCulloch, public utilities commissioner, in an effort to determine possible grounds for rate reductions. McCulloch has announced that he prefers to bring about rate concessions through negotiations with utility officials rather than through statutory hearings which he regards as too costly to be justified except as a last resort.

Direct relief for Oregon's unemployed will be confined to profits of the state liquor set-up, according to Governor Martin. Disbursements for this purpose during May, it is estimated, will range between \$140,000 and \$150,000. Liquor profits for this year are expected to reach \$2,000,000.

Poppy Day Proclamation

Saturday, May 23, was designated as Poppy Day in a proclamation issued today by Mayor J. Arthur Berg. The proclamation urged all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of the World War dead. It stated:

"When the United States was plunged into the World War in 1917, the City of Coquille responded to the nation's call in a spirit of exalted patriotism. The citizens of the city offered their efforts and their means in the nation's defense, serving and sacrificing in the national cause. The City of Coquille holds in proud memory its part in the great national effort which brought victorious peace in 1918.

"Many of the city's young men were called into the armed services and some of them were called upon to sacrifice their lives in that service, dying with thousands of other brave young Americans upon the battle fields of France. There, over their graves, a little flower sprang up and bloomed, nature's tribute to the heroic dead. It was the poppy, and their comrades ask Americans to wear a poppy in their memory, one day of each year. On Saturday, May 23, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute these memorial poppies in our city.

"Therefore, I, Mayor of the City of Coquille, Oregon, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 23, to be Poppy Day in the City of Coquille, and I urge all citizens observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy in order that the inspiring memory of those who made the highest patriotic sacrifice during the war may be recalled to every mind.

"J. Arthur Berg, Mayor."

Dr. G. C. Stem, chiropractic physician, foot correctionist, electro therapist, 292 Moulton St., phone 86J, 221

He Likes Coquille And

The People Living Here

The usual tendency of anyone with takes his pen in hand to write to a newspaper is to throw a brickbat at someone or something. That is what makes the letter from Jack Broshears, received by the Sentinel this week, so refreshing and worth while publishing. That he finds Coquille the ideal spot for a home unites him with the big majority of Coquille people who do not care to live anywhere else. Mr. Broshears' letter follows:

Editor Sentinel: I have read with much interest each article written by Lans Leneve and published in the Sentinel. How human he is, and how he brings out the points in his writings that are most dear to our heart, I predict he will go far in the field of correspondence.

You know, Mr. Editor, although I have only made my home here in Coquille for about five years, I have seen so many things here that are assets and would surely be a blessing to any community the size of Coquille. Now please don't think I am trying to give free advertising to any of them for I assure you I do not know one of them, but a blind man could see the good thing they do for Coquille and its citizens.

There is the Smith Wood-Products. What a wonderful business to have in our midst, and more wonderful yet are the heads of this business and the way they carried on during the darkest days of the depression.

There is no doubt that at times they kept going at a loss, so that their employees might have bread in their homes. I think that the employees of Smith Wood-Products should be ever faithful to an employer who has their welfare at heart.

Then I could not help but notice the great work of Dr. Richmond. How fortunate Coquille is to have a surgeon of his ability at its beck and call. Most skilled and so charitable, his service is never denied to the poorest and most humble. Although I never met the man in my life, how thankful I am for him, and Coquille should also be proud that he made his home here; as good as they come in his line, a Christian and with a charitable heart.

You know, Mr. Editor, I am so glad that I found Coquille, yes I looked far before I found it, in forty-two of our states and this includes California and under seven different flags, and I assure you that in my opinion, we have the cream of them all here in Coquille.

Now, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the Sentinel, your fair way of dealing with all our local worries and problems, fair always to both sides but steadfast in your support of the right. I truly believe the would would be a better place to live in if we had more Coquilles, more Smith Wood-Products, more Dr. Richmonds, more Lans Leneves and more Sentinels.

I thank you, Jack Broshears, Sanford Heights.

Farm Foreclosures Are Fewer

Farm debtors and creditors are learning to settle their troubles like good neighbors—that's one of the big reasons farm foreclosures took a nosedive and farm property values have gained rapidly since the end of 1934, according to Chairman Jess D. Clinton of the Coos county farm debt adjustment committee.

Farm leaders, real estate men, and government credit agencies report a marked recovery in farm values—a striking contrast to the plunge of farm properties during the 1930-1933 period. An important cause of this decline was the huge farm mortgage debt of more than nine billions for the nation in 1930, which dumped many farms on the market through foreclosure.

National farm organizations credit voluntary debt adjustment committees of men and women working without pay in nearly every county in the nation with saving 150,000 farms from foreclosure by last September 1, when the Resettlement Administration took over the job of aiding these committees. In the next six months ending April 1, committees helped debtors and creditors reach friendly agreements in over 10,000 cases. Creditors in these cases voluntarily slashed the debts from over 46 million to less than 34 million—more than one-fourth.

These committees often help farmers by aiding them in obtaining an extension of time, or in refinancing their loan through some other agency such as the Federal Land Banks. The committees have no legal power, and have no money to loan, but farm debtors or creditors who want debt adjustment advice or help from this committee may visit the chairman, or any of the following committee members: E. D. Webb, Coquille; R. H. Lawhorn, McKinley; A. R. Kay, Leneve.

Additional information may be obtained from either the county agricultural agent or the county rural rehabilitation supervisor in this county.

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Reasons for Continuing the Smith-Hughes in C. H. S.

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Jack Hunt and Richard Inger, city; Richard Cornelius, Valley View.

The Ag II class will include a smaller percentage of farm boys as compared with the town boys than the Ag III class because last spring only five boys entered from rural grade schools. The list includes Phillip Stock, Fairview; Leo Abner and Harold Shull, Roy district; Frank Collier and Ewald Fults, Fat Elk district; Tom Martindale, Sanford Heights; Bill Cardwell, who lives on a farm east of town; Richard Avery, Jack Lewis, Myrick Daniels, Wallace Howard, John Leatherwood, Rodney Watterman, Donald Chase from the city group.

The Ag I class looks very promising, but as yet the results are not available. There will be 15 rural grade school boys from such districts as Fairview, Fat Elk, McKinley, Cunningham, and Roy. The list of Lincoln school boys has been carefully studied by A. L. Beck, principal, and ten boys living on small tracts and farms near town have been encouraged to take up agriculture work. The above figure of 50 boys attending the department next year was estimated by taking the 14 of Ag III, the 14 of Ag II, and considering that 12 of the 15 who will graduate from rural districts will take agriculture and that 10 from Lincoln school will also enroll.

The matter of such a high mortality in the department this year, five of the 15 boys who dropped agriculture are farm boys and three of this number will return next year. There have been several reasons for this mortality. Transferring to other schools, illness, leaving the country, lack of sufficient projects, and quitting school have accounted for most of the decrease; however, two boys were suspended from agriculture.

In regard to the high cost for the agricultural department and the high salary for the ag teacher. The rural districts pay annually toward the high school expense, a sum of nearly \$80 for each student. The student spends one-third of his time with the ag department. The federal government, then, pays one-half of the teacher's salary, which figures \$930 for the past year. The rural farm boy should be entitled to a course that is not too expensive to the high school taxpayers.

The agricultural teacher received

\$1860 for 12 months' work of which \$180 is given to travelling expenses. To date he has driven his car 5940 miles as shown in the records, for school duties. The expenses involved while on the various FFA trips must be subtracted from the salary. The ag teacher also conducts a Farmers' Night School course, consisting of ten weeks. This last year the meetings were held at the Fairview Grange Hall at which the average attendance was 14 members.

Three boys, Frank Biasca, Harold Norris and Orville Clinton will have sufficient qualifications to petition for the State Farmer degree, and the chapter since the starting the new garden co-operative experiment plot and the increased number of farm boys taking Ag with large projects, will again be ready to qualify as a Keystone chapter, an honor only given the best departments.

The State Vocational department has contacted the local school board and would like to have the question settled because an eastern Oregon school wants the equipment and money allotted to this school to start up in that district. Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor for vocational agriculture, said that it would be very likely that if the department was taken out it would never be regained as long as the present administrative force is in charge.

Grinding Clam Shells for

Lime Starts at Riverton

With the grinding of clam shells, which was started this week at Riverton, farmers of Coos county will have the advantages of one more of Coos county's natural resources in the form of agricultural lime which can be expected to add considerable wealth to agriculture in this section in the next few years, according to reports made by the directors of the County Lime Association.

This project was started in 1932 and has had the support of farmers of the county working through the granges. Other organizations including the County Court, County Chamber of Commerce, Coos County Planning Commission, County Dairymen's Association, and the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce have passed resolutions encouraging this development.

These shells, an ample supply of which are located on Coos Bay and in the Coquille river, provide a source of agricultural lime of high quality, according to analysis reports which

are on file in the county agent's office. It is felt that an adequate supply will be available to supply lime to Coos county farmers for many years and that farmers of the county will use the material in increasing amounts as the development of equipment which will handle a larger volume brings about a lower cost to the user.

It is reported, too, that the Agricultural Conservation Act will provide payments to farmers for soil building practices such as liming the soil.

A meeting for all community committees elected at meetings last week to hold office in connection with the Agricultural Conservation Act was held in the court house yesterday.

All farmers are being urged to file a work sheet in order to be in a position to obtain benefits which now exist and to be in a position to obtain benefits from additions which may be included such as liming the soil, it is stated.

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