

EASTERN OREGON DOMINANT FACTOR

Portland Writer Sizes Up Political Situation East Of Cascades.

In his political article for the week in the Morning Oregonian, John W. Kelly sizes up the figure which the Eastern Oregon republican central committee are in a position to cut in the selection of a candidate for governor at the meeting set by state chairman Metschan for July 25th. Mr. Kelly says:

Friday, July 25, at 2 o'clock, is the date for the republican state committee to meet, organize and nominate a candidate for governor. While Phil Metschan, state chairman, has selected the date, he is leaving the place of meeting to be selected by the new committeemen. Letters have been sent to the members of the committee asking where they would like to gather. There are half a dozen cities asking for the meeting and Metschan declines to show a preference.

When the nine eastern Oregon members of the committee signed an agreement that they would not pledge themselves to any aspirant for governor without conferring with one another, the group formed a bloc which will have an important bearing on the selection of a candidate for governor and also in the selection of a state chairman for the new committee. The chairmanship already is receiving attention from members of the committee and party leaders and there is a prospect for a contest over this position.

Members of the eastern Oregon bloc are smiling complacently and are waiting developments, realizing that they are to be an important part of the deciding factor in the selection of a nominee and of a state chairman. As is well known in political circles, there exists in the second congressional district a conviction that eastern Oregon has been ignored and forced to play second fiddle to western Oregon for many years. In fact, some of the eastern Oregon republicans frankly declare that the party organization is dominated by a few men in Portland and that eastern Oregon is not consulted. It is this sentiment probably more than anything else which prompted the organization of the bloc of committeemen in Pendleton last Monday.

Phil Metschan is the chairman of the old committee which is being replaced by the new. He is the sole contact between the old and new committees and his connection is severed with the organization of the new committee. Whether Metschan wants to continue as chairman is not known; at least he has not given any direct intimation. Furthermore, he is regarded as a receptive candidate for governor and he is believed to have about four votes to start with if his name is submitted for the nomination. If the present situation had not developed through the death of Joseph, Metschan would have sought to retain the chairmanship.

The name of Floyd Cook is used in connection with the chairmanship. Captain Cook was secretary of the committee but resigned when he associated himself with the primary campaign of Harry L. Corbett. Young, enthusiastic about party organization and ambitious to see ex-service men in public offices, Cook is representative of the new blood which is being injected into the body politic. He has the good will of eastern Oregon republicans for he has sympathized with their views in many respects and at this time he is trying to harmonize the eastern Oregon men and Metschan. When the bloc of nine met at Pendleton Cook was present and since then he has been busy interviewing people in western Oregon. He does not say that he wants to be chairman, but says: "I am neither running for nor away from it."

The Tom Kay campaign is proceeding with an apparent slight deflation, but Kay and his friends are working

industriously where it will do the most good. His job as state treasurer will have to go to someone, if he is nominated and elected, and that is magnificent trading material. It might line up the ex-service men or eastern Oregon, or, by a happy combination, both. No one is better aware of his strategic position than is Kay himself.

L. H. McMahan, circuit judge of Marion county, and Sam Brown, senator from that county, have been interesting themselves in behalf of Julius L. Meier as a candidate. Bruce Dennis of Klamath Falls, who started the Meier boom, attended the Pendleton conference in the interest of the Portland merchant. Mr. Meier's own statement places him in the situation where he can either become an active candidate before the committee or support either the committee's nominee or an independent. His chief concern is the promotion of the Joseph platform.

Walla Walla Valley Harvest

Although harvest operations will not be general in the Walla Walla valley until next week, a few machines started to work in the fields which were ripe, Monday morning. The warm weather of last week ripened wheat rapidly. In the Athena-Adams district preparations are being made to harvest the grain when operations are expected to be in full swing about the 20th of the month. The federal employment offices have been almost swamped by applicants for work, as men have flocked there from all over the northwest. The supply is expected to exceed the demand as the farmers with tractor equipment are using smaller crews.

Scotch Have Big Picnic

The first annual eastern Oregon Scotch picnic was held at Emigrant springs, Sunday with those of Scotch descent from Pendleton, La Grande, Summerville and Kamela in attendance. Races, dinner and singing occupied much of the day. Van Warm-er of La Grande and Mr. Cooke of Pendleton were elected respective presidents of their two counties, and plans were made for another picnic next year. Miss Margaret Thompson, visiting in Pendleton from Aberdeen, Scotland, was present.

PREPARATIONS FOR BIG ROUND-UP DAYS

Western Exhibition at Pendleton Scheduled Three Days, Aug. 28, 29, 30.

Pendleton.—The Round-Up, Pendleton's big community show, is kept in the minds of people of the Eastern Oregon city all the year long but the months of July and August find them particularly busy in preparation for the Western exhibition August 28, 29 and 30.

Just now there is a bustle of preparation for everything is being put into tiptop shape for the coming show. The grounds are being made ready, the track is being worked over; barns are awaiting the arrival of stock here August 1.

Besides the barns to make the Texas steers, the buckers, etc., comfortable there must be plenty of hay for the stock; those big brutes have never heard of the eighteen day diet and they feast on an unlimited quantity of Round-Up hay.

Mail orders for Round-Up tickets are coming in to the Pendleton office and the twenty-first annual show gives promise of a record breaking attendance. The local ticket office will open August 16.

Besides the Round-Up daytime hours, the evenings are filled with entertainment for there is offered to the visitors the famed Happy Canyon show. This is the most unique of Western pageants and besides its show features which depict a typical town of early frontier days there are the Happy Canyon dances with which the evenings' programs close. Music for the dances this year will be by Cole McElroy's orchestra.

Fruit Washing Is Success Says Noted Pomologist

Oregon State College.—With good appearance the most vital market factor for fruit in eastern markets, the washing process developed to clean fruit of spray residue also is proving a big asset in other ways, reports Professor Henry Hartman, pomologist of the experiment station, who has returned after a year in the Detroit and New York terminal fruit markets.

Professor Hartman went east as the representative of the Medford winter pear committee to study factors related to better marketing and to demonstrate the process developed by the experiment station for ripening Bosc pears at uniform high temperatures after they are removed from storage.

Use of this method was highly successful in Detroit, resulting in placing some 20 carloads of pears in consumption there where practically none had been used before, said Professor Hartman. Next year similar campaigns will be put on in several other eastern cities.

"New York is by far the greatest fruit market in the country, yet introduction of new methods of handling, such as this ripening method, is a slow process," explained Professor Hartman. "Retail dealers and jobbers are used to handling green, hard pears, and they are loath to buy the high quality conditioned pears from the ripening rooms."

The washed fruit is far more attractive when it reaches the market, he said. Buyers in New York pay little attention to grade marketings as compared to actual appearance of the fruit.

Seed Pea Crop In Weston Vicinity Is Very Promising

Samples brought from the seed pea fields in the Weston vicinity indicate a most encouraging condition of the crop. According to Frank Blair, local representative of the Washington Idaho Seed company, the outlook is much better than that of last year at this time reports the Leader.

The peas are looking particularly fine on the Barney Foster ranch south of Weston, where the plants are through blossoming. Indications are that the crop will be ready to harvest about July 10.

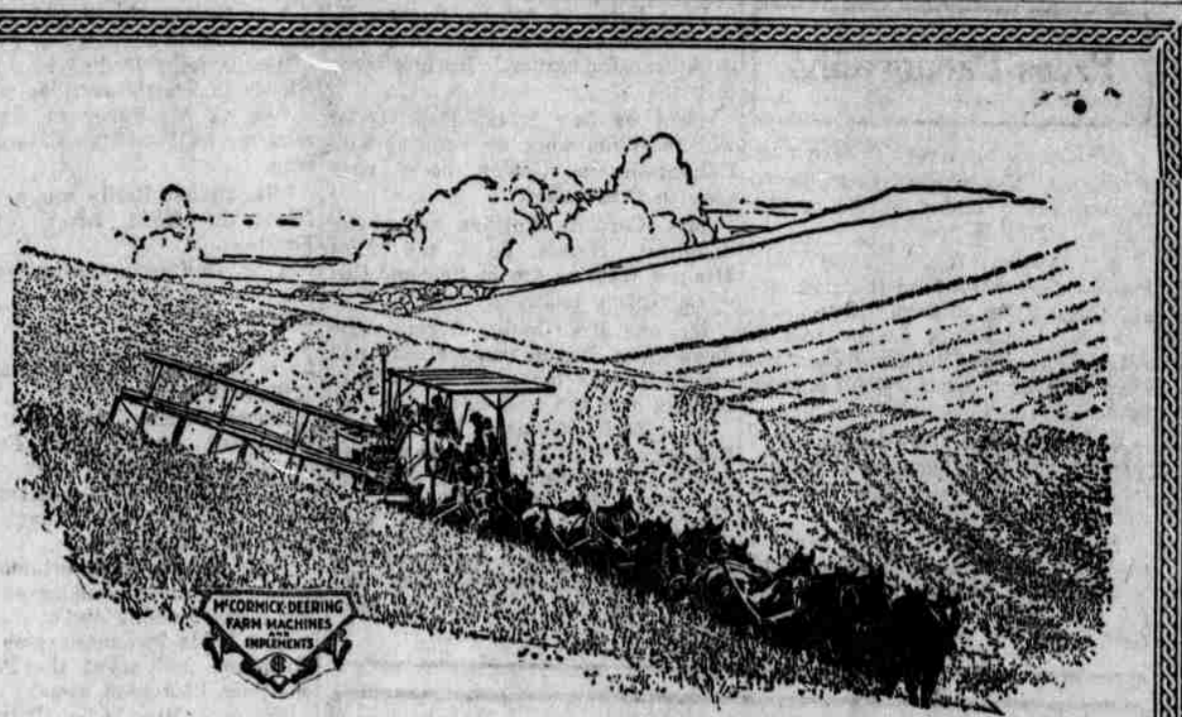
About three weeks ago the Washington-Idaho Seed company finished planting about 200 acres on several different tracts on Weston mountain, and in that region also the legumes have been making satisfactory growth. This company has two combines in commission and ready for threshing its own crop, and may also be in a position to harvest a few individual crops.

Approximately 1650 acres have been planted to peas this year in the Weston country—a large increase over last year. The Washington-Idaho Seed company has 900 acres of its own and 350 under contract. The California Packing company has 300 acres and the Washburne-Wilson Seed company 100 acres, planted under contract.

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Note above the exact date and place Permanent address: 268 So. Serrano, Los Angeles, Calif.

The Old Crop Surplus Is Heavy in the Interior Presents Tight Situation

The weekly market review of the Portland Grain Exchange follows:

"In spite of the heavy carryover of old crop wheat in the Pacific northwest, most of which is held through the interior, a tight situation prevails at this time. This situation is the culmination of misleading but well intended advice to holders during the past crop year, who now find themselves unwilling to sell at present prices, or unable to realize their loans if they cared to sell. The current low priced ocean space offerings reflect better values for local wheat than eastern markets, yet bookings for July-August are extremely light, but the ability of the market to recover on breaks and the unusually low prices make caution advisable and show a heavily oversold condition at times.

"The Portland futures market is being observed with more interest as the new crop season approaches, the realization of its benefits having been clearly demonstrated during the first year of service.

"Export business was very small for the week with but one-half cargo and a small parcel of white wheat booked to the United Kingdom.

"Portland futures for the week show net changes as follows: July up ¼c, September unchanged and December unchanged.

"Trading on the exchange for the month of June totaled 2,944,000 bushels."

Still Blows Up; Kills One
The home of John Hoff, Walla Walla, was visited by hundreds July 4th to view the wreckage left by the explosion of a still which killed Hoff. He was literally blown out of the basement, and stumbled out through the window and over the railing, falling on the ground. Grass for a considerable distance from the spot where Hoff lay was scorched, and the porch was covered with broken glass. Every bit of skin was burned from Hoff's body. Hoff evidently was pumping up the gasoline pressure tank when it exploded.

Hill Says: "Too Much"
The National Aeronautical association may bring its 50 airplanes to Walla Walla late in July on its announced tour of the northwest, but if it does it will be doing so at its own expense, according to Maurice B. Hill, chairman of the chamber of commerce aviation committee. The association announced a stop at Walla Walla. Hill said that the group wanted \$500 in cash, also gas and oil for each of the 50 planes, and meals and hotel accommodations. The committee decided this was too high.

File Initiative Bills

Completed petitions covering two initiative measures, one creating the office of lieutenant governor and the other authorizing creation of water power districts, were filed with Hal Hoss, secretary of state, by the state grange. The petitions for the lieutenant governor measure contained 18,540 signatures and those for the water power measure contained 21,372 signatures.

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