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AN INDEPENDENT TO BE NOMINATED

Either Julius Meier or Rufus Holman Will Oppose Phil Metschan.

Portland.—Through the drifting smoke still unsettled from Saturday's convention an independent candidate for governor clearly may be seen—Julius L. Meier or Rufus C. Holman, as circumstances may develop.

Meier Monday explained his inclination by the cryptic quotation of the ballot slogan of the late George W. Joseph, saying he is "For Oregon, its people, its welfare and its prosperity." He went no further than that either in affirmation or denial of the suggestion that he might yield to opportunity.

Holman, returned from a week-end visit to the whispering sea, comes forth with a statement bluntly promising that "there will be an independent Lincoln (not Harding) Republican candidate for governor at the election in November who will present the people's side of the one great issue now before the voters of Oregon."

Holman further laid the foundation for his own candidacy when he on Friday last returned to Chairman Metschan the quota of reserved seat tickets to the Elks' temple meeting because they had been sent to him as "an announced candidate" and closed that letter with the statement that he would not be a candidate except through a movement not initiated or promoted by himself. There remains but little if any doubt in the minds of political observers that Holman will run if Meier does not.

Ralph C. Clyde, president of the Municipal Ownership league comes definitely into the field with the reiteration of his prior statement that there will be a state-wide convention or assembly of electors called at which an independent candidate will be named. "Either Meier or Holman will be acceptable to us," he adds.

Two candidates for the chairmanship now are out in the open for consideration at Saturday's meeting, one Carl C. Donaghy and the other Dr. J. W. Morrow, both of Portland. So far as reported Jack T. Summerville has no opposition for reelection as secretary for another term.

The Holman statement issued Monday morning says: There will be an independent Lincoln (not Harding) Republican candidate for governor at the election in November who will present the people's side of the one great issue now before the voters of Oregon. That issue is, shall our state government be conducted for and by the people or for the special interests by their serving men.

George W. Joseph was the champion of the people's cause in this contest and gave his life battling the special privilege-seeking crowd.

His associates and followers for the purpose of giving the Republican state central committee an opportunity to adhere to principles rather than to politics united in presenting Julius L. Meier's candidacy to the committee because Mr. Meier had dedicated his candidacy to the political principles enunciated by the late Senator Joseph.

Subsequent events—the result, the scrapping of the Joseph platform, the rejection of Mr. Meier's candidacy, (and Senator Upton's candidacy as well), the secret balloting, the manipulations of machine politics, and all the intrigues of the political trade—have demonstrated that the majority members of the recent convention of the Republican state central committee had no thought for the public welfare and the rights of the common people but were only concerned with the personal and purely selfish ambitions of the participating politicians and their allies, the vested interests.

Therefore, as far as the people are concerned, the convention was a failure in that it reversed the result of the recent primary election which approved of Senator Joseph and the public policies advocated by him and his associates.

The convention repudiated the act of the people! Think of it! Less than 25 men—and some of them hand-picked—set aside the expressed will of over 50,000 registered and voting Republicans!

When a political party through the intrigues of the politicians in possession of its organization fails to function in the interest of the people, it is time for the people, themselves, to organize in their own interests.

That time is now. A legal organization will be effected as rapidly as means and popular cooperation will permit and it is hoped it will present to the people a candidate faithful to the best interests of

State Road Crew Is Increasing Width of Athena-Milton Sector 6 Feet

A state road crew is increasing the standard 20 foot wide highway on the Athena-Milton sector of the state highway to a 26 foot width. Heavy stage and freight truck traffic has made it necessary to increase the width of the shoulders on each side of the 16 foot blacktop finish three feet, so as to make the passing of traffic safer.

The cost of the new work is estimated to be about \$27,000, according to a report from R. H. Baldock, assistant state highway engineer in his report to the office at Salem.

Like all standard state highways in Oregon the main paved roadway is only 16 feet wide. With the old shoulders, two feet on each side, it was 20 feet wide. The large motor trucks and stages are eight feet wide, making it necessary for them to veer from pavement to graveled shoulders whenever they meet another vehicle. Those having dual pneumatic tires on the rear, as many do, it is said, almost continuously have one tire on the shoulder. This means a constant sucking, and consequent wearing out of the shoulder at a rapid rate. Shoulder maintenance, Baldock said, is constantly becoming more expensive.

The state crew on the Athena-Milton section is laying shoulders of quarry rock and binding it with volcanic ash. Next year an oil top probably will be added.

Baldock said the department is constantly modernizing its work to carry on reconstruction with the least possible inconvenience for traffic and is developing new methods each year. Oiling operations have been perfected so vehicles are rarely in contact with the newly laid oil and practically no complaints are received from motorists.

Chinese Meets Death In An Automobile Accident

Walla Walla.—Jim Wong, 57-year-old Chinese gardener, of Walla Walla, was killed Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile driven by Allen Bean, freewater youth. The accident occurred on the Ninth street highway about two miles from Walla Walla. Young Bean reported that the Chinese was riding a bicycle without lights. He picked up the man and rushed with him to a hospital but the Celestial was dead when the institution was reached.

At the coroner's inquest held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the jury returned a unanimous decision of unavoidable accident. Wong was killed while riding a bicycle when struck by an automobile driven by R. Allen Bean, son of R. E. Bean, Umatilla County commissioner, on the south Ninth street highway beyond Locust station. Young Bean was in no way blamed for the accident, as the night was dark, Wong was dressed in dark clothes and the tail light on the bicycle reflected light very poorly.

New Cylinder Boring Machine

J. E. Gallagher has added a new model cylinder boring machine to his equipment in the mechanical department of his garage. The new machine is manufactured in St. Louis and is one that is highly recommended in the Ford and General Motors shops. Mr. Gallagher announces that his mechanic, Mr. Smith, is prepared to regrind automobile engine cylinders on short notice at reasonable prices, and hopes that local automobile owners will patronize this home enterprise instead of letting this class of work go to shops in other towns. A new piston lining machine has also been installed by Mr. Gallagher lately.

Fred Earp, Newspaper Man
Frederick L. Earp, a well known newspaper writer of the Northwest, who spent his boyhood at Weston, was a visitor in the county this week. Mr. Earp, who is the son of D. D. Earp, Eastern Oregon pioneer piano dealer, has been connected with the leading metropolitan newspapers on the Pacific coast. He is a recognized special writer of note, and as the representative of a newspaper syndicate was a member of the first Wilkins Arctic expedition four years ago.

Prisoners To Work
Hard labor will mean something in Walla Walla. Commissioners have approved an ordinance establishing a chain gang for city prisoners. Those who work are to be given \$5 daily credit on their fines.

the great unorganized mass of toiling citizens.

The crux of the political issue paramount under present local economic conditions was specifically and explicitly stated in Senator Joseph's brief platform.

Most certainly the people shall not be denied the right of affirming the decision which they made in the primary election last May and of adopting the policies of Senator Joseph. Surely eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

University of Oregon Dads Meet at Crater Lake



"Dad" Shaw congratulates "Dad" Price on the opening of the 1930 season of the Crater Lake Lodge, where the executive committee of the Oregon Dads, an organization of fathers of university students, was recently entertained by O. L. Price, lodge manager, who is a member of the organization.

Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stevens, Portland; Mr. Price; Paul T. Shaw, Portland, president of the Dads; R. K. Keller, Portland; Miss Helen Laugaard, Miss Maritha Stevens, of Portland, and Miss Marian Phy, secretary to Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon.

Boise Family Starves Within Reach of Food

Boise, Idaho.—Almost within walking distance of plenty and yet too weak to walk, a family of six too weak to be discovered in the mountains above Boise slowly starving to death.

The case of the four children and their parents was taken up by the governor's office and arrangements were being made to care for them here.

Campers who came upon the family in an isolated meadow near Troutdale, 60 miles from Boise, said the woman was so weak she could hardly stand and the children, from 4 to 13 years, were rapidly weakening.

In a letter to the governor Long said he had been compelled to move the family into the mountains to relieve his wife's asthma.

"We have tried to work out a little gold," Long wrote the governor, "but the water is too low and we are getting too weak to work more than a few hours a day and can't cash what we have as it is less than they take at the assay office."

"I mean to say we are right down hungry."

He said they had lived on berries and woodchucks for three months.

Legge and Hyde Coming For Pendleton Meeting

Oregon State College.—Wheat farmers of Oregon are to have opportunity on August 9 to hear first hand the ideas of the federal farm board leaders on the present and future market outlook for wheat the world over. On that date Secretary Arthur Hyde of the department of agriculture and Chairman Alexander Legge of the farm board will address a meeting of farmers, bankers and college extension men at Pendleton. The Pendleton meeting and one in Spokane are the only two scheduled in the Pacific northwest by the farm leaders who are starting on a tour of the far west in the interests of farm marketing. Arrangements for the Oregon meeting were made by the federal extension service through Paul V. Maris, director of Extension at O. S. C.

Grass Fire Causes Alarm

A grass fire in the yard of a vacant house on upper Third street caused an alarm to be sent in which the local firemen answered. One of the hose carts made the run to the fire which was put out by the time the firemen reached the scene. Carelessness in setting fire to dead grass at this time is dangerous to surrounding property and the authorities desire that extreme caution be exercised by anyone burning grass or rubbish.

Is All Right Now

J. E. Jones, rural mail carrier, suffered a dizzy spell while driving his car on Main street, Monday afternoon on his return from mail delivery. Fortunately he stopped his car before any accident transpired and was taken from the machine to the Athena Hotel nearby, where in a short time he was able to proceed to his home. He recovered and is carrying the mail as usual.

More High Temperature

Higher temperature prevailed again this week throughout the Eastern Oregon country. At Pendleton the registration went up to 103 Tuesday afternoon. In Athena, 97 was recorded at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Deer Season Conference To Be Held With Governor At Capitol Today

Salem.—With the object of forestalling the inconvenience caused in former years by postponing the deer hunting season as precaution against forest fires just about the time sportsmen are ready to take to the woods, Governor Norblad has called a conference at the Multnomah hotel, Portland, for this evening at 6:30 o'clock. Meeting with the governor will be State Forester Lynn F. Cronmiller and representatives of sportsmen's organizations.

If the season is such that it appears to be necessary to keep the forests closed to hunting during the season which normally opens September 15 the governor hopes to make arrangements whereby the closing proclamation can be issued some time in advance of that date. This will leave the situation, it is explained, so that only an extraordinary emergency would necessitate the order after hunters have made all preparations to enter the woods.

Young Fire Hero Awarded Badge For His Bravery

Eugene.—Bernard Knight, 14-year old Eugene boy who on the night of July 14 rushed into a blazing home in search of his little sister whom he thought to be trapped in her bedroom has received a badge from State Fire Marshal Lee at Salem, giving him fire membership in the junior fire marshal organization of Oregon. In addition he received a letter of commendation from the fire marshal.

The burns on the boy's face which he received at the time have practically healed and have left no scars. A few will show in his back and arms but the burned places have healed slowly and are leaving only slight scars. His hands are healed and are ready to have the bandages taken off for the last time after two weeks.

Water Service Restrictions

It has been found necessary to place restrictions on the use of water for lawn sprinkling in Athena, temporarily, on account of a decrease in the source of supply of the municipal system. Consequently notices have been distributed to water consumers which restrict the use of water for sprinkling to the period from 5:30 p. m. to 7:00 p. m., each day. Until this restriction was decided upon users have had the option of using all the water they wished at any time, under meter rates. Other towns in the county have for some time been holding use of water under restriction.

Helix Grain Field Fire

A fire caused from the exhaust from a wheat truck did considerable damage in the field of Frank Stanton, near Helix. A small fire spread in the field of Udny Richardson also but the fighters got it under control before it spread very much. There was quite a hard wind blowing which made it very hard to fight. The farmers of the Stanton community as well as lots of others helped to fight the fire.

Rankin Escapes Death

Tex Rankin, formerly of Walla Walla, now of Portland, had a narrow escape from death at Yakima while stunting this week, the propeller of his plane shattering when he was 4000 feet in the air. He managed to land safely.

Red Elk, Well Known Umatilla Indian, Dead

Red Elk, a member of the Umatilla Indian family of Joshua, died at his home near Thorn Hollow on the reservation at 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon at the age of 66 years.

The cause of death was paralysis, the first stroke several months ago. However, he was able with the assistance of a cane to be about and only weak before last was in Athena, transacting business. Death followed shortly after the second stroke, which came on him Saturday morning.

Red Elk was one of the leading Indians on the reservation and early in life formed an attachment for the ways of the white man, with the result that up to a few years ago he farmed his wheat land, employing both white and Indian labor as required.

He was an expert horseman and at Round-Up parades delighted in riding his finest saddle horse caparisoned in the richest of Indian equipment. An expert marksman, he was an inveterate hunter and many was the elk, deer and bear to fall before his unerring aim.

He was buried at the Indian burial ground, south of Thorn Hollow, Tuesday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Night Baseball May Start in Other Parks

Night baseball at Sacramento in the Pacific Coast league is proving sufficiently popular to turn the attention of the magnates to the installation of lighting in other parks.

From the player's viewpoint, "owl baseball" is "not so hot." Russell "Buzz" Artlett, Oakland outfielder, claims "grounders are hard to see and it is difficult to gauge the speed of the ball."

Jimmy McLaughlin, Sacramento third baseman, unburdened himself as follows: "It is not natural. The heat from the big lights is more enervating than the sun on the warmest day and I have trouble locating ground balls."

Purchases Blacksmith Shop

Bruno Weber of Weston, has purchased the tools and machinery and leased the blacksmith shop building from Jens Jensen, who has been in business here for several years. Mr. Weber will move his family, wife and six children, here from Weston as soon as he can secure a dwelling house. Mr. Jensen has decided to visit his aged parents at the old home in Denmark during the coming fall and winter, if he can arrange his affairs satisfactorily. He has not seen his relatives for twenty years.

Sitters Start Third Week

With a telephone installed in their arboreal perch, Bremerton's 15-year-old record aspiring tree-sitters, Preston Leard and Stewart Babbitt, will start their third week in the branches in possible communication with all the world. The phone was hooked up and at noon they had been aloft 327 hours and intend to stay up until competitors everywhere are down. A microphone to permit the boys to broadcast was installed by a Tacoma radio station.

Lockjaw Sufferer Better

Elden Hamper, Umatilla boy who has been suffering from a mild form of lockjaw as a result of powder burns on July 4, was reported as improving at a Walla Walla hospital.

State Tax From Sale Of Gasoline May Exceed Mark Set in 1929

Salem.—Secretary of State Hal Hoss estimates that Oregon's gasoline tax this year will total over \$7,000,000 exceeding last year by at least \$2,100,000.

The estimate is based on gasoline and distillate sales in the state for the first six months of the year, with the period of heaviest sales still ahead. The gain indicated it the most remarkable the state has yet experienced.

Total gasoline sales last year were 159,415,365 gallons and distillate 4,256,973 gallons, which brought a total tax of \$4,888,885.48. This year it is estimated that gasoline sales will run over 175,000,000 gallons.

The gasoline tax, since January 1 last, is 4 cents a gallon and distillate 3½ cents. Prior to that it was 1 cent less on each.

For the six months from January 1 to June 30 motor fuel taxes amounted to \$3,047,008.45, representing a tax on 74,326,777 gallons of gasoline and 2,129,001 gallons of distillate. For the same period last year the tax collected was \$2,098,473.84 for 68,021,135 gallons of gasoline and 2,313,585 of distillate. The use of gasoline increased 6,305,641 and distillate decreased 184,584.

Loss From Falling Prunes

Reports from the Milton-Freewater fruit district are to the effect that shipments of summer apples are being made at this time. The Union Fruit company has shipped one car of summer apples. The outlook for prunes is not so good as there will be about half a crop this year owing to the heavy drop. During the last three weeks about half of the prunes have fallen from the trees, so that in some cases the trees are entirely barren of fruit.

Former Athenaites Annual Picnic Held Is At Portland

Mrs. Alma Koontz, secretary, gives the following account of the annual picnic of former Athena residents, now living in Portland, which was recently held in Laurelhurst Park:

Former Athena residents living in and near Portland held their annual picnic in Laurelhurst Park on Saturday afternoon and evening of June 28th. Officers of the past year being reelected are: president, Mrs. Osburn; treasurer, Iva L. Callender Kilthorn; and secretary, Alma Koontz.

Each year we have the pleasure of having with us some who live away from Portland. A surprise to all this year was Rex Barnett former Athena boy but who has made his home for several years in Los Angeles. He was visiting his mother, Mrs. Nora Barnett of 545 Tillamook St. Others from a distance were Mrs. M. M. Johns of Athena, Mrs. Effie Edington Smith and Jesse Edington and two daughters of Hood River.

Last year the president asked all to tell some funny thing that had happened them during their residence in Athena and some funny stories were told.

In a way it was repeated this year but in picture form as several brought old pictures of Athena and Athena people of years ago. "The days of real sport." These pictures afforded a great deal of fun as we all know those things do.

Since our picnic of 1929, five members have passed away. Mrs. N. A. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Norris, L. B. Reeder and J. H. Clark, and since our last picnic, Mrs. Fred Rosenzweig of Spokane, who with Mr. Rosenzweig and son Harry, were with us three years ago.

Children Bitten By Dogs

Walla Walla.—Within a week five children have been bitten by German police dogs and parents of children are demanding protection, it was reported to the city commissioner by Perry Blackburn, poundmaster. The board immediately ordered an ordinance prepared to provide penalties for owners of vicious dogs. Blackburn said that bands of these dogs roam around at night, upset garbage cans, scratch flowers out of parks, frighten people and bite any who try to chase them away.

Bad Check Artist Appears

A bad check artist made his appearance at the Huggins service station at corner of Main and Fifth streets, where he made a purchase amounting to several dollars. He presented a check in payment, saying that he would be back for the stuff he had bought in a little while. He received about an equal amount of the purchase in change from Mr. Huggins, and of course he never came back.

Worst Drought Experienced

The searing drought which for weeks and months has baked large areas between the Rocky mountains and the east coast was listed at Washington as the worst the country has experienced since state-wide weather records began.

HARVEST PEAK IS PASSED OVER HERE

Work Finished by Many Machines—Elevator Pushed To Capacity.

The peak of harvesting the 1930 wheat crop in the Athena district was passed the first of the week and many machines have pulled into the sheds to remain until next season.

Yields in this district have a wide range in average production this season, caused undoubtedly by cold weather at the beginning of the growing season. From a 62 bushel per acre yield in a field east of town, one field three miles west of Athena fell down to 16 bushels per acre. Grain in this field showed a good stand in early spring but the plants were retarded in growth by cold, wet weather while the tar weed outdistanced it.

Approximately 40,000 bushels of wheat have been purchased by Lee Wilson at the Farmers Grain Elevator company plant, at prices ranging from 70 to 75 cents per bushel, he reports to The Press.

The big elevator has been rushed to capacity in receiving grain, which is nearly all being delivered in bulk this year. By shipping out grain regularly the elevator has been able so far to handle all deliveries.

The price offered for grain at this time is not attractive to growers, and sales are not spirited by any means. The market seems to be very unstable. Foreign demand for northwest wheat during the past week has been exceedingly small. Sales in all positions for Wednesday totaled only 700,000 bushels, and are reported mainly for Manitoba wheat.

Semi-demoralization prevailed on the Chicago market, where July wheat touched 83½c, or with 5½c of the inside figure of July, 1914—the lowest for the past 16 years.

Harvest Notes
Henry Koepke's threshing crew holds the record for most grain delivered at the Farmers Elevator for one day so far this season; 134,680 pounds or 2244 bushels of bulk wheat. The largest yield yet reported to The Press is 62 bushels per acre from one of Sheldon Taylor's fields, east of town. His other field made over 50 bushels per acre.

Henry Barrett reports 33 bushels from one field and that of another at 53 bushels average.

H. A. Street, east of Athena, figures on having a 50-bushel average. The crop on the A. L. Swaggart farm north of Athena, cropped 55 bushels per acre.

Two machines are being operated in harvesting the Washington-Idaho Seed company's seed pea crop on the Barney Foster ranch, south of Athena.

Numerous fields of grain averaged from 35 to 45 bushels per acre in this vicinity.

Federal Engineers Making Progress On River Survey

Senator McNary who is home from Washington brings word that steps looking to the development of the Columbia river by Federal engineers are progressing. It is estimated that the preliminary work will cost the government in excess of \$1,000,000 for the project which will cost approximately \$45,000,000.

"At a conference with the board of army engineers the day before I left Washington I was advised that this extensive survey and study would be completed in the summer of 1931," says the Senator.

"The bills pending for the development of Umatilla Rapids contemplate a proposed power installation of commanding size, to be linked with the canalization of the Columbia, thereby creating a commercial waterway from Portland to Snake river, a distance of 250 miles. Like the project at Boulder canyon," continued Senator McNary, "it is purely a government undertaking."

"The aggregate amount of advances by the government is estimated at \$45,000,000 to be repaid to the government at the rate of 4 per cent a year within 50 years, with a further provision that all revenues received in excess of amounts to be repaid to the government shall be paid to Oregon and Washington."

"As it involves the essential elements of navigation and national defense, which factors are present in the Muscles Shoals and Boulder Canyon projects and comes within the sanction of the federal constitution, the proposed development on the Columbia is of interest to the federal government. In my opinion, President Hoover and congress will give sympathetic consideration to the full utilization of the Columbia and its tributaries."