

REPUBLICANS HAVE A STATE-WIDE SPLIT

Defection Shown At Baker When 18 Committeemen Leave Meeting.

Baker.—Evidences of a state-wide split in the republican party continue to crop out. The latest defection over the gubernatorial mixup took place at Baker last week in county republican ranks when a call was issued for a meeting to indorse the action of the recent state central committee meeting which nominated Phil Metschan for governor. Immediately upon passage of a motion of indorsement by a handful of the committee members, one precinct committeeman offered his resignation while several stayed away from the meeting, only nine of the 27 committeemen being present.

The meeting of the committee followed a luncheon with Senator Fred Steiwer, Congressman Franklin Kurell, Congressman R. R. Butler, Phil Metschan, Floyd Cook of the state central committee, Supreme Justice John L. Rand, State Senator Fred Kiddle and Harold Arner, secretary of the state central committee, as guests.

Senator Steiwer expressed appreciation for his support in Baker county and complimented the organization on its growth. Representatives Kurell and Butler spoke on the problems of congress just adjourned and other guests also discussed the party's problems.

Declaring that he was a loyal member of the republican party, and pleading his support to the regular republican nominee, Ernest L. Crockett, committeeman and newspaper publisher of Baker, resigned from the central committee because he could not join in an indorsement of Phil Metschan for governor and expressed the opinion that the total membership of the committee was far from being in sympathy with the action of the state nomination committee.

Metschan's address before the committee was a plea for party support, and after pleading with the membership to stay with the party, he referred to the "hired press" and attempted to ridicule the independent movement.

"There are men in the republican

It Won't Be Long Now; Till We'll Let'er Buck," Pendleton Aug. 28, 29, 30

Pendleton.—It won't be long now! Pendleton is all set for its twenty-first annual Round-Up, to be staged August 28, 29 and 30.

The streets are gay with banners and Pendleton's business men are transformed into cowboys in tuggall hats, the gaudiest of shirts, brightly beaded vests and cowboy boots. Holding sway over her Western monarchy is Queen Lois McIntyre, who has as her attendants four charming maids, Virginia Sturgis, Muriel Tulloch and Evelyn Cresswell of Pendleton and Mildred Hansell of Athena.

At the Round-Up grounds is gathered the finest of stock; speedy race horses, steers from the Mexican border, and the Round-Up buckers. Chief among these is Roosevelt Trophy, who in the six years of his bucking activities here has been ridden but once.

The Indians, by the hundred, are trekking from the hills and are building their Indian village on the Round-Up grounds. Thousands of Indians appear daily in the Round-Up parades and in the historic Westward-Ho procession. The Westward-Ho will be held on Friday this year instead of on Saturday, and will begin its magnificent progress through Pendleton streets at 10 a. m. on August 29.

Prune Picking Under Way
Prune picking has started in the Milton-Freewater district and in some orchards at the state line. Picking is now a general industry in the earlier orchards where the fruit is mature and the harvest will be in full swing during the next few days.

party who are not supporting the party's candidates and principles and they don't belong there," he said.

Charges were being hurled around the American Legion department headquarters that Floyd Cook, chairman of the central committee, was lobbying in behalf of Metschan's candidacy and that strong pressure had been brought to bear on the department commander, Sid George, and the distinguished guest committee of the Baker post, to have Metschan introduced at the special program for distinguished guests.

"We will not change our stand. We forbid such issues as partisan politics getting on our Legion platform," one member of the committee declared.

Governor Norblad Silent In Row Waged Over Recent Removal of Clifford

Salem.—Admitting that his office is being deluged with letters, telegrams and long distance telephone calls in protest against and in commendation of the action of the state game commission is removing Harold Clifford as game commissioner and Ed Clark as deputy game commissioner, Governor Norblad refused to divulge the names of those most active in the fight being waged over the ouster.

"I cannot see that such a course would serve any good purpose and it would only add fuel to the friction and back-biting that is already raging among sportsmen of the state," the governor declared.

By far the greater interest in the controversy, the governor said, is being shown by friends of the ousted officials, especially those in the southern part of the state, who are demanding the removal of the offending game commissioners and the reinstatement of Clifford and Clark.

Referring to reports to the effect that he had ascribed the ouster to politics he refused to comment, declaring he was taking no part in the fight "as yet." He has sent for and is in receipt of all of the testimony taken in the case against the ousted officials. He intends to spend some time in a careful perusal of the voluminous documents, he said, before making up his mind as to what action he will take, if any.

In a statement given the press on the day following the ouster the governor called attention to the fact that he appointed four of the present game commissioners and declared he had always given them a free hand in the conduct of affairs of the commission.

Removal of Clifford as game warden and Clark will not cure the situation or make peace among the warring factions of sportsmen in Oregon, in his opinion.

"The indignation expressed in the many letters and telegrams received at the executive department convinces me that the sportsmen's feud will continue as before and Clifford's removal will not cure the situation," the governor said.

"Intelligent effort to enforce the state game laws and conserve the wild life of Oregon apparently does not count for much in this day of political antagonism," he said. "A game warden possessing high qualifications is objectionable to the politicians, while a political warden is not the kind of an official desired by the real sportsmen."

POWER POLICY IS NEEDED BY STATE

Future Development of Hydro-Electric Resources Demand Action.

Salem.—The notable power streams of Oregon are in the grasp, actual or intended, of private interests and not all of these are the electric utilities.

A probable exception is the McKenzie due to the dominant relationship with it to Eugene.

These conclusions are reached by State Engineer Rhea Luper based upon an entirely new Oregon power map.

At the present moment and with a public interest in power questions never before experienced in Oregon, applications pending before the state engineer propose a total investment of \$64,361,780 to develop 694,761 hydro-electric horse power.

The big applicant is the California-Oregon Power company whose fillings pending on the Klamath and Umpqua rivers propose the development of \$60,024 horsepower at a cost of \$50,250,000. The Umpqua river applications cover an investment of \$29,650,000 to develop 188,661 horsepower. The Klamath river applications include 171,363 horsepower to be developed at a cost of \$20,600,000.

The state engineer says that prior rights to power sites are established by the time element. Those who come first are served best. This privilege has often been exploited. The claimants would allow applications to rest without action. Or, when permits were granted and construction according to law must begin within a year, perhaps only a few shovelfuls of earth would be turned merely to comply with the letter but not the spirit.

Oregon charges a license fee that average only a little more than two cents a horsepower year and to carry even big projects without development means only small added cost to large concerns interested in their future supremacy.

In the case of the California-Oregon Power company fillings, however, it is understood to be the intention to generate power largely for wholesale in the San Francisco district as the company's Southern Oregon market is understood to be practically saturated from its present plants and it is also at the present time wholesaling to California.

Regardless of whether sites are taken over by private or public interests, State Engineer Luper says: "Oregon is overlooking a large source of future revenue. The remaining unappropriated waters belong to the state as a whole. The streams of Oregon are capable of producing from five to six million horse power. At the present time only about 300,000 hydro-electric horsepower is actually being developed. The future value of hydro-electric power cannot be estimated but it will be very greatly increased unless some cheap fuel substitute is found for coal and oil resources, which in time will become depleted. Under present laws waters may be appropriated for hydro-electric purposes or any other use on payment of only a small filing fee, which covers a part of the overhead cost of maintaining a record of water right titles. The state should encourage the development of its water resources. Such development can only be obtained through investment of capital. Capital will require security through stability of law and policy. Any policy which would tend to lock up the state's resources and prevent their development would be wasteful and detrimental to the best interests of the public.

"It is probably impossible to place any special tax or license upon developed water power under our constitution, but since we have actually developed a small proportion of our potential power and present indications are that the increase during even the next 10 years will be very great, I believe that it would be sound policy to provide for a license fee, to be fixed by a board or commission ranging at 25 cents to \$2 a horsepower year.

"Licenses should extend over a long period of years with proper provisions for renewal and proper provisions for an increase in rate according to future valuation. Such a law could conceivably produce a large revenue in the future, and, while it is true that it would be passed on to the consumer, it would seem entirely equitable that since the water belongs to the people as a whole, the consumers in any particularly favored locality could afford to pay a small increase in rate for the benefit of the state as a whole. It would also provide some return for the people of the state for power transported and used in other states."

The state has been receiving only about \$12,500 a year from hydro-electric license fees.

Fishermen Encounter Sharks
Following the schools of salmon which are numerous off the Southwestern Oregon coast, travelers report numbers of sharks of the man-eating species. One fisherman said salmon had been nipped from his lines by these voracious fish. Smaller sharks have been taken on lines in the lower bay near Empire during the last week. These, however, were not the killer type.

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McDougall-Tollgate Road Receiving Gravel Surface

Graveling has been completed on two and one-quarter miles of the McDougall Tollgate section of the Weston-Elgin road in side the borders of the national forest, Mayor Dorsey Hill of Walla Walla informs the Union. The grading crews have been at work in two daily shifts to keep ahead of the graveling activities. The portion of the road being improved is approximately 5.6 miles in length and the progress made indicates completion of the surfacing early this fall.

Mr. Hill stated that Umatilla county will improve the quarter-mile of road just outside of Weston this year by surfacing it. There are also rumors to the effect that Umatilla county is contemplating early improvement of the remaining nine miles from McDougall Camp, down Weston mountain. It has been stated by the forest service that there will be no further improvement in the Weston-Elgin road until this nine miles is graded and surfaced with crushed rock.

Silverton, Wonder Boy Baseball Team, Winners

The Silverton 16-year olds, won the district championship of the American Legion junior baseball series at Baker Saturday when they defeated Pocatello, Idaho, 14 to 1.

Silverton had previously laid away the Seattle entrant, 15 to 2, and this week will play in the Western finals which include all districts west of the Mississippi river. Winning there the Oregonians are eligible to contest in the little world series to be played in New Orleans for the national championship.

Schwab, Silverton's peerless pitcher, allowed Pocatello only eight hits and struck out 10. However, Silverton's victory came in one big inning, the fifth, when Hadley who had been holding the Silverton batters to four hits went wild. Five hits off him and four errors were good for 8 Silverton scores. A midget 100 pounder, 13-year old Bill Black, took up the burden for Pocatello where Hadley left off, and held the Oregonians to four hits and four runs.

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Hermiston Editor, Legion Head
Jack M. Biggs, Hermiston editor, was elected state commander of the American Legion, department of Oregon, to serve during 1930-31. Opposition was presented for a short while when Harry Dorman of Portland, was placed in nomination during the final business session of the 12th annual state convention, but when it was evident the Eastern Oregon legionnaire had things his own way, Dorman jumped to his feet and asked that Biggs' selection be made

unanimous. Judge Moreland of Estacada, past district commander, was selected as state vice commander, no opposition being offered. Tom Stoughton, Portland, was re-elected finance officer.

After Flowers, Killed
Crossing a Seattle street to get flowers from a neighbor for his wife's funeral, Scott T. Douglas, 82, was struck down by an automobile and died a few hours later.

Rankins On Record Quest
Portland.—Over the Columbia river and its sloughs and over the heads of 10,000 spectators, obscured by the blanket of smoke that settled down Sunday, an orange monoplane with brilliant yellow wings began the first wide circle in the air of the thousands which the pilots hope is ahead of it. Exactly at 1:50:32 1/2 o'clock the wheels of the plane left the Tex Rankin airport with the three Rankin brothers aboard, determined to better the refueling endurance record set by Red Jackson and Forrest O'Brien Tex Rankin was at the controls.

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