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ZIMMERMAN, PIERCE TALK BEFORE GRANGE

Independent Candidate Asks For State Lines

MARTIN'S STAND CRITICIZED

Pierce Points To Record With Fido

The Pomona Grange meeting of last Saturday was politically not worthy in that two prominent candidates were present to give their views of the public scene along with reasons why they should be selected by the voters for governmental positions.

Peter Zimmerman, independent candidate for governor, was the first to arrive from Terrebonne where he and Walter Pierce had appeared as speakers. He began his talk by stating that the wealth of this country had increased 12 times since Washington's day and that it was unevenly distributed. The major part of his talk was built around the water power situation and the electricity to be derived from the Bonneville dam.

He gave as an example the Muscle Shoals project where, according to his statements, the government sold power at 2 mills per kilowatt and the Alabama Power Company resold it at an average of 5 and a half cents.

He intimated that the original decision to make the locks in the Bonneville dam small was caused by pressure of transportation companies which wished to continue high rates for wheat shipments. As part of the same subject he credited Walter Pierce, his campaign mate, with responsibility for the enlargement of the locks.

Mr. Zimmerman expressed fear that the government will not build the transmission lines as was promised by the president when here. "If it took a year to decide to build larger locks, how long would it take to decide on transmission lines that will cost many times more?" he asked. Using this as a basis for his argument he launched into a plea for the passage of the grange power bill that will pledge the state to build the lines if the government does not do so. He quoted from remarks said to be made by General Martin regarding the sale of power to private companies and criticized them.

The speaker cited the example of Ontario where, he said, power is sold at one twentieth of the Oregon rate and spoke of the methods of capitalization that increase the profits of the corporations engaged in the power business.

Branching out on the tax situation he stated that this country has ample ability to create wealth for everyone, but that it allowed a few to get control of it. He favored a high income tax without property offset and said that an income tax, if properly made would be sufficient to take all the money the government requires. He criticized the \$5 auto tax and proposed one to put cars on the tax roll. He spoke for a highway commission and a graduated property tax.

Mr. Zimmerman closed his remarks with a plea for a state bank which would handle the money of the state and its subdivisions and would end interest now paid by the state. A method of state financing whereby the state in need of cash would issue non interest bearing bonds, send them to Washington D. C. check against them, levy taxes to buy them up with and at the end of the period for which they were issued send them back to be burned was proposed. "If interest added value to a bond why not make bonds for 100 percent interest and make them more valuable?" he asked. He said the country was in danger of fascism if a more liberal program was not adopted.

He was followed by Walter Pierce, representative in congress who complimented the grange on its work during the past year. He spoke of his work for a tax on

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Two Go To Salem For Wheat Theft

Judge Carl Hendricks sentenced Raleigh Wolford Hampton, 29 and William Robert Hampton, 31 to serve a year apiece in the Oregon State Penitentiary upon their confession to the charge of stealing 17 sacks of wheat from Roy Barnett Tuesday night.

The culprits were arrested at Hood River by state policemen. Deputy Sheriff Garrett became suspicious of them Tuesday evening and followed them to near the scene of the crime, but was watching another road when they left. Several batches of wheat have been lost lately and before the men were taken to Salem they cleared up the theft of the Henry Peters wheat last week.

The method of taking the wheat was to load same into their light sedan and more into the trailer and sell it in Portland. The men lived in Portland.

State Leaders Out Of Hog Allotment

The state board of review in charge of setting county quotas for the corn-hog adjustment program in Oregon is now operating without the two state college extension staff members as these withdrew late in August, it is announced at OSC.

Participation of H. A. Lindgren extension livestock specialist, and E. L. Potter, head of the division of agricultural economics, was withdrawn in protest over what the college men feel to be unfair and arbitrary treatment to Oregon hog producers who applied for contracts last spring.

Earlier difficulties in this regard were believed settled by personal conference with Chester C. Davis, administrator of the AAA, but later orders from the corn-hog section in Washington practically nullified the settlement.

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FALL FESTIVAL IN WASCO SEPT. 29

Library Benefit Pageant To Be Big Community Affair

At a meeting of the Wasco library board last Monday evening more specific plans were made for the staging of the local festival in Wasco and Saturday, September 29 was set as the date for this gala event. Mrs. Harry VanGilder will act as general chairman.

The plans call for a parade at one o'clock. Prizes will be given for the best decorated car in the parade and smaller prizes for the school children. The parade this year will probably be augmented by the high school band. The crowning of the queen will take place immediately following the parade and a football game has been scheduled for the first part of the afternoon.

Numerous Concessions

More than the usual number of concessions have already been promised with eight already on the list. Notable among them will be the Klondike Farm Produce exhibit and, later in the evening, the sale of these products. The Wasco Garden Club will sponsor a flower show in the Ellis building. Anyone having potted plants to be exhibited and sold are asked to notify Mrs. E. D. McKee. Other organizations sponsoring concessions are: Neighbors of Woodcraft, Tuesday Afternoon Study Club, Campfire Girls, Wasco High School, Wasco Business Men and the Knights of Pythias and Masonic orders will operate the festival dance in the evening.

Festival Dinner Served
Unusual interest is being displayed this year in the plans for a huge festival dinner which will be held in the Ellis building. It will be taken care of by the ladies of the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs and the Pythian Sisters. A high school orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Rickards will play during the dinner hour.

Committees functioning for the festival follow: General arrangements, Mrs. Harry VanGilder, R. O. Scott, Mrs. F. R. Fortner; Street Decorations, Joe Mee, Chas. Everett, E. D. McKee; Parade, P. R. McCulloch; Queen contest, Mrs. A. Shearer, Belle Clothier; Chair Raffle, Mrs. Dell Hull, Mrs. S. J. Brock; Publicity, Harry Saw

RELIEF PROJECTS BEING PREPARED

County Committee Making Plans For Winter

REGISTRATION POSSIBLE

Needy May Apply For Aid From Committee

Scouting fall in the air and reading about snow in the Rockies or some prediction of coming activity brought the county relief committee together Wednesday forenoon before the court met and the subject of relief was discussed and debated until everyone wished prosperity would come to their own relief.

Relief Administrator Wilcox read the amounts paid for relief since the first of the year, a total of \$624.05 which includes the administration of the fund. The relief bill for August was \$31.00. This includes only those sums having been paid on direct relief and not CWA or other work projects. However, the administration or office work of CWA was included.

There was a contention that the county should provide work projects for all who want to labor on them. There was an expressed belief that relief work should not start until absolutely needed, there was two or three opinions from every one present all of which resolved itself into the eventual conclusion that the committee would provide several SERRA projects throughout the county so they can be in readiness when the needs of those on relief makes them necessary.

The county has been handling the indigent fund in rather an economical manner during the summer, but does not expect to do so for the remainder of the year. Those who are in need may be aided at any time by requisitions available from committee members in any of the towns. Registration of relief workers is possible at any time much the same as last year.

A discussion of drought relief took a part of the time, but as the relief committee has nothing to do with that until the county is declared a drought county nothing could be done.

Unless and until further plans are made the following will be the program of the relief committee and the officials in charge: to work with Homer Wall, engineer in charge of this section of the state, in preparing six projects so that work can be started when needed; hire a county relief manager when and if the county relief expense becomes large enough to warrant that much overhead and be ready to handle the drought relief activities if the county is so designated.

George Wilcox, county chairman, Senator J. P. Yates, Charles Everett, representing M. G. Tuel, who succeeded Mrs. B. E. Bailey who resigned; Perry Axell, A. A. Dunlap, Judge George Potter and Homer Wall attended.

Wisner-Laird

A marriage license was issued at The Dalles to Earl Wisner and Lucille Laird Saturday of last week and they were married at Madras Monday at 12:30 at the home of the bride's father.

The young couple will make a home in The Dalles where Mr. Wisner is employed in the shoe department of A. M. Williams' store.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 5

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
AUG. 30.....	89	55	.00
" 31.....	88	51	.00
SEPT. 1.....	85	57	.00
" 2.....	86	52	.00
" 3.....	90	52	.00
" 4.....	90	52	.00
" 5.....	86	58	.00
Total for week.....			.00

Commercial Club Meeting Postponed

The Commercial Club meeting for Friday night, announced last week, has been postponed. This action was taken because of the fact that many from here and some of those interested in coming from Goldendale desire to attend The Dalles Frolics the same night.

A date for the postponed meeting will be announced shortly as soon as delegations from the two commercial clubs confer about a suitable date.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD MORO HARNESS SHOP

Weed Burning Results In Night- Time Fire

Early Saturday morning, shortly after one o'clock to be exact, the town was awakened by Jack Tomlin's call of fire and the ringing of the fire bell. The old harness shop across the street from Foss & Company's garage and the Legion hall was ablaze along its entire front.

Hardly donning a few clothes over their flowered pajamas the citizens rushed to the street and aided the first few arrivals who had the hose cart out and a stream playing on the fire and the Legion hall which was continuously threatened until the burning building collapsed.

The fire was caused by a smouldering blaze left in a pile of weeds when the grass was burned the preceding afternoon and evening. As people had gone home the fire seemed to be out but it caught the building after a few hours. No insurance was carried on the building which was empty.

The new fire equipment showed plenty of force to keep the roof of the Legion hall dampened and several times burning bits were put out after they had started the shingles afire on the hall. Even on the southeast side of the building fire was put out once or twice. The Belshee house was not in danger although it came hot there at the height of the fire. The Belshee estate owned the building.

Sherman County Lads And Lassies Win

Late information regarding the success of Sherman county's boys and girls at the state fair was to the effect that the three first places in fat calves were won by this county. Ronald Powell was first, Bobby King, second and Gordon Fraser, third. Betty Powell won in the heifer class in both 4H and open classes.

The poultry judging team won fifth and four places were on four entries in forestry.

The state fair has attracted the attention of a good many here. Sherman contains this year to judge from the number who are spending a few days or the entire week in Salem to see the show. About twenty boys and girls who won 4H club prizes or are making demonstrations are spending a part of the week there and some have won some of the events in which they are entered. Among them are: Ivan Gervais and Henry Roth, in forestry, Dorothy Fraser and Mary Pinkerton, in canning judging, Gordon Fraser and Paul Fraser, first and second with wheat and Dorothy Fraser in home beautification.

The Moro Woman's Club will sponsor a reception for the teachers of the Moro school, Wednesday evening, September 12, in the auditorium of the school house at 8:00 o'clock. Friends and patrons of the school are invited.

Mrs. Elva Bryant and daughters returned Saturday night from Corvallis where they have spent the summer. Mrs. Bryant will remain here this winter. Ruth will teach, Helen will attend school in Boston and Lois at Whitman.

Emmajean Stephens left Tuesday for Ithica, N.Y. via, Canadian Pacific. She will spend the school year at Cornell University studying part time and assisting in the department of home economics.

SMUT COSTLY TO FARMERS OF STATE

Cost Of Disease \$18.70 per Thousand Bushels

PORTLAND AREA SMUTTY

Conferences Here Collects Informa- tion On Wheat Disease

The county agents' meeting to learn of the extent of smut damage in Oregon and formulate plans for combating the menace was held at the experiment station Saturday with representatives present from nearly all the wheat counties of the Columbia basin.

Deputy Grain Grader Baldwin, of Portland, gave the figures for wheat that arrived at Columbia river ports saying that this year 27.8 percent of the wheat received had been smutty. The highest mark was in 1924-25 when 61 percent of the wheat was smutty. The mark is lower this year because of the large amount of spring wheat.

R. J. Haskell, government man in charge of wheat diseases, compiled the losses from smut. Of the 12,618,000 bushels raised in Oregon it was estimated that 25 percent was smutty in varying degrees. This caused a discount loss of \$63,061. The washing charges amounted to \$161,010 and the loss in freight paid on smut made the total of these losses \$236,071.

This loss may be figured for each individual grower who raises wheat at \$18.70 per thousand bushels. While the loss is much greater in many years than in this because of the 60 percent crop this year, the per bushel loss is practically the same. Sherman county is not one of the heaviest losers in smut damage but smut is always found here. Portland is one of the highest in point of smut of any primary receiving station in the country.

Methods of combating smut were discussed and several theories were aired. It is possible that doubling the dose of copper carbonate would have a beneficial effect, especially in land that is infested with smut spores. Holding the wheat over after treating may be advisable. The length of treatment is important and all wheat should be left in the machine until it is thoroughly coated with the powder. Dry weather is the best time to treat as the powder runs more freely then. Old methods of smut treatment may kill the smut better but nearly all of them are dangerous to the wheat unless handled carefully and under proper seeding conditions.

Wheat handling methods in the west are better designed to keep smut in hand than in the east where wheat is sold in small lots and mixed together. In the afternoon meeting R.J. Haskell talked on the methods to be used in reducing smut in this territory and D. E. Stephens told the agents of the experiments under way to test different systems of evading smut and smut resistant wheats.

At Moro and Pendleton extensive seed treatment experiments have been carried on to determine the best practical methods of controlling smut. Smut is much more difficult to control in the Pendleton area than in Sherman county. No seed treatment has yet been found effective if seed containing much smut is used, as in seed with over one percent smut double treatment, that is, treating with formaldehyde or blue stem followed by copper carbonate after drying the seed 24 hours, failed to control smut at the Pendleton station although the double treatment sometimes greatly injured germination.

Copper carbonate, properly applied, although not quite as effective in controlling smut as the wet treatment on heavily smutted seed is the safest and most practical method. Formaldehyde and bluestone, under some conditions, reduce or weaken germination. Copper carbonate contains

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City Budget For 1935 To Be Made Earlier

The city of Moro has decided to make up its budget for 1935 a bit earlier this year in order to get it ready for the county officers before the deadline of November the first. The first budget meeting will be held September 25, Tuesday, at the council chambers. The following were appointed as members of that committee who will serve with the council in making up the estimates: J. F. Foss, J. E. Coleman, W. S. Powell, M. A. Bull, W. H. Ragsdale, and W. W. Knighten.

Repairs to the roof of the hotel were ordered. The pipe situation with the fair board was straightened out to mutual satisfaction and the foreclosure of the lots and tracts of land carrying unpaid street assessments was discussed. Many persons feel that, as a major part of the street assessments have been paid, the remainder should be paid and reduce the interest charge, which devolves upon all.

COUNTY COURT HEARS GOLDENDALE DELEGATION

Wm. Shiel Land Leased To Shull; Project Meeting Planned

The meeting of the county court Wednesday was enlivened by a delegation from Goldendale who wished the county court to give its aid to shortening the distance from the Columbia River highway-Sherman highway junction to the ferry as a means of making it easier for travellers to follow the route of Highway 97.

The delegation, John McEwan, vice-president of the Maryhill Bridge Association, George Shane and J. S. Sutherland came over solely to meet the court and urge the cooperation of this county, officially and otherwise toward development of the highway that is common to both counties.

Other than this there was little excitement abroad in the court room; other departments or county affairs held the attention of visitors during the day. Two prisoners in the sheriff's office and the meeting of the relief committee were more exciting affairs.

Minor matters were the leasing of the county's land in Giliam county, formerly owned by Wm. Shiel, to H. M. Shull, with an option to buy and the payment of an assortment of bills such as usually faces the court.

Friday night a special meeting of the court will be held at the Moro Hotel to decide on projects for relief work this winter. Engineer Homer Wall will be present. The county proposes to apply for several small projects in thickly settled places in the county and allow the incorporated towns to put in projects for their unemployed.

News Of Forty Years Ago Recalls County Pioneer

From the Observer Sept. 8, 1905

Frank Sayrs met with a wonderful escape last week. He was inside the combine oiling when a man pitched some sacks out of the dog house which frightened a colt that scared the team (30 head of horses) and away they went on a dead run with no driver. Dick Morgan caught on to the ladder and in the seat once stopped the team alright, but in a frightful mix-up. Mr. Sayrs came out without a scratch, but some one said he looked a little wild. Damages slight.

Mrs. Emma Johnston having sold her farm is about to return east. We understand that J. C. Teal was purchaser. Consideration \$300.00 per acre.

H. O. Shugart has stopped paying house rent in Moro. He purchased the Everett White residence property, house, barn and two lots, consideration \$750.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Armsworth and little ones are at the fair this week. We were pleased to see Mrs. A. enroute, and hope the trip may prove to be beneficial to her.

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WASCO SCHOOL OPENS WITH MODERN SET-UP

Grades And High School Fully Departmentalized

FIVE INSTRUCT HIGH SCHOOL

Other Schools Opening Monday September 10

The ring of the school bell is a reality in one town of the county and is an expected event in all the others. The 1934-35 school term began at Wasco Monday with registration of students and general assemblies and regular classes started Tuesday. Other schools begin September 10.

A reorganization has been effected at Wasco which places the upper four grades of the grammar school almost on a par with the high school in point of departmentalization and variety of instruction offered. Each pupil in the upper grades will have four teachers and those in high school will have five teachers if they take that many subjects.

This change in administrative practices has been possible because five of the teachers employed are qualified to teach both high and grade subjects. The arrangement gives Principal McCulloch charge of the civics in the grades commercial law, elementary business, typing and American history; Miss Carvel, English and agriculture in the grades; Mr. Critchfield, science, physical education director (which means that he will give each high school child some physical activity each day); Miss Clothier, mathematics and bookkeeping in high school and grades; Miss Rickards, history, music and geography. Music will include grade and high school orchestra and glee clubs. Debate, public speaking and dramatics will be handled by Miss Carvel. Each teacher will be responsible for an equal number of assembly programs.

The schedule has been arranged so that there is a 20 minute period at the end of each day which will be used to give special coaching to children who are having difficulty with any subject. No recesses will be given in the upper grades.

Enrollment for the first day was 81 in the grades, an increase of 7 over last year's first day and 43 in the high school, which is equal to the highest mark reached last year.

Registration and enrollment in the other schools will not be made until next week, but it is understood that public speaking will be

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