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With the special election now a matter of history and a primary election coming up in May, thoughts of the politically minded naturally turn to thoughts of public office and the 116 state and federal jobs for which the two major parties will be selecting their candidates. Included in the list is one United States senatorship, three members of Congress, three supreme court justices, a state treasurer, an attorney general, six circuit judges, 25 district attorneys, 60 state representatives and 16 state senators.

In the United States senate the term of Chas. L. McNary, republican, expires with the current year. Congressmen being elected for only two year terms seats of all members of the House will be open to contest. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, and I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, are completing four year terms. Both are republicans, and both are candidates to succeed themselves. On the supreme court bench the terms of Harry H. Belt, J. U. Campbell and Percy R. Kelly expire this year. On the circuit bench judges whose terms are expiring include L. H. McMahon of the third district, comprising Marion and Linn counties; John P. Winter and Clarence H. Gilbert of the fourth district comprising Multnomah county; Fred H. Wilson of the seventh district comprising Hood River and Wasco counties; G. H. McCulloch of the eighth district comprising Baker county; and Chas. W. Ellis of the ninth district comprising Grant, Harney and Malheur counties.

Twenty-five of the state's 36 counties will ballot on district attorneys. The 11 counties in which this office is a hold-over include Benton, Curry, Gilliam, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake and Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, Polk and Walla. Candidates will be nominated for all 60 of the seats in the Hall of Representatives of the state legislature and for 16 seats in the state senate. The extra vacancy in the senate occurs through the resignation of Jack E. Allen of Umatilla county following adjournment of the 1935 regular session. J. G. Barratt who was named to succeed Allen serves only until next January and his successor will be elected for only a two year term. Other senatorial districts in which vacancies will occur this year include Douglas county; Josephine; Coos; Curry; Washington; Clackamas; Multnomah (4); Hood River-Wasco; Crook-Deschutes-Jefferson-Klamath-Lake; Gilliam-Sherman-Wheeler; Union-Wallowa; Grant-Harney-Malheur; Lincoln-Tillamook.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans will also elect a national committee man, a national committee women, ten delegates to the national conventions and 1630 precinct conveniemen.

Wallace S. Wharton, Portland newspaper man, took over his new job as executive secretary to the governor Saturday. No announcement has yet been made as to the nature of his duties except that he will succeed D. O. Hood as director of the budget. If Wharton's duties are to be confined to the budget department the purpose of the legislative act creating the new post will be effectively defeated. Sponsors of the measure were interested primarily in supplanting W. L. Goslin, the governor's private secretary, in his capacity as political advisor to the governor with a man of more mature political experience.

Rumor has it that eventually Goslin who has been blamed for most of the faux pas of the present administration, will be transferred to another and more lucrative post and the combined secretarial duties shouldered upon Wharton.

Governor Martin and State Treasurer Holman do not agree as to the status of state funds. A short time ago Holman announced that the state had \$11,500,000 of idle funds on which the banks refused to pay any interest. The announcement is said to have brought a deluge of crank letters to both the treasury and executive departments with innumerable suggestions for profitable use of the funds, ranging from financing of old age pensions to relief of hard pressed individual tax payers. This week the governor issued a statement in which he branded the "rumor" pointing out that all of the state's funds are earmarked for

Futurity For Peter Quick Colts Draws Entries

Three entrants have already been listed for the Peter Quick futurity which will be held Friday of the county fair next September. There are 13 two year old colts in the county having Peter Quick as a sire and other entrants are expected to be sent in to the fair board secretary soon, as the training period will begin when the weather opens up a bit.

Colts already entered are U. S. Grant, owned by Augustus von Borstel, Sis Kent, owned by Durward Helyer and Prince Rupert, owned by W. C. Helyer. The prize for the race has been given by Guy Matthews of the Granada Theatre whose interest in horse racing is ever fresh. Entrance fees to the race are being paid by him without cost to the owner of the horse.

Young People Celebrate Anniversary

Members of the high school and junior Christian Endeavor societies of the Presbyterian church observed the fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization with a banquet, Thursday night, February 6. There were forty present. During the program the young people were reminded that Dr. Francis E. Clark, pastor of the Williston Congregational church, Portland, Maine, proposed Christian Endeavor as an organization where youth had opportunity to serve Christ and the Church. Ted Thompson, president of the high school society, and Wyman French, head of the juniors, responded for their groups. Wyman presented a birthday cake as the juniors contribution. Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore presided.

History Traced From Relics Found Nearby

Smithsonian Institute Conducts Research In Deschutes Valley

Visions of prehistoric Neanderthal or Cro-Magnon man roaming the plains of eastern Oregon from 15,000 to 50,000 years ago, perhaps hunting or discreetly avoiding the strange and now extinct animals of his day, were created by a recent report of excavation by the University of Oregon State Museum of Anthropology. The work consisted of text diggings on the Deschutes national forest at Wickiup dam site, about 40 miles southwest of Bend, Oregon, where ancient obsidian knives had been unearthed in 1934 by a survey party of the U. S. reclamation bureau. The knives were found at a depth of five feet beneath a two foot layer of pumice and three feet of yellow soil and gravel.

"We have here evidence of early man in the high plateau country of eastern Oregon when the now dry lake beds were filled with vast bodies of water," states L. S. Cronin, curator of anthropology at the University and chief of the archaeological party.

Forest Service Aide

Authorized by the U. S. forest service and the Smithsonian Institution to make excavations, the party chose an area 20 foot square centering on the exact point where the knives had been found. Excavation was carried down to a depth of approximately 6 feet into a stratum of clean black gravel underneath the hardpan on top of which the knives were embedded. No additional implements or skeletal remains were found but important archaeological facts were established.

"The knives were made of obsidian which has become highly dehydrated," states the report. "They show a primitive quality of workmanship roughly approximating late Mousterian or early Aurignacian. While flaked on both sides, the flaking is very lightly done on the nodular surface. The stems are not retouched nor do the surfaces show complete retouching as a characteristic of the later work in the area."

Excavation work, according to

Mercury Drops 30 Degrees Chilling County

Wheat Not Believed Seriously Damaged By Sudden Change Although White Wheats May Suffer If Cold Remains

The Chinook of last Thursday was still quickly that night by opposition from another quarter. An east wind arose to chill the atmosphere and send the gleeful chinook back to its seacoast habitat.

It was a shock to the thermometer as well for instead of the mercury hanging around freezing it dropped in one night to around zero and has remained there every since. Ground that was already frozen to a depth of six inches is now a solid crust for a foot or more in the opinion of those who have observed frost conditions previously. It is a theory, however, for no one has announced that he has actually penetrated the frost with axe or spade to get the scientific low-down on the situation.

Snow Falls on Frozen Ground

To add to the wintry touch brought by the east wind a snow storm started Tuesday afternoon and at this time there is four or five inches of snow spread over the county. According to the measurements made at the experiment station there is half an inch of moisture in the snow, but no one has any expectancy of getting it out of the snow and into the ground.

Worry about the wheat, while not very intense, will grow every day until conditions are such that farmers are satisfied that the wheat is growing again. No fear at all is at present felt for the true winter wheat which comprises much the largest part of the acreage sown.

Wheat Thought O. K.

There may be some danger to the soft wheats like Federation if the weather remains cold for many days longer. The covering of snow will aid it too, unless later winds drift the snow around.

No one who reads the stories of intense cold in the east and mid west is able to feel anyway but cheerful over the comparative mildness of the cold snap in this county. An even zero was the lowest recorded by the official government thermometer although other gauges showed a lower reading.

Principals Of County To Study Activities

Henry Tetz is chairman of a committee to study student activities in high schools and a group of principals near Rufus have been put on the committee. Harold Hughes of Grass Valley, F. C. Darby of Kent, John Walker of Moro, and C. E. Willard of Arlington are other members of the committee.

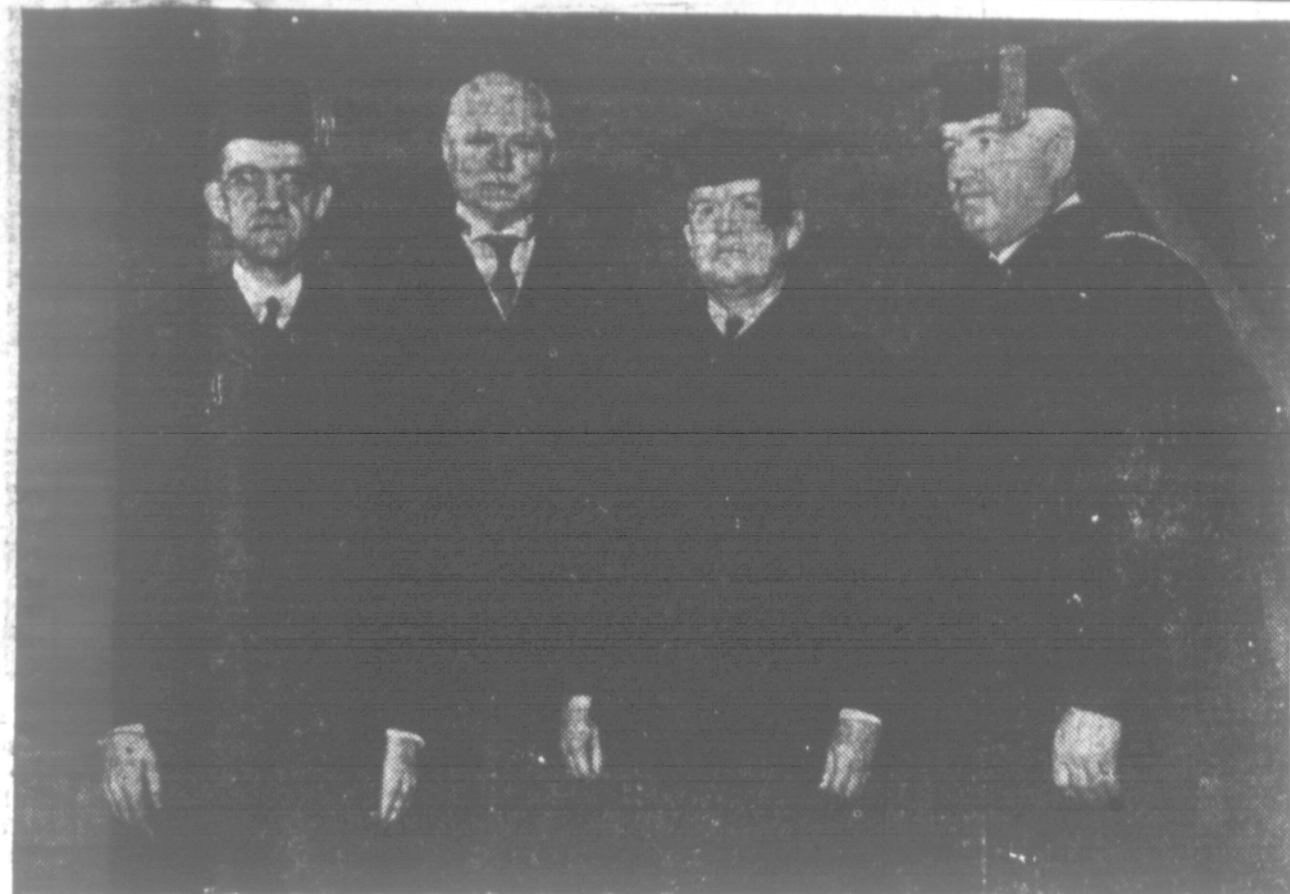
The report of the findings of the group will be given next summer when school principals gather in Salem during July to discuss the affairs of public education as exemplified in Oregon.

CCC Boys Work Under Handicaps Now

Boys at the CCC camp have been working on several projects this week that are only remotely related to soil conservation. The very solid condition of the earth is the cause of their change in occupation. The rabbit drive of last week was one example of variety given them from cutting frozen ground. Monday a bunch of the boys moved the loose material at the city dump ground. Since the weather continues cold they are to be used to remove the buck brush or grease wood from range land and burn it. This project will start along Grass Valley canyon.

Anyone having magazines of no further use to them may take them to the postoffice from where they will be sent to the CCC camp where they will be read by the boys.

WHEN DR. BOYER WAS INAUGURATED!



Dr. Clarence Valentine Boyer (left) was formally inaugurated as the sixth president of the University of Oregon at an impressive and colorful ceremony Thursday afternoon. Others in the picture, all of whom took prominent part in the event, are, left to right: Governor Charles H. Martin, Willard L. Mearns, president of the state board of higher education, and Dr. Frederick M. Hume, chancellor of higher education.

Legionnaires To Entertain Auxiliaries

Legionnaires of Chris Schultz post, Moro, are going to try to entertain the ladies of the post as well as the ladies entertained them last month. Not only the ladies of the Auxiliary, but the wives and families of all Legionnaires and prospective Legionnaires are invited to the affair.

The date chosen is next Wednesday, February 19 and the place will be the Legion hall. Entertainment is still being planned and will depend somewhat on the weather conditions existing that night. Dinner cooked by hard masculine hands is being considered by "Slater" Brisbane chairman of the committee for the entertainment.

Erosion Service Recommends Keeping Records

Before sound conclusions can be drawn concerning agricultural research, the farmers of America will have to adopt methods of record keeping which will not only furnish reliable information to the economists, but will give the individual farmer an index of his business. This was the opinion recently expressed and emphasized at the New York meeting of the American Farm Economic Association.

Records Aid Any Enterprise

The value of complete records of all farm enterprises has been stressed in earlier issues of the Northwest. Farm records are so important, however, that they can not be over emphasized.

A complete financial account—simple though the system may be that is used—will guide the farmer in future investments by his experiences from those of the past. If continued cropping and improper tillage is depleting the fertility of his soil, his record book will show it. If some areas of his farm are already submarginal to the crop he is growing on them, the profit and loss balance will show it. If one phase of diversification is making the farmer money, and another is not showing a gain, his record will quickly reveal the weak practice.

Diversification Necessary

Diversification is necessary if agriculture is to be maintained on a permanent basis. Diversification requires the keeping of accurate records because the losses from one enterprise may cost the farmer more than he makes from another well-managed enterprise.

With this first month of 1936 at hand, every farmer who has not been keeping complete records has an excellent opportunity to start. If accounts are carefully kept from 2 or 3 months now, the ease and habit of recording transactions will be established before field work begins in the spring. Northwest.

Political Matters Warming Up In County Affairs

Many Contestants Indicated For Judge and Sheriff Posts

In most parts of the county there is talk of candidates for the county offices which will be contested for in the May primaries and the November election. At least six candidates are being mentioned for the position of county judge alone although it is not presumed that all of them will declare their intentions in any one year.

Present Officers Quiet

No statement has been made by the present office holders about their intentions regarding the nomination and until this is done there will be some hesitancy on the part of the political neophytes.

The office of sheriff always, apparently, draws a larger number of candidates than any other office and it may be expected that before long others will be in the field to contest for the place in addition to C. C. Wilson who is seeking the Democratic nomination. Rumor has it that each of the towns will have at least one candidate for this office.

County Officers Up

Voters of the county will elect a judge, one commissioner, a clerk, a sheriff, an assessor, a district attorney, a county school superintendent. No contest may be expected in the race for district attorney as George Updegraff is probably the only one in the county who can qualify for the position and there is no probability of a race for the superintendent's chair.

The other offices are expected to provide interest for the candidates and perhaps some interest for the voters who are concerned about the efficiency of county government.

Updegraff Has Rough Trip To See Hoover

George Updegraff and wife braved the wind swept and snow covered Columbia river gorge highway Tuesday night and again Wednesday night in order to hear ex-president Herbert Hoover speak before the Lincoln Day crowd in Portland. After the speech and a chat with Mrs. Hoover for whom he acted as secretary about ten years ago the Updegraffs started for home about 8:30, arriving here at four in the morning. The roads were not good at all, says George, who made the first part of the trip by way of the Evergreen highway in Washington.

Mrs. Mary E. Phillips was buried here Monday February 3. Her death occurred January 31 in Pendleton after a lingering illness. She had been a resident of this county for many years.

Wasco Music Club Sponsors Minstrel Show

The Wasco Civic Singers will present a minstrel show Saturday night at the Opera house there as their winter contribution to community entertainment. Nearly every member of the singers is in the cast of the minstrel which is being directed musically by Mrs. Maude Akers and dramatically by Mrs. Homer Dixon. William Clothier will act as pianist. An after-piece, consisting of a short skit will be directed by Mrs. Dixon with Margaret Johnson, Oscar Humburg, Floyd Root and Max Williams in the cast.

Maine Cow Gives Milk Eleven Years

From a magazine published in Boston, Mass. by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is published the following account of a wonderful cow. It appears under a picture of a rather ordinary looking dark colored beast with a typically sad expression: "This is not the famous cow with a crumpled horn, but worthy of note. She is twenty four years old. For eleven years she has had no calf to warm her motherly heart, but she has still kept right on rewarding her owners, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fletcher, of Freedom, Maine, with the daily supply for four quarts of milk."

Henry Tetz To Speak At Women's Meeting

The Moro Woman's Club will meet this Friday at the home of Mrs. Foss. Because of bad weather the meeting was called off last week. Henry Tetz, principal of the Rufus schools, will speak on "International Relations" during the program.

Sick Sheep Doctored At Mid-night

County Agent Johnston and Veterinarian Miller were busy Tuesday night giving Hemorrhagic Septicemia bacterin to a bunch of sheep belonging to Walter Bruckert near Klondike. Other bands of sheep in the same neighborhood are said to be sick with the same or a similar disease.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Thompson are guests at the A. J. Murray home this week.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Feb. 6	40	33	.03
" 7	33	1	.00
" 8	13	0	.00
" 9	12	5	.00
" 10	17	8	.00
" 11	16	10	.00
" 12	20	13	.47
Total for week			.50

New Fair Board Plans 1936 Fair In September

Some Improvements Projected For Fair Grounds Before Next Fall; Says Elected Chairman Of New Fair Directorate

The Sherman County fair board, newly appointed and newly initiated into the mysteries of putting on a fair, was held last Monday in the office of the county agent. Election of officers resulted in the choice of Omer Sayrs as president, T. M. Rolfe as vice president and Perry Johnston as secretary-treasurer, for the year. The present law governing county fairs designates that three men shall constitute the fair board instead of the five man board that has functioned in this county since the beginning of the fairs. A. H. Barnum and Fred Cox, members of the old board, are acting as advisory members, on appointment by the court.

Date Set In September

General discussion of plans for the fair was held with members and advisory members both taking part. Suggestions made for the betterment of the seating arrangements at the grounds were the construction of a row of boxes in front of the present grandstand to be sold as reserved seats, the purchase of seats for the grandstand with money raised by an additional charge, and the moving of the grandstand turnstiles to the foot of the stairs to eliminate over crowding on the steps.

Dates chosen for the fair this year were September 3-4-5 which is the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in September. The state fair this year will begin the 7th of September which is Labor Day. The Pendleton Round-Up dates have been set for the 10-11-12 of that month.

These dates will permit prize winning club children to go immediately to Salem with their stock without returning home.

Grounds to be Improved

Concessions have already been tentatively arranged for the fair this year. Improvements to the grounds suggested at the meeting were a new gate for the stock closer to the barns in order to speed up the stock show and demonstrations given before the grandstand. Some changes will probably be made in the program for the fair when the board meets again next week. Bids for the caretaker job were opened but no choice was made at the first meeting.

Business On Upswing In Northwest

University of Oregon, Eugene, February—The upward swing in business that began early in 1933 continued its momentum during 1935 in nine cities selected for a study in the Northwest, and a definite recovery seems assured, it was found by business experts of the University of Oregon school of business administration. Results of the study are given this week in "Pacific Northwest Commerce and Industry," a monthly bulletin issued by the school's bureau of business research. The experts base their prediction on bank debits as a reliable index of general conditions. Cities studied include Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Eugene, Everett, Salem, Yakima and Bellingham.

Business Increases

Six of the cities registered an increase in bank debits in December. Only Yakima showed a decrease, but it ended the year somewhat ahead of 1934. Bellingham and Tacoma showed insignificant reactions for December, but are continuing their gains on an annual basis.

Eugene registered a larger gain for 1935 than did any of the other cities, with 24 percent in excess of 1934. Spokane gained 20.9 percent. Portland 14.7 percent, Tacoma 14.4 percent, and Seattle 13.5. The average net gain for the year was 5.7 percent.