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PICKING CANDIDATES

Various Republicans are now engaged in tossing their hats in the ring or trying to find some one to urge them to do so. It is a phenomenon that regularly occurs every four years in our land with the party out of office furnishing the major part of the excitement as the party in office is usually forced to nominate the incumbent who sits in the presidential chair.

Politicians differ as to the best procedure for prospective candidates to follow. Some like to get in the field early and others want to wait until a month or so before the conventions. Some have won either way.

Senator Borah, independent Idaho solon, has announced himself after years of flirting with the idea of being president. He has been criticized by Simeon D. Fess, former senator from Ohio, for entering the Ohio primary. It is, of course, Mr. Fess' privilege to criticize Mr. Borah whenever he pleases. It is an old American political custom anyhow, but nothing should be done to prevent Mr. Borah from entering the lists in Ohio or anywhere else. Republicanism will determine the kind of candidate they want and the widest choice possible should be theirs.

Party lines have been so badly stretched in the last few years to be of little consequence and if Republicans wish to vote for a liberal or a conservative they will be able to find a candidate in the party. The same applies to the Democrats.

There are ardent new dealers whose registration is Republican. There are plenty conservative Democrats who object to much that has been done recently under the name of the party. Those who vote for one party consistently never carry elections these days. It is the group that changes with the policies and candidates offered that is the deciding factor in national elections. In state and local elections the party label means less than does the qualifications of the candidate.

It is safe to assume that voters will speak their minds to such an extent that the party leaders who do the actual job of nominating will be able to pick candidates who will meet with the approval of each large class of voters.

RED FLANNELS

Some one is always taking the joy out of life. Now a writer for the Oregonian by a bit of snooping discerns the fact that the famed red flannels of literary allusion are no longer a purchasable commodity except in the smallest possible number.

So people don't wear them anymore. It is not surprising for kind of people who wore them are not found even though one goes amongst truck drivers, harvesters and others who do the brawny work of the country. Red flannels used to adorn the broad chests of forkers and sack sewer and warehouse wheat handlers and dock workers when heavy work was done by hand. Nowadays the forker is all but forgotten, the sack sewer never packs a sack to the pile and wheat handlers and others who help move the crop to its final destination are aided by machinery. Now a slim young man in greasy overalls may do the work of a dozen of the broad backed wearers of red flannel.

Agriculturally red flannel was a necessity in the days when work had to be done every day in the year to make a family living safe. It was appropriate in the days when grandpa rose at four even though there was four feet of snow on the ground. There was stock to feed, pumps to thaw and wood to cut. Hauling was done in the winter then to a great extent for a sled went over the rough roads better than did the awkward wagons of that day.

Men who worked out of doors the year 'round needed red flannels and with them they braved storms that would chill BVD clad moderns with its first breath. There was no heater at the turn of a button when grandpa started out for town with the oxen and the sleigh; the children didn't ride to school in a pre-warmed bus and warm clothes were as necessary as gasoline to this generation. We may feel happy that we no longer need to wear red flannels, but there must be a touch of sadness that the husky and tough men who wore them are also gone and a most forgotten.

Some doubt about the efficiency of state bookkeeping must arise in the mind of the citizen when he reads that the governor and the state treasurer are quarreling about the amount of money in the state sock. Most of us can tell in a couple of minutes how much we have in our pocket. State financing should not be so difficult that even the officers can not tell how much money there is on hand.

It is assumed that the wheat crop will appreciate the snow blanket as much as any of us would appreciate another blanket these cold nights.

The capitol building commission seem to have lots of time to buy and dicker for Salem property. Some of 'em are kinda old and if they don't hurry they'll never see the new capitol building at all.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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specific purposes with a deficit of more than \$1,000,000 in the general fund.

Filing of the referendum against senate bill 43 of the special session may have thrown a monkey wrench into the state's old age pension machinery, in the opinion of many legal and tax experts.

Under the old age pension act as amended by this bill all of the requirements of the federal government were met except that of providing state funds for matching Uncle Sam's contribution and many attorneys were of the opinion that this feature could have been taken care of by a court action to set aside the "diversion" section of the amendment act, releasing the \$1,000,000 which the legislature attempted to divert to general relief purposes.

The referendum filed by the Oregon Old Age Pension Defense League continues in effect the act of the 1935 regular session. This appropriates \$1,000,000 for pensions and fixes the age minimum at 70 years but contains a number of provisions which conflict with the federal act, such as that of county residence qualifications. State officers are hopeful that the National Security Board will be willing to overlook these minor conflicts in the state act and that Oregon may yet be able to qualify for participation in federal funds for the needy aged.

Forest fires in Oregon during 1935 burned over an area of 74,356 acres, resulting in a loss aggregating \$201,630, according to a report by J. W. Ferguson, state forester. Lightning started 348 of the fires but man was responsible for most of them. Incendiaries are charged with 287 of the year's fires, careless smokers started 371 and campers were responsible for 123.

Some political prognosticators around the state house are willing to risk their reputations on a prediction that the legislature will be called into special session again soon in spite of Governor Martin's repeated insistence that he would not convene the lawmakers again. These prophets based their predictions on the need for further legislative action to put Oregon in line for federal funds for old age pensions.

State salary increases aggregating \$285 a month for 15 employees of the public utilities department have been held up pending action by the board of control. The increases were sent through with the approval of Carl Cover, assistant budget director, and Dan Fry, secretary to the board of control, but were held up when it developed that the board had not passed upon the new pay schedule.

Marcus Aurelius

Marcus Aurelius wrote in Greek because he was a great admirer of the Greek culture, was a product of Greek philosophy, and had been schooled by Greek teachers. He had a great veneration for the city of Athens, and, visiting there, founded chairs of philosophy for each of the four principal sects—Platonic, Stoic, Peripatetic and Epicurean.

Tommy—I wonder why fat men are always so jolly and good natured?
 Billy—That's easy. They can't run and they can't fight.

In Other Days

From the Observer Feb. 16, 1917

That the old fashioned masquerade dance is still a popular means of entertainment among Sherman county folk was evidenced at Moro Opera house last Friday. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Porter, of Grass Valley, best sustained character, Red Cross Nurse; Mrs. R. C. Ornduff, Moro, most unique character, Cow Girl; R. A. Hogue, Grass Valley, most unique character, Mexican; R. D. Jackson, Moro, best sustained character, Col. Cody. J. F. Ashby and Clifford Van Metre were in Moro Wednesday from Grass Valley, both interested in a hack load of harness left with the Belshie Harness Shop for repairs.

H. T. Peugh and wife were visitors Saturday from Wasco at the home of Mrs. Peugh's parents, C. G. Huls and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLachlan were up from Portland over Sunday as special guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Axtell, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Axtell, who entertained her two sisters, Mrs. P. J. Dillinger and Mrs. W. A. Woods and brother Dan McLachlan and their families in honor of the occasion.

From the Observer Feb. 15, 1907

Tom W. Brennan, Hans Thompson and Sid Mosier, made a forced drive to Moro on the 8th, from the Pat McDonald farm, returning on the 9th. It was not a pleasure trip. They took The Observer of the 8th for the Monkland post-office.

George N. Crossfield, who was up on the 11th from Wasco, estimated the damage to streets there by floods this month at not less than \$2000. One cut would secrete a train of freight cars, the tops of which would not show above the level of the street.

G. C. Vinton and Miss Echo Baker were married in Grass Valley Sunday and proceeded to Portland and the coast on a bridal tour. They will be at home in their new Grass Valley residence next month. Long have we known these happy young people, and heartily do we extend them all the joyful congratulations that accompany a voyage like this in life.

Dr. J. Fred James has not given up his Moro business office temporarily at Antelope.

ADJUTANT GENERAL



Brig. Gen. Edgar T. Conley, who was appointed adjutant general of the United States army with the rank of major general. He succeeds Maj. Gen. James F. McKinley, retiree.



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New Hair Dressing Styles for the Women



Ferdinand Graff, movieland hair stylist, presents the new hair styles of 1936 for American women as adopted by the National Hair Dressers association. Left to right are: Helene Ecklemd of "At Home Abroad," who displays the "Ringlet" style; Violet Carson of "Jumbo" wearing the "Dubonnet" style; Hazel Boinger, platinum blonde artists' model, displaying the "Doll"; Marjorie Hoff, recently chosen as the girl with the most perfect figure, wearing "Personality" as a crown, and Ethel Summerville, of "Anything Goes," going high-hat with the "Park Avenue."

Child Health Study Being Made In Schools

An examination of the health practices of 3,500 children varying in ages from 4 to 13 years was made in New York state in 1931. The study included: sleep and rest; over fatigue; posture; play and work and eating habits; cleanliness and health protection; mental health. More than seventy-five percent of the children of these ages were getting too little sleep during the school week. This increased considerably over the week end. As to fatigue, thirteen per cent of children showed such indications as listlessness, inattention, irritability and nervous excitability during the school day. In addition, thirty per cent showed signs of strain at certain periods of the day; this being particularly noticeable among slow children. The study showed a marked occurrence of posture defects. In considering work and play, such factors as outdoor and indoor recreation, attendance at motion pictures, length of noon recess length of school day and participation in home work were studied. It was found that fifty per cent had no outdoor recreation in the school program and it appeared that over seventy five per cent spent an hour or less at play outdoors outside of school hours. Those attending motion pictures ranged from twenty one to seventy per cent

among the various age groups. A careful study of the food and eating habits showed a majority of children taking inadequate amounts of milk; tea and coffee were used by twenty five to fifty per cent; and half of the children were not eating enough vegetables and fruits. The candy between meals habit was present among two thirds of the children. Lack of appetite for breakfast was frequently noticed, but appetite problems seemed to decrease with age. As to personal cleanliness, this seemed less serious a problem than facilities in schools for protecting against the spread of colds and other communicable diseases, such as handwashing after use of the toilet and before eating, individual drinking cups and proper use of the handkerchief.

Mental health of children was studied from various angles to note indications of dependence on parents and adults for everyday needs, disinterest in school and home activities, inability to get along with the others, and emotional distortion such as fear, worry etc. This study has considerable value in preparing a health program for schools. Educators, school physicians and school nurses can use this data in formulating standards for health practices for school children. The health needs of children can be better determined by the extension of such studies in all of our schools.

The CCC boys are playing for a dance in the Moro hall Saturday night. The Legion is sponsoring the dance.

The Perl Pierson baby that was so seriously ill a few days ago is resting easier the past few days according to reports.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S. Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.
 Esther Morris, W. M.
 Rose Amidon, Secretary.

Eureka Lodge No. 121, A. F. & A. M. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month. Visiting members invited.
 H. B. Pinkerton, W. M.
 C. V. Beckler, Secy.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.
 Lewis McKee, N. G.
 Joe Fruit, Secretary.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.
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