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Early signs point to a bumper crop of primary candidates. With nearly six weeks remaining in which to file for a place on the May ballot volunteers for public service are springing up with a profusion reminiscent of dandelions on a neglected lawn.

Indications are that Chas. E. McNary, republican, will have competition within his own party for the senatorial nomination to which W. E. Burke, state senator from Yamhill County, is said to aspire. Willis Mahoney, fiery mayor of Klamath Falls will probably have a clear field for the Democratic nomination.

In the first Oregon district Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, and Walter Norblad, youthful Clatsop county legislator, both admit that they are giving serious consideration to suggestions that they enter the lists against James W. Mott, incumbent, for the republican nomination for Congress. No democrats have as yet definitely announced as candidates for this office but many are being mentioned including Walter Fisher of Roseburg, a veteran state legislator; Earl M. Nott of McMinnville, district attorney for Yamhill county, and W. A. Delsell of Salem, the democratic nominee of four years ago.

Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande already has competition for the democratic nomination for Congress in the second Oregon district in the person of V. S. Howard of Madras who has already filed his formal declaration with the secretary of state. On the republican side of the political fence there will also be at least two contenders for Congressional honors. Clarence B. Phillips of Burns is already in the race and C. D. Nicholson of Hood River, has let it be known that he expects to enter. All four of these candidates are supporters of the Townsend old age pension plan.

Congressional candidacies in the third district are not so far advanced as in the other two districts. William A. Ekwall, incumbent, will try for a come-back but is expected to have competition for the republican nomination by some Townsend candidate. Elton Watkins who had a brief taste of life at Washington, D. C. some ten years ago is understood to aspire to Ekwall's seat and will probably seek the Democratic nomination.

Oregon's formal request for a share of Uncle Sam's old age pension fund will be in the hands of the National Security board within the week. This will put the state's old age pension set-up squarely before the federal board for acceptance or rejection. Opinion here is fairly evenly divided as to the outcome. Many believe the board will overlook the discrepancies in the Oregon act, permitting this state to participate in the federal appropriation for assistance of the needy aged on a 50-50 basis. Others are not so optimistic and fear that nothing short of additional legislative action to correct the pension act can satisfy the requirements of the federal act.

Carl F. Gould, consulting architect employed by the capitol reconstruction commission, expects the new state house to be completed and ready for occupancy by April, 1938. Interest in the new building is wide spread. Inquiries have been received from more than 50 architects in all sections of the nation.

Governor Martin frowns on the proposal of the city of Salem to turn Wilson park over to the state for capitol purposes. The governor suspects a plot to thwart the will of the legislators as outlined in the capitol bill limiting the new state house to the old site.

Securities in which funds of the World War Veterans State Aid commission has invested its sinking fund have increased in value by approximately \$230,000 since the dark days of 1932 according to State Treasurer Holman. Auditors advised the commission to dispose of the securities four years ago and take their loss, amounting at that time to approximately \$200,000. The sale was opposed by Holman and Jerrold Owen, secretary of the commission.

Tuberculosis, the white plague, can be entirely eliminated, in the opinion of Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state tuberculosis hospital.

Two things are needed to attain

Auction Sale Postponed Until February 27

Chester Smith had a bit of hard luck for his sale last Monday when he drew the coldest day of the winter so far. The mercury held to the zero mark all day, and few customers came to bid.

Mr. Smith postponed his sale until Thursday, February 27 when it is expected that the weather will be more favorable. George Goch-nour will act as auctioneer and more horses and machinery will be offered for sale than was at first listed. Walter Bruckert having arranged to sell some horses at the sale.

Tractor School Is Well Attended

Despite rather inclement weather the tractor school held at Wasco Tuesday under the auspices of the O'Meara Implement Company was very well attended, about 125 being registered at the desk.

R. B. Knapp was the main speaker as he explained the pictures and displays of machine parts; Victor Wallace and Guy Money, district supervisors, and Pete Ray picture machine operator, also had a part in showing farmers how the Caterpillar Diesels operate. Lunch was served by the ladies' organization of Wasco and was free to the patrons of the show.

Sheep Innoculated For Septiciemia

About 2000 head of sheep have been given Haemorrhagic Septiciemia bacterin within the past ten days by Dr. Miller and the county agent. Flocks affected were those of Walter Bruckert, Marie Barnett Cooper, Alfred Kock and Luther Davis. Several other sheep owners are preparing to vaccinate their sheep as a preventative measure. The cost of the treatment is about ten cents per head and it is a cure for the disease or a preventative against it.

\$300,000,000 Appropriated To Wind Up AAA

Passage by congress of an appropriation bill providing close to \$300,000,000 for use by the AAA in winding up its crop control programs invalidated by the supreme court, removes all doubt that Oregon contract holders will be fully compensated for compliance already performed prior to the rendering of the court decision January 6.

Estimates vary as to the amount due Oregon farmers under these contracts, but officials of the Oregon State college extension service believe the figure for old contracts alone will be around \$1,340,000. Some estimates have been even higher.

Payments To Be Made

To this total may also be added payments for compliance by wheat growers on the new program contracts, applications for which had been signed and compliance made by winter wheat growers. Nothing definite has been announced as to this group, however, and further word is awaited.

In preparations for cleaning up the past obligations of the government under the crop control program. Oregon officials have been notified from Washington to return records and materials to county control associations and have these proceeded with the work much as they had been doing under past regulations.

New Low In Preparation

Meanwhile congress is working on new agricultural adjustment built around federal aid in a soil conservation program which is expected to accomplish some of the purposes of the AAA crop control programs. It contains many features, in fact, toward which the AAA was gradually working in the transition from the emergency to a permanent policy of agricultural adjustment and cooperation.

A financial report has just been issued showing total expenditures

Erosion Boards Organize For Soil Conservation

Omer Says Writes of Value and Cost of Erosion Dams and Use To Which They May Be Put In Farm Management

The board of directors of the three soil conservation units in Sherman county met Saturday at the court house to talk over the problems they are facing to show the value of soil conservation in such a manner that a large part of the land owners of the county will be willing to cooperate with the government in caring for the land so that it will retain its productivity.

Adams Made President

James B. Adams was elected president of the combined group of erosion directors and T. M. Rolfe and G. H. Root were made vice presidents for the ends of the county.

As a means of informing farmers and land owners of the value of soil conservation a series of articles regarding the several phases of work being done in this county were to be prepared by different members of the directorate. The following article by Omer G. Sayers has to do with dams that have been built by CCC labor on his place south of Moro.

DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

by Omer G. Sayers

All my life I have heard people say, "if Sherman county only had fifteen or twenty acres of sub-irrigated or meadow land on each section, what a country we would have." The green feed for our cows, sheep and hogs, along with the abundance of dry feed we have would sure be great.

This dream can come true at a very little expense by building dams to hold the run off. A dam that will back water over an acre of ground a few feet deep should sub-irrigate ten acres or more. Around these dams and below you can have the stock grazing and the gardens growing.

Dams Inexpensive

The dams the CCC boys built on my place last fall cost me the wear and tear on myself and caterpillar for four days and not to exceed twenty dollars in cash. By the time this snow is gone they will have held over a million gallons of water from run-off. These dams were built of dirt, rock, stub fences and straw bottoms. Old lumber and bent up woven wire, or in other words, all the junk one has on the farm is put in a pile in such a way that it forms a dam.

State Utility To Have Pendleton Branch

Marshall E. Neuman, Field Supervisor, Motor Transportation of Public Utilities Commission, is touring eastern Oregon and will establish headquarters for Alvin Miller at Pendleton. Mr. Miller will be in charge of the territory between The Dalles and the Idaho line and South as far as Burns and Bend.

The establishment of a representative in the Eastern Oregon country is in line with the Commissioner's announced program of some time ago to cooperate and render every possible assistance to persons engaged in the carriage of persons or property under the authority of the Motor Transportation Act. Both Mr. Neuman and Mr. Miller will be very glad to meet and cooperate with all operators, and will give the mevery assistance in adjusting any matters which are now difficult of understanding.

Other districts are now being planned throughout the state, each of which will be in charge of a District Supervisor. It is hoped that this will be a means of a closer relationship between the motor carrier and the commission so that the matter of compliance with the law will be more easily understood by those operating under the commission's jurisdiction, and at the same time receive the benefit and assistance of a representative of the commission without the necessity of incurring expense and time for travel to Salem.

Tetz Speaks On International Harmony

In order to create harmony in international relations there must be cultivation of an abiding attitude of understanding of others, through education, religion and social intercourse. Henry Tetz, principal of the Rufus schools, told members of the Moro Woman's Club, Friday afternoon, when he spoke on "International Relations." The meeting was at the home of Mrs. John Foss.

Other numbers on the program were furnished by visitors from Rufus. Anna Coats, Marie Mathieson and Josephine Bryant sang. There was a tap dance by Jacqueline Tetz, Phyllis Medler and Rosanna Macnab. Miss Earle Mae Murdoch was accompanist. Mrs. L. V. Moore was director of the meeting.

The club voted to invite a group women from the University of Oregon to discuss "What Permanent Plan of Relief Should We Adopt?" They will be in Moro on March 27th.

Three Candidates For County Offices

Nahouse and Wilson for Sheriff; Viola Hansen for County Clerk

The announcement this week of another avowed candidate for sheriff and one for clerk adds fuel to the fire of political interest with in the county. Lester Nahouse, who has been deputy sheriff since the spring of 1929, will make the race for the Republican nomination for the head of the office. It is understood that Hugh Chrisman, sheriff since shortly after the war, will not run again but will retire on his already won laurels.

Miss Viola Hansen has been acting as deputy clerk for six years, and since the illness of George C. Vinton, present clerk, has been in charge of the office, announces her candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office. She first achieved distinction in this county as 4-H club winner and represented the state in national competition. Mr. Vinton will not be a candidate.

No Court Candidates Appear

The situation regarding candidacies for commissioner and judge has not been clarified to any great extent during the week. There is a movement to elect a commissioner from the north end and a judge from the central part of the county. Two reasons are given for this idea. First is that the county business might be conducted a bit more easily if the judge lived near the court house and second, the north end has held the judgeship for 18 years.

Ben Liffin, publisher of The Dalles Mountaineer, has announced his candidacy for delegate to the Republican convention which will be held in Cleveland next June.

February Doings Of The County Court

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY TERM, 1936

February 5th, 1936 being the time for the regular term of the County Court for Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Hon. County Court did on said date meet in Clerk's office in County Court-house at Moro, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. The following officers were present:

Hon. Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; A. A. Dunlap, County Commissioner; P. C. Axtell, County Commissioner; Viola Hansen, Deputy Clerk, and Geo. G. Updegraff, District Attorney.

The following proceedings were had at said term of Court:
IN THE MATTER OF PAYING CLAIMS PRESENTED AT SAID TERM AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND: Claims listed on page 160 to 167, inclusive, against the General Fund, in the Claim Docket, are hereby ordered paid and the Clerk is instructed to draw warrants against the General Fund to cover said claims.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING CLAIMS PRESENTED AT SAID TERM AGAINST THE ROAD (Continued on page three)

Weather Remains Cold Through Another Week

Snow Covering On Fields May Be of Little Value Except As Protection Against Frost; Run-Off May Erode Lands

The weather man has not been so hard on the residents of Sherman county as on the citizens of the middle west but even so a majority of those who went about shivering during the last two weeks have been willing to cry "enough" and let the chill blamed east have the meteorological endurance record. This matter of speaking of the cold snap in the past tense may be out of order as this is written for there is no overpowering evidence that a chinook is on its way across the hills to chase the snow off the fields, test the CCC dams and take the chill out of the marrow of citizens' bones.

Snow Falls Daily

A little snow has fallen almost every day of the week but as the cold remained there was less and less chance that it would ever achieve the aim of all good snows and be absorbed into the ground to push the wheat stalks into the sunshine next spring. There is a general belief that the snow moisture, nearly the full half inch of it, will go roaring down the draws full of silt, down the canyons carrying debris and mud and on into the ever waiting river where it will be just another flood. As a sand bar the soil becomes a menace to man's success instead of an aid to his welfare.

Saturday Night Coldest

Saturday night had the distinction of being the coldest of the winter to date, when the thermometer dropped to nine below zero at the station. Monday night it was eight below. Since that time the weather has been more moderate and temperatures above zero have been recorded as coldest for the 24 hour periods.

More Snow Probable

Radio weather prophets who have been announcing a snow storm for this area may be correct yet as indications are such that a snow might be possible. Warmer days and cloudy skies lead to this belief. The value of snow, of course, will depend on how it goes off.

Joseph P. Lindeman Dies In The Dalles

Joseph P. Lindeman, father of Clarence Lindeman and Mrs. Alta Willard, and an old time resident of Rufus was buried in The Dalles Wednesday. He died Monday morning at the age of 78 years. He had lived in Rufus for fifty five years. He was a native of Nebraska. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Effie Lindeman, a daughter, Mrs. Alta Willard, two sons, Clarence and Robert of California and a brother in Sublette, Kansas.

Ice Skating Is Popular Sport For Local People

Ice skating, a sport that has not been indulged in by Sherman county for many a long winter, has become popular this week. It was started it is said, because Mr. and Mrs. George Updegraff and Mr. and Mrs. Marius Douma when returning from The Dalles Sunday saw skaters on the locks near Celilo. Curiosity and a dull afternoon caused them to try the sport themselves and lo, and behold, now everyone who can rustle a pair of skates is trying it.

Most popular pond is that caused by the dam on the Sayers place where local people gather each night. Some drive to the Columbia however to indulge in the pastime. Walking with a limp has become socially correct the last few days and frozen ears are a mark of distinction.

Peterson Is New Power & Light Man In Moro

Harry O. Peterson has been appointed as representative of the Pacific Power & Light Co. in Sherman county succeeding Stanley Reavis who, with his wife, left for Arlington Monday.

Mr. Peterson is a native of Astoria but has been in The Dalles office of the company for four years. He will move into the Williams house that was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Reavis. His experience has been in the office of the company but while here he will have charge of the entire facilities of the company. Mr. Reavis will do outside work entirely in Arlington.

Moro School Closed For Scarlet Fever

Schools in Moro did not open Monday morning because of a recurrence of scarlet fever in the community. Thursday morning Helen Strong was sent home ill and her case was diagnosed by Dr. Poley as scarlet fever, the next day. Saturday the school board met in special session to order schools closed until the statutory 7 days from time of exposure had elapsed.

This is the second time this winter school has been closed. The Grass Valley school lost a week for scarlet fever and the Wasco school was closed for two weeks on account of measles which disrupts the school program no little and entirely spoils the athletic schedules so carefully worked out by the principals. It is likely that some additional time will be added on to the end of the school year to make up for the time lost.

Feeding Trials Indicate Feed For Lambs

UNION—Grain hay and wheat chaff proved to be unsatisfactory feeds for fattening lambs even when supplemented with grain, in feeding trials conducted last fall at the Livestock branch experiment station here. The same tests that showed that wheat is as good or better than barley as grain, revealed that grain hay or wheat chaff with molasses will in no wise take the place of alfalfa hay as a roughage, says D. E. Richards, superintendent.

One lot of lambs fed bright, beardless barley hay as roughage with the same grain ration given those on alfalfa hay, gained only 13.1 pounds per head in the 88-day feeding period compared with a gain of 25.2 pounds per head by those on grain and chopped alfalfa. This put the feed cost high and yet the lambs graded medium and sold for less money.

Grain Hay Unsatisfactory

At the end of the first 30-day period, the lambs in the grain hay lot were making such poor progress that it was apparent that something else was needed. The lot was divided and half were fed stock carrots in addition to the grain hay and barley. This brought an immediate improvement so that the extra gains made by the lambs in that part of the lot, if credited to the carrots, would give them a feeding value of \$12.40 a ton.

Wheat chaff has long been considered a valuable feed for some purposes, but little information as to its value for lambs has been recorded in the past. One lot of lambs in the feed trials was fed all the wheat chaff they would eat, with stock molasses added at the rate of one-half pound per day per head.

The chaff and molasses were relished by the lambs. They also received a grain ration of whole wheat. Nevertheless the lambs in

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DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Feb. 13	18	7	.09
" 14	7	-7	.00
" 15	9	-9	.00
" 16	10	-2	.00
" 17	8	-8	.00
" 19	16	6	.10
" 19	17	11	.00
Total for week			.19

Wasco Bank Will Pay Sixth Dividend

Delayed Dividend Paid On Claims As Of October 5th; Bank's Condition Thought Good By Local Depositors

Announcement is made in the issue of the Journal, of the payment of the sixth dividend to depositors in the Bank of Commerce at Wasco, which closed in September, 1933.

This payment will be 10% which is the same as has been paid on other occasions. This payment represents the accumulation by the liquidator from February 5, 1935. The checks will be distributed on and after February 27.

Payment Long Expected

This payment has been expected for several months. It will distribute between fifteen and sixteen thousand dollars to the depositors of the bank and will bring the total liabilities of the bank down to approximately \$62,000 which might be easily paid with favorable crop and price conditions in the opinion of citizens of the area served by the bank.

Bangs Disease Tests Continue Despite Cold

The Bang's disease testing is going ahead in this county despite inclement weather and the calls for the veterinarian to doctor sick stock for other ailments. To date 1198 dairy cattle and 1562 head of beef cattle have been tested. Of these 61 have reacted and 24 are suspected of being infected with the disease.

The work is being done by the federal government on an appropriation made some months ago. When the money for this work is exhausted the work will stop as a free service to stock owners it is said by county agent Perry Johnston. It is at present estimated that July first will be the deadline.

Testing May Be Compulsory

In counties in which there are more dairy than beef cattle the testing is compulsory according to a state law passed in 1935. While more beef cattle have been tested here so far than dairy cattle it is thought by those connected with the work that when the final count is made there will be more dairy cattle listed as there are 8400 cattle in the county and most of the large beef herds have already been given the test.

Dr. B. H. Miller is almost thru with the first test and will start the second within a short time. Those who wish to have their cattle tested must arrange through the county agent and sign the release required by the government.

CCC Troupe To Appear In Wasco

Friday night the minstrel troupe of Company 2114, CCC, will present their minstrel show in the Wasco opera house. A dance will be given after the show with the boys furnishing the music. The cast for the show is made up of the following boys: John Horan, Coleman Nee, Phil Holland, Frank Galant, "Dutch" Talbot, "Chuck" Chausse, Herb Bates, "Knobby" Langevin, Mickey Maguire, Ernie Miller, Walt Reynolds, Edward Hickey, Leo Charest, Nate Harman, Heckie Tardiff, Arthur Lemieux, Hank Garrity, Al Moery, Al Nagorka, Joe Palasek, Swede Gullbrands. Mrs. Helen Ruggles will act as pianist.

Schedule Change Is Announced Here

A. Rose, local agent for the Union Pacific, announces that the eastbound Pacific Limited will leave Biggs 42 minutes earlier, effective February 21. The new departure time will be at 11:25 a. m. instead of 12:07 p. m. with corresponding time changes east, including arrivals at Pendleton at 2:20 p. m. instead of 3:20 p. m. at La Grande at 4:50 p. m. and at Baker at 6:23.