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Candidates For County Office Get Under Wire

All File Petitions Before Final Five O'clock and Will Have Names On Ballot; Seventeen Out For Court House Positions

Filing of candidacies took on added speed over the week end and the totals for the state have been announced as 444 which is not so large as it has been but still enough to fill the offices which will be vacant by next January.

Seventeen Out

Seventeen candidates are trying for county office as all who had announced got under the wire before five o'clock Monday evening. These are divided into one judge, George Potter, democrat; two candidates for commissioner, P. C. Axtell of Moro and David Reid of Rufus, both republicans; six candidates for sheriff, C. H. Lindeman of Rufus, Joe Truitt of Moro, Lester Nahouse of Moro, Charles Everett of Wasco, all republicans; C. C. Wilson of Rufus, T. M. Garrett of Grass Valley, democrats.

Two republican candidates are out for assessor, Mrs. Margaret W. Peetz, Moro, and Carl P. Adams, Grass Valley.

In the race for clerk are John T. Johnson of Wasco, Collis P. Moore of Moro, Viola M. Hansen of Moro, Joseph A. Mee of Wasco, and A. B. Riddell of Wasco; all republicans, and Walter A. Ruggles, Moro, democratic.

No Coroner Candidate

No one filed for coroner in this county. Willy W. Knighten is running for school superintendent but his name will appear on a non-partisan ballot.

For justice of the peace in the Grass Valley district R. A. Stow, democrat, has filed, but no one has appeared to try for the place left open in Wasco by the candidacy of Joe Mee who is running for clerk.

Republican precinct committees who have filed are Harry Proudfoot of Locust Grove, Hugh Walker of Klondike and R. P. Foister of Rufus. Democratic committees who have filed are Tom Striker of Rufus, Carl V. Anderson of Locust Grove, W. B. Rice of Klondike, George McDonald of Monkland, John Bueher of Rutledge, Arthur Justesen of Kent, E. E. Gervais of Grass Valley, J. C. McKean of Moro, and R. H. McKean of Wasco.

State Affairs

By

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Another office building, a duplicate of the present structure, is needed in Salem to house the state library aid departments occupying rented quarters in down town Salem.

Governor Martin called attention to the need in a statement this week. Giving the capitol reconstruction commission credit for doing its best with the money available the governor pointed out that the new state house, when ready for occupancy, would fall far short of taking care of state needs for office space.

Fourteen state departments now occupy office space in rented quarters in Salem with a total floor space of 37,309. Tentative plans for the new capitol make provision for only the executive, state and treasury department, budget department, board of control and purchasing department, land board and tax commission. This will still leave enough departments in rented quarters, on the basis of their present size, to fill at least two floors of the state office building.

By the time a new building can be erected the normal growth of state departments will have increased this need to at least three floors. Needs of the state library, now housed in entirely inadequate quarters in the supreme court building, are estimated at the equivalent of at least two floors of the office building.

State building needs to be faced by the next legislature, however, will not be confined to office space. Institutions are growing apace

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Sherman H'gway Association To Be Organized

Probable formation of a Sherman Highway association is one of the results of the commercial club meeting this week. A proposal was made that those who live along the Sherman highway and are interested in its repair and development form themselves into an organization with the benefit of the highway as a sole object. Giles French, John Foss and Marion McKee were appointed as a committee to arrange for an organization meeting.

The meeting has been scheduled for next Wednesday night at Moro and representatives from all the towns in Sherman county and in southern Wasco county will be invited to be present.

Rock Crusher Being Set Up Near Wasco

H. C. Rogers is constructing the bases for a rock crusher between Wasco and Moro near the George Lamborn place this week and holes are being drilled for the blasting operations. This job is a state project for crushing of some 6500 yards of rock for state and federal roads.

Most of the men employed on the job will be from Sherman county relief rolls if men can be found who are able to handle the work.

Phil Yates In Congressional Nomination Race

State Senator Announces Platform Which Includes Aid To Cooperative Marketing



Phil Yates, Wasco, filed for the Republican nomination for congress.

Mr. Yates has been a resident of this county since the first of the century and has been engaged in business in Wasco for a large part of that time. He served 3 terms as mayor of Wasco and was then sent to the state house of representatives from this district. He served two terms in this capacity and was elected to the state senate in 1932.

Has Clean Record

His personal and political record is free from criticism. He was active in obtaining better freight rates and shipping conditions when in the legislature and has supported legislation favorable to the farmers on every occasion.

His platform includes the following planks: Work for the continued development of the Columbia river to make it available for barge and boat transportation and the construction of a dam at the Umatilla rapids.

The protection of industries and agriculture from importation of similar goods while there is a surplus in this country.

Care for every veteran who is in need because of service to his country.

Further development of cooperative marketing associations of farmers as an aid to better price and better control of products.

Prosperity depends on the employment of labor and the problems that beset the workingman are serious and important ones in the struggle for recovery.

Mr. Yates has always stood with the veterans of the world war and has been honored by them on several occasions. He has consistently voted for adequate pensions in his service in the state legislature.

Relief Groups Now Ready To Pay Pensions

Qualifications Given For Those Who Wish To Apply; Must Be At Least 70 Years Old and A Long Time Resident

The meeting for eastern Oregon for the explanation of the new relief and pension plan was held Tuesday and George Wilcox and Judge Potter represented Sherman county.

The new plan which was recently approved by the federal social security headquarters provides a payment of one half of the expense by the federal government a quarter by the state and a quarter by the county. This ruling will make about \$8,000 available in this county for the remainder of the year.

Act Now Effective

The act is now in effect and will be administered by the state relief committee and the county relief committee. Applications will be received at the office of the county relief committee in the court house from those who are entitled to the benefits of this act. Any assistance necessary will be given in filling out these applications and it is not necessary for the applicant to go to any expense whatsoever.

Assistance shall be given to any resident of the state of Oregon who:

Must Be Citizen

1. Is a citizen of the United States, or a native born American woman who was married to an alien prior to September 22, 1922 and who thereby lost her American citizenship, and who otherwise is qualified by reason of age and residence as herein provided;

2. Has resided in the state of Oregon for five years during the ten years immediately preceding the application for old age assistance and has resided there in continuously for one year immediately preceding such application;

3. Has attained the age of 70 years;

May Not Transfer Estate

4. Is not at the time of receiving assistance an inmate of any public or private institution or home for the aged; an inmate of any institution may, however, make application for such assistance but if granted shall not begin until after he ceases to be an inmate of said public or private institution;

5. Has not made an assignment or transfer of property so as to render himself eligible for assistance under this plan;

6. Is not because of physical or mental condition in need of continuing institutional care.

Anyone desiring any more information concerning this act may get in touch with any member of the county relief committee. They are George Wilcox, chairman, George Potter, A. A. Dunlap, P. C. Axtell, Roy Powell, Chas. Everett and Jay Freeman.

An investigator from the state headquarters will examine the cases in this county.

1936 Payments May Be Hard To Get

Farmers who still do not have their 1934 and 1935 payments under the AAA may feel sure that they will arrive sometime within the next ninety days and the final 1935 payment will be 12 cents according to recent information.

As for the 1936 payment latest information is that those farmers who had complied with the contract as of January 5, 1936 will receive their payment and all others will not. If a man did not leave out his contracted acreage last fall he cannot be paid and if he left his ground for spring wheat and it was not seeded on January 5, he cannot be paid under the present ruling.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brashers of Salem visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barzee last week for a few days.

Registration of Voters Shows Little Change

The registration of voters in Sherman county for the primary election May 15 will be completed April 15. Registrants as of the first of April were as follows for the county and the several precincts: Total county voters are 1232 which are divided into 805 Republicans and 415 democrats and 12 others.

In Rufus there are 72 Republicans, 52 Democrats and 3 others. In Locust Grove there are 43 2 others.

Republicans, 42 Democrats and 43 Republicans and 49 Democrats.

At Monkland there are 83 Republicans and 21 Democrats.

At Rutledge the registration is 43 Republicans and 5 Democrats.

At Kent there are 99 Republicans and 35 Democrats.

In the Grass Valley precinct 121 Republicans are registered and 70 Democrats and 1 other.

At Moro there are 173 Republicans and 89 Democrats and 2 of other faiths.

In the Wasco precinct there are 123 Republicans and 52 Democrats and 4 others.

Some change is taking place all the time as voters re-register to vote for friends in the primaries. The total registration has remained much the same for several years.

Lamb Show Assured of Aid Of Club

Commercial club members who met Wednesday at a special meeting offered cooperation to county agent Perry Johnson in putting on a lamb show here sometime in May. Tentative plans for the show were discussed and a program was read as a basis for the discussion.

If the first draft of the program is followed the judging will begin in the morning of the pens of lambs. There will be pens of three, five and ten fat lambs. Educational talks about judging lambs will be given after the judging and explanation of the methods of butchering and dressing lambs will follow.

Program Prepared

A program will be held in the hall in the afternoon and probably a display of wool and woolen goods will be shown during the day. A list of prizes will be made up later and a date set for the show. Assistant County Agent Smith of Union county told of a similar show held in Curry county and several business men spoke favoring the exhibit.

Boy Scouts Meeting In Portland Today

For two years the 5000 Boy Scouts of the Portland area council have been looking forward to tonight and to-morrow night.

There is a reason.

The Boy Scout circus will be held in the pavilion of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in North Portland and for the last two months every one of the 210 troops in the council have been leaving nothing unturned to make the 15 act nightly affair a grand gigantic success.

Reports sent to Field Executive W. F. Johnson, general manager of the circus, and Harry Aldrich, the executive board's chairman, of the circus committee, indicate that from the time the U. S. 7th Infantry band takes to the tanbark in the arena at 8 p.m., until taps is sounded at 10:30 there will be no waits, delays. An added attraction will be a camporee for out of Portland troops. This camp will be in charge of Field Executive Lloyd Lillie and will accommodate approximately 1000 Scouts in the tent city.

WARRANTS CALLED

All outstanding Sherman County Non-high School District warrants numbered as below are hereby called for payment at the County Treasurer's office as of April 3 1936. Interest will cease on this date. Warrants numbered 86A, 87A, 95B-126B inclusive.

Willy W. Knighten

State Office Candidates File In Profusion

Five Republicans Want To Run Against Walter Pierce and One Democrat Is In The Race For His Seat

State officers to be elected from this county or from districts of which this county is a part have filed in sufficient numbers to fill out the tickets of the major parties. George G. Updegraff, who is republican candidate for county attorney, is the exception to this rule as he is the only candidate trying for that office.

The joint senatorship of the 18th district comprising Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler will be decided between George H. Wilcox of Grass Valley who filed Monday for the democratic nomination and William H. Steiwer of Fossil, who is the republican incumbent. These two men made a race for the job two years ago.

Four For Representative

For representative in the state legislature from this district which includes Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties the democrats have L. D. Gray of Arlington and Hansen Hughes of Heppner as candidates and the republicans have E. R. Fatland of Condon and Giles L. French of Moro. The two latter are the incumbents.

The race for congress will find Walter Pierce, veteran legislator opposed by Clint Haight of Canyon City on the democratic ticket. The republicans will have 5 to choose from: Phil Yates of Wasco, former state senator, C. B. Phillips of Burns, Roy Ritter of Pendleton, former acting governor and R. A. Tull of LaGrande.

McNary Opposed

Senator Charles McNary, who has served the state for many years in Washington will have Sam Brown and Theodore Nelson, both of Marion county as competitors for the nomination and the democrats will decide between Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls and John Jeffrey of Portland.

For State treasurer Rufus Holman and W. E. Burke are republican contestants and U. S. Burt and Jack Allen are after the democratic banner. I. H. VanWinkle is the republican contestant for attorney general and A. P. Dobson is the democratic candidate.

Band Contest At OSC Arranged

The thirteenth annual high school band contest, to be held at OSC April 10 and 11, is expected to develop the keenest competition of any yet held, with Corvallis high school as the defending champion in Class A, and Jefferson high school of Portland, eliminated from competition last year after having won for three consecutive years, back in the running again in that class.

Winners Will Defend

La Grande high in class B, Beaverton in class C and Burns in class D, all winners in their respective classes last year, are expected to defend their titles this year.

At least 25 high schools with a total of nearly a thousand young musicians, are planning to enter one of the four classes of the contest this year, according to preliminary registrations received by Kappa Kappa Psi, national honor society for college bandmen. The solo contests and probably the Class C contest will be held Friday, the Class B and D contests Saturday morning, and the Class A competition Saturday afternoon.

Women Meet Today

The next meeting of the Moro Woman's club will be held today, Friday, at the home of Mrs. P. N. Johnston. The legislative committee will have charge of the meeting with Mrs. Collis Moore and Mrs. J. J. Schaeffer acting as hostesses and with Mrs. A. Douma as director.

Farmers Can Get Refund On Pick-Up License

Blanks are available at the sheriff's office for the use of those farmers who had to pay \$10 for a license on a pick-up truck this year. Blanks may be filled out and sent in to the secretary of state in order to get the refund of \$5 which has been made possible because of a court ruling in Marion county. City residents will not be given the refund.

WPA Nearly Through For Present Time

C. E. Silbaugh of the WPA met with the county court Wednesday and discussed the county's need for continued projects to keep the unemployed men of the county busy. Because of the number of men working on the Biggs overhead crossing and the probability that others will work on the crusher near Wasco it is doubtful if another project is started here this spring.

Work on the new Fulton canyon road has not been started yet as plans are being made for its construction as yet. Normal business of the county for the month was transacted.

Library Board Has Pay Book Shelf

The Woman's club library committee has started a new feature this week by placing a pay shelf of new books in the Sally Anne shop where books may be had at a cost of 3 cents per day. The books are all new and are principally late fiction which will be in demand. When they are paid for they will be placed in the regular library. The board will meet the first Monday in every month to discuss matters pertaining to the library.

Ground Wetter This Spring Than In Normal Year

Less Moisture Falls In March Than Normally Making Crop Season Fall Scant

It's wetter this spring. In fact there is more moisture in the ground than in an average year. This is especially true in well tilled plots on the experiment station. One series of April plowed plots average 13.6 percent moisture and the average is 12.6 percent for the years that the soil moisture content has been taken. The May plowed plots average 12.6 percent this year and the average is 12.4 percent.

The distribution of moisture in the ground is also encouraging this year as on the April plowed plots, for instance, it runs 14.9 in the first foot, 12.6 in the second, 13.1 in the third, 13.5 in the fourth, 13.9 in the fifth and 13.5 in the sixth. Particularly the May plowed plots have a larger quantity of moisture in the lower three feet than in the upper three feet of the test which is a condition that looks favorable for a satisfactory crop.

Better Crops Probable

If conditions were normal and remained so during the crop year this amount of moisture would normally presage a crop of around 30 bushels. A backward spring is a deterrent, however.

In a clean tilled plot, April plowed, the moisture content is as follows by feet: first foot, 14.5; second foot, 15.5; third, 14.8; fourth, 13.6; fifth 12.0; sixth 10.5 for an average of 13.5 or about the same as the other April plowed plot referred to above.

The average rainfall from the first of September to April first is 8.64 inches which is greater than we have received in that time this crop year. We got 7.84 to the first of March and .34 since then for a total of 8.18. The average March rainfall is .85 and for April is .72.

Wild West Wind Moves Land In Many Places

Warehouse Blown Down and Many Other Buildings Wrecked By Blast From West; Damage Not Estimable So Far

A west and southwest wind of Bunyanlike velocity and power swept over the wheat sections of Oregon last Thursday and Friday and destroyed small buildings, some warehouses and acres and acres of wheat.

The extent of the damage in Sherman county will never be known for it will be impossible to put an estimate on the value of the land that left its accustomed place and sailed off in the wind. It is even difficult to estimate on the number of acres of wheat that was damaged and harder yet to estimate the extent of that damage.

2000 Acres Damaged

It is probable that a conservative viewer of the entire scene would put the number of acres that suffered from blowing at about 2000, although some have put it at 1000 and others at 6000. Some fields were crossed by a streak of blow land, others were almost completely swept bare of tilled soil. In some places grain still remains on the ground and some of it may grow if conditions are favorable although unless there is rain the ground will have to be worked again which will kill the remaining wheat.

Some Blows Large

There were blows of two or three hundred acres on one place that swept on to the next field wider than ever and continued the destruction. Monday an east wind brought some of it back to confound the farmers who were trying to roughen the surface of the land.

At Kent the destruction of about 200 acres of wheat was accomplished during the storm. As in the Wasco country some of it was spring sown wheat that had just been sown and some was winter wheat. In many cases the blow was started in spots where the run-off had deposited silt on the top of the crop and the light silt started moving first.

Warehouse Destroyed

The large warehouse at Hay Canyon was blown down by the wind except about 80 feet of the new construction near the elevator. About 500 feet of warehouse was destroyed. Little damage to the five or six thousand sacks of wheat is expected. The house was the property of the Farmers National Warehouse company, and was insured against wind damage. An adjuster will be here from Chicago within a few days to appraise the damage.

Smaller Buildings Blown Away

Many minor buildings were overturned or destroyed including woodsheds, chicken houses, sheds and other outhouses. At Kent the Kent garage was moved on its foundation several inches and one side of the roof of Jim Wilson's barn on the Schaeffer place was entirely blown away.

New Farm Program May Be Technical

Perry Johnston and D. E. Stephens returned from the Corvallis conference Wednesday afternoon with their heads still aching from the mass of information given out there by the extension service heads who have the duty of explaining the new plan.

It will probably be another week before the plan can be explained to farmers in this county, they say. The rate of payment cannot be set yet until a payment rate is set for Oregon and each county by the secretary of agriculture. After that a county committee will set the rate for each farm in the county.

Soil conserving crops, soil protecting crops and soil conserving practices will likely be the things on which payments will be made when the plan becomes active.