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Do you want lower taxes? Are you in favor of greater economy in governmental expenditures? Are you of the opinion that a lot of offices, boards and commissions should be abolished?

If so step right up to the primary and take your pick. These and scores of other tempting inducements are contained in the 400-odd platforms being offered by primary candidates in Oregon this year. The range of offerings may be no greater than usual but there are more platforms to pick from due to the larger crop of candidates. Some of the planks may be a bit shepeworn but they have all been polished up as good as new and sound every bit as good as some of the newer inducements that are always being introduced in every campaign.

There is an especially heavy run on old age pension planks this year. Apparently the boys and girls who are seeking public office have had their ear to the ground and heard rumblings to indicate that this was going to be a popular issue this spring. Anyway 119 of the 444 candidates for state, federal and district jobs in Oregon are declaring for old age pensions. Fifty-seven of these come out unqualifiedly for the Townsend plan but the rest of the pension planks only commit their sponsors to "liberal" or "adequate" pensions, leaving the interpretation of these terms to the judgment of the candidate if and when he gets into office.

A number of the veterans have passed up the opportunity to herald their virtues and broadcast their intentions via the platform method and have confined themselves to such terse slogans as "Incumbent" or "For Re-election" but these are in the minority. Most of the candidates have taken full advantage of the platform privilege, many using the full 100 words allowed by law.

While many candidates have resorted to such old favorites as "lower taxes," "efficiency and economy" and "honest and impartial law enforcement" many new and original promises are to be found in this year's platforms. One candidate appeals to the consumer vote with a promise of "lower food prices." Another declares for a "one cent reduction in gasoline taxes," evidently in the hope of catching the motorist vote. Still another makes a bid for the support of the jobless by declaring for "free fishing and hunting licenses for the unemployed."

Among other interesting planks are to be found these: "Decent wages and better living conditions for the farmer and laboring man," "one house legislature," "redistribution of wealth," "increase in inheritance, gift and income taxes," and "freedom of speech and press."

Many of the Democratic candidates include a plea for the retention of Roosevelt and Garner, believing that the salvation of the country lies in the support of the New Deal. Republican candidates, on the other hand, view present conditions with alarm and insist that normalcy can only be restored with the return of the G. O. P. to power in state and nation.

Three more initiative measures made their appearance on the political horizon this week. One, sponsored by the Eagles lodge, would provide pensions ranging from \$15 to \$45 a month to needy persons 65 years of age or over. Another, sponsored by the Oregon committee for Peace and Freedom, opposes compulsory military training at the state institutions of higher education. A third, sponsored by three McMinnville men, involves a constitutional amendment to prohibit sales taxes on food products. All three are in the embryo stage. Their sponsors have until July 1 to secure enough signatures to their petitions to place the measures on the November ballot.

Many school districts throughout the state are planning salary increases for their teaching staffs for next year, according to information received here. Of 105 districts of the first and second class replying to a questionnaire on the subject 37 have already voted pay increases and 39 more plan to do so.

Fifty cheese factories in Oregon manufactured 16,387,568 pounds of cheese during 1935 according to reports compiled by the state department.

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Republicans To Meet April 27 For Organization

An organization meeting of the Sherman county branch of the Oregon Republican Club will be held at the Hotel Moro, Monday, April 27, according to word received this week.

Lowell Paget, of Portland, state president of the Republican club and several other leaders in the party, among them Bill Knight, representative from Douglas county, will be present for the dinner and will talk on the party in the coming campaign.

The Oregon Republican Club has been designated as the organization which is to carry on the young Republican activities in this state, but is itself composed of men and women of all ages who are interested in the principles of the party. All Republicans, old or young, men or women, are invited and urged to attend this meeting.

Baseball Comes To Front With Spring

Baseball is in the air since the sun came out and the cold wind stopped blowing for a few days. At Grass Valley, always a baseball minded burg, E. M. Alley is managing a team that will probably be a member of a league comprised of Maupin, Dufur, Madras, two COC teams and two Indian teams in addition to Grass Valley.

Mr. Alley has lined up fifteen or sixteen players from around the district and is taking them to Maupin Sunday for the first game of the season. Old timers like King Fritts and youngsters were out Sunday for the first practice of the season.

Kent Auxiliary Plans Future Program

The ladies of the Geo. Bell unit of American Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting on Wednesday April 18, at the home of Mrs. Laura Sather. A most pleasant afternoon was spent in planning future activities. A card party will be held at the Legion hall Saturday night, April 18. 200 poppies were ordered and will be sold at Antelope, Kent, and Grass Valley the latter part of May.

Child Welfare activities will be emphasized by the American Legion Auxiliary throughout the national organization during April. The organization's 8,700 local units will give special attention to planning and developing work for the benefit of the unfortunate children of their communities.

Child Welfare is a continuous activity in the Auxiliary, but in April, designated as Child Welfare Month, we concentrate our efforts behind the child welfare program. We will endeavor during the month to give intensive study to the problem of the underprivileged child, to awaken wider public interest in the problem and to develop activities through which the Auxiliary can contribute more effectively to its solution. The Auxiliary's first concern, of course, is the welfare of the children of veterans; children left without a father's support because of the war. There are many of these children in every community and the number is increasing daily as death and disability take toll from the ranks of veterans. We endeavor to assure for all of them the normal advantages of American childhood, keeping them in their homes, with their mothers where possible, providing the necessities for health, education and a fair start in life. Material aid was extended by the Legion and Auxiliary to more than 250,000 needy children of veterans last year.

The Auxiliary's interest and activity is not confined to children of veterans but reaches out to aid all unfortunate children. We believe that no American child should be denied his rightful heritage of opportunity and we are giving our cooperation in all sound movements for the improvement of conditions for children. The depression years have been especially difficult for children and our efforts are directed to help prevent the effects of the economic disorders from falling heavily on innocent young shoulders.

Candidates Rest; 1376 Voters To Pick Winners

Final Count on Voters Shows Usual Line-up Between Republicans and Democrats; Large Vote Expected

A definite lull in the activity of candidates has been felt since the end of March when all who were desirous of getting into the political race had to have their names on the line. Tuesday night at five o'clock the period for registration ended which means that no one whose name was not on the election books can vote at the primary election. The final rush of voters to register was greater than experienced for some years and the total figures were not checked and compiled for a couple of days after the final hour.

Registration Done

The complete registration for the county for the May primaries is as follows:

Rufus: Republicans 85, Democrats 61, others 3, total 149.
Locust Grove: Republicans 52, Democrats 50, others 1, total 103.
Klondike: Republicans 52, Democrats 55, total 107.

Monkland: Republicans 90, Democrats 26, total 116.

Rutledge: Republicans 45, Democrats 9, total 54.

Kent: Republicans 106, Democrats 43, total 149.

Grass Valley: Republicans 129, Democrats 78, others 1, total 208.

Moro: Republicans 192, Democrats 91, others 3, total 286.

Wasco: Republicans 141, Democrats 59, others 4, total 204.

Almost 2 to 1 Republicans

The total for the county is 892 Republicans; 472 Democrats and 12 of other faiths. The county total is 1376 which is a larger number than have been permitted to vote for several elections.

It is not expected that there will be very intense campaigning for another week or ten days but the final two weeks will see most of the candidates in the field after the wavering vote.

CMTC Wants Young Men For Training

Any young man of Sherman county who feels that he would like to attend the annual CMTC camp which will be held at Vancouver Barracks from July 6 to August 4 may apply for that opportunity by seeing Willy Knight county school superintendent. The young man must be between the ages of 17 and 24 and must be in good health. The quota for this county is two, but if this is not filled by May 20 the other counties will have an opportunity of increasing their allowance, and the opening will be closed.

Loans Still Possible For Home Building

The United States National Bank announced today that it would continue to finance for dealers term sales contracts on such household equipment as refrigerators, washing machines, ironers and ranges. Originally the National Housing Act contained a provision for such financing through the banks, but at the time of extension of the Act recently this provision was eliminated. Therefore the bank's action in this respect is taken independently. The terms the bank proposes are closely similar to those formerly under the Act, that is, the purchaser makes a down payment to his dealer of ten per cent on the equipment and equal monthly payments over a maximum period of 36 months with interest at a discount rate of five per cent per annum. As stated by C. R. Harding, Manager of The Dalles Branch, the plan will continue to assist dealers in carrying accounts and make possible the purchase of modern equipment for the home on a convenient long-term basis.

Mrs. C. R. Belshie, mother of Mrs. W. H. Ragdale, is ill at the Ragdale home. She is 91 years of age.

Grass Valley Debate Team Beats Hermiston

The Grass Valley debate team, Janet Wilcox and Agnes Simon, were successful Friday afternoon in upholding their side of the argument against the Hermiston team which made the trip to meet the local debaters.

A. S. Potwin, debate coach from Portland, acted as judge and at the close of the debate gave a talk on the points of judging and his reasons for giving the victory to Grass Valley.

The team will meet Chiloquin in The Dalles on Saturday, April 18, for the championship of Eastern Oregon. They will uphold the affirmative side of the public medical attention question. Chiloquin has been a consistent winner of the eastern Oregon championship for the past three or four years.

Declamatory Contest In Thirtieth Year

The Sherman County Declamatory contest will be held the 24th of April at Wasco. This is the thirtieth such contest in this county as the first one was held in 1907 as an added attraction for the first field meet sponsored by the Sherman County Athletic Association of early century fame.

Formerly citizens who were interested in high school and grade school children gathered for a full day along in May to watch ambitious boys and girls vie on the track and field from nine o'clock in the morning until late afternoon and then after dining on the remnants of the basket lunch gathered again to hear the declamations and orations (which have since been discontinued) of the children who were more active with tongue than toes.

The local tryouts for the contest are being held this week and if shock headed boys are heard declaiming "Gunga Din" or blushing girls are heard telling what sister said in tones that indicate memory instead of spontaneity they are probably practicing for the major event of their school year.

Achievement Days For 4-H Coming

The 4-H club achievement days will be held next week with H. C. Seymour, State Club leader, directing the programs in this county. These programs will take the place of community banquets which have been held for several years and will also replace the county wide achievement day which was scheduled for Grass Valley until postponed for illness.

The first meeting will be held at Rufus Thursday morning April 23 the second will be held at Wasco at 11 the same morning and in the afternoon a similar meeting will be held in Moro beginning at one o'clock.

Friday the 24th the achievement day program will move to Grass Valley for the morning and to Kent in the afternoon. Eugene Courtney will be present to give the prizes and awards to those who won live stock prizes.

Camp Night Enjoyed By Towns Men

Camp night was held Monday evening in the Legion hall with a crowd of boys from the camp and local citizens attending. It was in the nature of a reception for the 49 new boys who recently arrived from Massachusetts to remain here for six months. Local people taking part in the program were Miss Vivian Trounce, Miss Velma Powell and the Moro high school girls under the direction of Miss Hult. COC boys who were on the program were Joe Palasek, Pat Garrity, Al Nagorka, Duke Clough, Ronald Miya, Don Kaminski and a quartet of Goodman, Avery, Morris and Parrot. Harlow Parkins, chief agronomist at the camp spoke on soil conservation.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK				
DATE	MAX	MIN	PRECIP	
Apr. 9	64	40	.00	
" 10	67	42	.00	
" 11	73	47	.00	
" 12	78	45	.00	
" 13	73	44	.00	
" 14	73	48	.00	
" 15	78	42	.00	
Total for week			.00	

Relationship Of Tillage and Weed Growth Shown

Chiseling Favored As Means Stirring Up and Loosening Ground Without Breaking Soil Structure or Aiding Weeds

A close relationship exists among tillage, wildlife and weeds; a relationship so close that the type of tillage used may determine the amount of wildlife on the farm, and may materially affect the loss of profits of the farmer because of damage for weed seed.

Any type of tillage which lifts the soil, turns it over, and lays the top soil on the plow pan does several undesirable things: (1) It leaves sub-soil exposed if the soil is thin. (2) It breaks soil continuity by burying surface plant residues under a layer of soil. (3) It buries weed seed all the way from the surface of the soil to the plow pan; only the seed near the surface germinates in time for early weeding operations. (4) It leaves the topsoil devoid of plant trash and thereby increases its erodibility. (5) It robs wild life of much shelter and missed grain by burying it deep below the surface.

Chiseling Safe

Any tillage method, such as chiseling, which stirs up the soil without inverting it overcomes these objections. Sub-soil is not exposed, continuity of the soil layer is not broken, weed seed are not buried so deep they emerge with the crop, and wildlife is not robbed of the shattered grain that should provide it with feed.

The experimental use of the chisel by a Palouse farmer on a portion of an otherwise plowed field last year demonstrated the value of tillage methods which stir without inverting the soil. Shortly after tillage, the weed seeds began to germinate and grow. There were few weeds on the plowed ground but an excessive growth on the chiselled portion of the field. Somewhat discouraged, the farmer weeded the entire field. What this farmer failed to realize, however, was that seeds which had germinated, grown, and had been destroyed would not have to be destroyed a second time. When the wheat crop was nearly ready to harvest, a weed count was made on representative areas of the field. At harvest time—the most important time from the standpoint of yields, dockage, and profit—the chiselled ground had 5 per cent of weeds, the plowed ground, 60 per cent, or 12 times as much.

Plowing Buries Seeds

If weed seed are buried by plowing, shattered grain which may carry a bounty of wildlife also is buried. The wildlife of America is a natural resource which has been willfully neglected and exploited. Adoption of tillage methods which leave shattered grain available as food is little enough to do to improve wildlife conditions on your farm.

Demonstration For 4-H Kids Arranged

Dr. H. H. Green, veterinarian for the state, will give a demonstration before live stock club children of the county at the Glen King farm next Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Club leaders will be in charge of the work and see that the boys are present. Demonstrating and spraying will be methods shown by the veterinarian.

Scholarships Given To Sherman Countians

Announcement was made this week that scholarships will be given to Keith Rinehart of Grass Valley and Ted Proudfoot of Wasco to attend the University of Oregon. To Doris Thompson of Moro to attend Oregon State college and to Lois Kenny of Moro to go to the Eastern Oregon Normal School. These children were selected from among those who had grades in the upper third of their class and who were otherwise considered worthy of receiving aid toward higher education.

Streets Repaired By Two Crews During Week

The city streets are getting another coat of paving material in the places where it will do most good. A highway paving crew moved in Sunday afternoon and began work Monday morning cleaning the edges of the highway strip in the center of the road. About noon the laying of five feet of paving material along side of the strip was started.

Both sides of the strip will be feathered out for a width of five feet for four blocks and in addition to this work the broken surface caused by the CWA project water work will be patched with the same material. First plan was to have the local road crew repair this break with regular patching material but it was later decided by Engineer Hodge at the solicitation of Clyde Gillmor to use the paving mix for this job also. It will probably be done this week.

Regular Paving Used

The paving mix is made at the rock pile near the Glen King place. Three wheelbarrows full of rock and sand are put in large revolving drums with two buckets of melted asphalt. This is heated and mixed until the solid material is thoroughly covered with the asphalt and hauled to the city where it is put down and rolled. It is a permanent street covering and is said to be impervious to moisture.

Committees Appointed For Lamb Show

Committees for the lamb show which will be held here May 18 have been appointed by George Updegraff, president of the Moro Commercial Club which is sponsoring the show. On the arrangement committee, O. G. Sayrs, J. N. Landry and E. R. Barzee will serve. The premium committee is composed of M. E. McKee, W. A. May and G. Douma. The dance committee which may or may not give a dance is made up of M. M. Oveson, Art Bucholtz and Kenneth McKean. The general committee is P. N. Johnston, T. M. Rolfe and Giles French.

Already acceptances have been received from Walter Holt, Umatilla county agent and an experienced judge of sheep, R. L. Clark, veteran dealer in live stock who is consistently optimistic about the future of the live stock industry in Oregon and Harry Lindgren, from the department of animal husbandry at Corvallis.

Tentative plans include prizes for individual fat lambs, and for a pen of five. Prizes for medium fine wool will also be offered in all probability.

Women's Club Meets Today At Amidon's

By Club Correspondent

April 3, the Moro Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Perry Johnston. The meeting was opened with club singing and after taking care of the business, the meeting was turned over to the legislative department.

As there was no business to be studied at this time and personal candidacies are a good subject to stay away from, it was decided to learn a little more about the mechanical workings of our legislature.

Fortunately Sherman county has for the first time in some years, a representative of Sherman county, who lives in Sherman county, and is interested in Sherman county. Giles French who was a member of the special session, discussed the manner of handling bills. He was also asked to discuss what the term lobbying covered, which usually is a basis of furnishing information for investigation. Mr. French also emphasized the need of authentic and comprehensive information covering the background of the various bills, by members of the legislature, a point on which members of the study club are in hearty accord.

After the program Mrs. Johnston invited the members to remain for a social visit and she and Mrs. Johnston served tea. It was one of those afternoons that under the spell of a gracious hostess one was reluctant to leave and many family dinners were late in the serving. The next meeting of the club will be Garden day April 17, at the home of Mrs. Eugene Amidon.

Farm Erosion Plan Explanation Due Next Saturday

Boundary Lines of Districts Changed for Tentative First Organization; Complete Information Not Yet Available

The first meeting for the explanation of the new farm soil conservation program to be held in this county will take place at Kent next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The Grange hall will be the building used.

E. R. Jackman of the State college will tell the farmers of that district, about the new plan as far as it can be explained at this time.

Communities Changed

The same community lines will prevail for the south end of the county so all who were in the Kent district under the old plan will be in that district for this new plan. In the north end of the county the lines will be changed somewhat. This is done to conform to the election precinct lines as government farm census figures are made on that basis and to consolidate districts where possible.

Five Districts Made

The temporary organization will be made with five districts in the county: Kent, Grass Valley, which will remain as before, Moro-Harlandview combined, a Locust Grove district which will extend from the west side of the county to the line that divides Wasco city and Klondike which will extend from the center line of Wasco to the east side of the county. The division line north to Girkling canyon and from there down the canyon to the Columbia.

The permanent committee may change this districting system as it wishes.

Officers To Be Elected

The farmers who attend the meeting will have an opportunity to select a chairman, two committeemen and one alternate, much in the same manner as the directors were elected in the AAA plan. The chairman will become automatically a member of the county committee and will have charge of the work in the county.

The amount of payments has not been decided and it cannot be decided until the base is set for the county and for the individual farm. It can not be stated what any farmer will get for soil conserving practices until those practices have been determined for the county. It may be some weeks before definite information is available here but an organization must be completed before the individual farm ratio can be figured.

City Officials Invited To Attend Conference

City officials of Sherman county and other interested citizens have been invited to attend the regional conference called by the League of Oregon Cities to be held on April 21 in The Dalles, according to word received here from C. G. Reiter, City Manager of Bend and president of the League.

Officials from all cities within driving distance of The Dalles are expected to be present for the conference, which will open with a luncheon at noon and continue for the rest of the day. Discussions, which will center on problems of municipal government, will be conducted at "round tables," and all officials will have an opportunity to bring up their own particular problems.

The meeting will be one of a series of three being conducted in Eastern Oregon. The six regional conferences held in January in Western Oregon cities were very well attended and proved of definite value to city officials participating.

The meeting will be marked by the attendance of Dr. Kenneth O. Warner, Western Field Consultant for the American Municipal Association, President Reiter, Herman Kehrl, executive secretary of the League, R. S. Bryson, League field consultant, and Carl E. Green, state sanitary engineer.