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Friday's primary election had its full quota of surprises. While Chas. L. McNary was expected to win the republican nomination for United States senator not even his greatest admirers thought he would have the walk away into which the race developed. On the other hand Sam Brown was expected to give McNary a real contest in the Willamette valley revealed a weakness which is generally interpreted as indicative of the decadence of the left wing of that party.

Lack of strength on the part of Ben Dorris of Eugene in his race for the republican national committee was another of the day's big surprises. Dorris, who was expected to give Ralph Williams a real contest, trailed far behind in third place with Charles L. Paine, Townsend candidate in second position.

Rufus C. Holman won the republican nomination for state treasurer over W. E. Burke of Yamhill county as was expected but not by the margin which had been predicted. The two Congressional contests in the republican camp resulted according to predictions with William Ekwall placing first in the third district and Roy Ritner of Pendleton taking the second district nomination over C. D. Nickelsen of Hood River.

In the Democratic camp the big surprise of the election was the big vote piled up by Howard Latourrette in his race for the national committee and the weakness of Claude McCulloch who was believed to have a good chance to win this honor. All three of the Congressional contests on the Democratic ticket finished according to predictions with E. W. Kirkpatrick the nominee in the first district, Walter M. Pierce winning over Clint Haight in the second district and Nan Wood Honeyman placing first in a field of five entrants in the third district.

Extensive improvements on state institution farms are recommended by experts of the State College in a report to the state board of control based upon a survey just completed. The college farm experts declared that most of the soil in institution farms around Salem was unsuited to intensive cultivation and called attention to the need for more and better farm land if the institutions are to continue raising their own food stuffs for their rapidly increasing populations.

Governor Martin has lost patience with those interests which are trying to tie up Bonneville power for farm and home use. Pointing out that there will be plenty of power for all who want it he declared that Oregon's first consideration should be the attraction of industrial plants to provide payrolls and a market for the products of Oregon farms.

Oregon has pioneered in much of the nation's outstanding forestry legislation, according to J. W. Ferguson, state forester. The forest patrol law, reforestation law, provisions for snag falling, closure of forest areas during periods of high fire hazard and other precautionary measures originating in this state have been widely copied by other forestry states, Ferguson points out.

The population at the state prison reached a new all-time high this week at 958 and is still growing. Previous high record was established in March, 1931, at 957 inmates. Growth of the prison population at this time is due to Governor Martin's "hard boiled attitude" toward paroles and pardons, rather than an increase in crime and commitments.

In her annual report, just out, Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian points to the slump in circulation of library books as a sure sign of returning prosperity. When the depression was at its peak the libraries were taxed to meet the demands upon their facilities, Miss Long points out. Now that people have "more money for gasoline and the movies" not so many are patronizing the free libraries. This condition, she explains is not peculiar to Oregon but is nation wide.

The proposed Northwest Oregon Bonneville Peoples' Utility District does not hold forth any immediate prospect of a reduction in electric rates for consumers within the district in the opinion of the Oregon

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Allotment Heads Plan Checking Methods

The allotment committee of the SCWPCA (Sherman County Wheat Production Control Association) met Monday to pass upon the procedure to be followed in approving the 1936 allotment payments. Dewey Thompson and Ray Blake having finished making the compliance survey will measure the land in dispute.

All those whose crop froze out last winter must make affidavit that wheat was seeded and 5% left out by the fifth of January. Neighbors must also make affidavit that the land was seeded in conformity with the regulations laid down by the government. A final check will be made by a federal agent before the payment is made.

Wasco To Have Instructor In Music

Management of the Wasco school will undergo a change with the beginning of the 1936-37 term. An other teacher will be hired to take care of the musical program of the school. Miss Irene Scott, a graduate of Monmouth normal school and an accredited music teacher, will teach music in the grade and high schools, will direct girls athletics and arrange at least one program a month. Vocal music, band music and an orchestra are expected as well as musical education for the smaller children.

Frank Thomas, U. of O. will take the place of Ray Critchfield, resigned teacher of science and coach and Frances Gorsline, of Gateway and a graduate of Monmouth normal will take over the primary grades in place of Lorraine Darby who did not accept the position for another year.

Wallace May Made Head of Club Leaders

The 4-H club leaders of the county met Sunday in the Park at Grass Valley for an organization meeting and to discuss problems of handling the clubs under their care. Election of officers resulted in the selection of Wallace May of Grass Valley to be president, Mrs. Perry Johnston of Moro as vice-president and Mrs. Theo. von Borstel as secretary.

The matter of scholarships was debated and some decisions were put off until a later date. In this class was the Alex Marshall scholarship. Claud Thompson offered a prize for the best light horse colt. It was announced that the Pacific International will have a class of draft colts this fall.

Sunday Schools Plan Meetings

Meetings for the Sunday school officers, teachers and church laymen will be held at Grass Valley and Wasco, Sunday, May 24th, with Dr. W. L. VanNuys of Portland and the Rev. Robert A. Hutchins as speakers. At Grass Valley the meeting will be held at the Baptist church, at 11:00 a. m., and at Wasco at the Methodist church at 8:00 p. m. Dr. VanNuys, representing the Oregon Council of Churches, will present their program and plans. R. C. Byers, President of Sherman County Sunday School Association, is making arrangements for these conferences.

Roy Ritner Will Visit Entire 2nd District

Pendleton, Ore., May 23.—Roy W. Ritner, who won the nomination for representative in Congress in the recent primaries, made the following statement today:

I wish to thank my supporters in Sherman county for the vote which I received for representative in Congress. It made it possible for me to win the nomination in a close contest. If I should be successful in being elected at the general election, it is my ambition to be as efficient a representative as was the late Nick Sinnott. By hard work and careful study of the problems of Eastern Oregon, Nick was a real help to his district. I intend to visit each section of the Congressional district for the purpose of learning its needs.

Band Festival Draws Large, Interested Crowd

Music of Many Kinds Shows Abilities of County's School Children; Baseball Game Ends In Grass Valley Victory

A pleasant day and the desire of humankind to discuss the very recent election aided the music festival by increasing the crowd to overflow capacity last Saturday at Grass Valley.

The auditorium was well filled in the morning during the time allotted to the four bands of the county. The Rufus, Moro and Grass Valley bands directed by Clyde Simpson and the Wasco band by C. F. Langley.

In the afternoon, after the visitors had mingled together in the park and dined on picnic lunches or up town, the auditorium was filled so that even standing room was no longer available and the porch had its crowd of listeners who wanted a glimpse of the children who were performing.

The afternoon program began with an outdoor concert by the massed bands of the county. After this event the crowd moved in doors and listened to the smaller children's bands and the vocal singing.

Phyllis Rinehart, chairman. C. F. Langley, Eda Hult, Neil McGlasson and Earle Mae Murdock were the committee that made this part of the days entertainment. Included was a tap dance by the Rufus children and a primary chorus by the same group. The Wasco rhythm band directed by Lorraine Darby gave several numbers and the upper grades of Grass Valley sang, directed by Phyllis Rinehart.

The harmonica band of Moro under the direction of Miss Eda Hult gave three numbers and the Wasco girls sang two numbers. A boys chorus from Grass Valley with Eileen Hickson as director gave two songs and the Kent high school chorus which has been trained by Neil McGlasson sang.

Folk dancing by the youngsters of Grass Valley under Lily Coon and of Moro under Bertha Craig gave their demonstration and the program closed with community singing with C. F. Langley as leader.

A baseball game between Grass Valley and the Schoolmasters ended in a victory for the Grass Valley team 4 to 3 after seven innings of close baseball. Walker and Critchfield was the battery for the schoolmen and Miller and Fritts worked for Grass Valley.

Services Held At CCC Camp By Minister

Mr. Mitchelmore of Moro, conducted a brief service Tuesday evening at the All Camp Meeting. Six members of his Sunday school class sang a number of hymns under the direction of Mrs. Mitchelmore. The following girls comprised the sextette, Pat, Lee, and Madie McLeod, Irma Mae Morgan, Gertrude Gilmor, and Beth Mersinger. Ted Thompson and Mr. Mitchelmore played a trombone duet, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchelmore. Following this program, a number of songslides were shown and everybody joined in the chorus. A number of laughs were furnished the audience by the volunteer talent, most of which had never been heard previously. A feature of the evening's program was the showing of Educational slides concerning Indians. The subject of each slide was explained by Mr. Auburg, Educational Advisor.

The camp would welcome any contribution of old magazines or old sheet music.

John Horan, Al Gullbrants, Don Kaminski, Micky Maguire, Shorty Clough, Ronald Miya, Al Nagorka, Herb Bates and Pat Garrity appeared on the program at the Masonic picnic at Dufur last Sunday.

Memorial Day Will Be Observed By Storemen

Memorial day will be a quiet day in Moro according to an announcement made Thursday by merchants. Because of the significance of the day to many people the following business men have decided to keep their places closed all day Memorial this year. Memorial day will fall on Saturday May 30.

Ginn Coleman & Co., Joe Truitt, C. V. Belknap, Sally Ann Shop, Douma Bros., L. R. Conlee, May & Son., Pacific Power & Light Co.

Schedule For Sunday Ball Games Given

The teams of the North Central League will do battle again next Sunday and unless changes are made in the schedule two of the games will be in Sherman county. An effort has been made to have the Moro and Grass Valley teams play at home on alternate Sundays but it has not been entirely successful. Grass Valley will entertain Dufur, a team that is touted as being the one to beat for the league leadership. Moro will tangle with the Simnasho CCC boys and Maupin and Warm Springs Indians will meet at Maupin next Sunday.

Fruit Growers Get Break From Soil Program

Fruit growers, dairymen and poultrymen have come in for special attention in connection with the new agricultural conservation act, according to word from regional and national AAA headquarters received by the state college extension service.

The recently appointed state committee of four farmers is still awaiting definite rulings on county and state production factors, details of soil building practices and their rates per acre of class II payments and similar specific information. In a general way, however, it appears certain that more types of farming can come under the benefits of the act than at first appeared probable.

A late official news release from Triple A headquarters states that land devoted to orchards, vineyards, small fruits and nut trees regardless of age will be classified as soil depleting or soil conserving, according to the extent it is interplanted. Clean cultivated fruit land is still included in the neutral classification.

If the orchardist changes from clean cultivation to some soil building practice, he can qualify for class II payments. If soil depleting crops were formerly interplanted, he may qualify for class I payments by changing to soil conserving inter-crops, if other requirements as to total acreage of soil conserving crops are met.

Indications are also that approved programs of improving dairy pastures will be included in the soil building practices, while poultrymen are being encouraged to study the provisions of the act to see if they cannot profitably obtain help in establishing or improving ranges essential to rearing healthy pullets. It is believed that some poultrymen will find it to their advantage to grow fewer acres of grain or other soil depleting crops and increase plantings of soil conserving crops which will provide better rearing conditions for their young stock.

N. E. Dodd of Haines has been chosen chairman of the state committee of four farmers which will head the program in Oregon. William J. Enschede of Hillsboro is vice chairman. Other members are Will Steen of Milton and John Shepherd of Seio.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK			
DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 14	80	53	.19
" 15	60	47	.07
" 16	69	45	.04
" 17	66	34	.00
" 18	76	36	.00
" 19	58	29	.00
" 20	60	32	.00
Total for week			.30

Lamb Show Held Outstanding By Judges, Visitors

Program Covering All Phases Of Sheep Business Given During Day By Students of Industry in Oregon

The first Sherman County Lamb Show ended in the small hours of Thursday morning after a day that put sheep and sheep men to the fore as had not been done before in this county since wool was reared the bunch grass hills before the day of the plow.

The men on the program knew sheep, and the business of handling them, knew wool and the business of selling it and each and every one of them were full of praise for the movement that had made the show possible and of the show itself. It was stated several times during the day that the show was probably the best first show that had been given in the state and that it compared favorably with shows in counties where it was an event of several years.

Large Entry List
Eighty-nine lambs were entered in the two classes, the pens of five and the fat lamb class. Fourteen pens of five and nineteen individual lambs held the attention of the crowd and the judges through a large part of the morning. Judges R. L. Clark and Harry Lindgren after comparing and feeling each sheep at length finally picked the pen belonging to Roy Tiller for first place. Fritz Rohweder won second, George Hennagin third and W. C. Helyer, fourth.

In the individual lamb class O. G. Sayrs was first, Collis Moore, second, Wallace May, third and Roy Tiller, fourth. In each case the judges gave their reasons for their choices.

Lamb Exhibit Good
An exhibition of a fat lamb and a thin lamb, both dressed, was shown and although both were approximately the same age one weighed 12 pounds and the other 43 pounds. Harry Lindgren cut up the carcass of the fat lamb in a demonstration.

L. J. Allen, assistant club leader, showed how to handle lambs and how to fit them for show purposes. Club children were especially interested in this talk.

Moro Band Plays
The Moro band gave a concert at the park during their usual practice period. The boy scouts had a booth where lamburger was sold to those who became hungry.

Program Interests
In the afternoon talks were made by E. C. Grelle, manager of the wool division of the Pacific International, R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers, Walter Holt, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers and R. L. Clark who buys many Oregon sheep in the Portland yards. In the evening a "Shepherd's Ball" was given in the Legion hall.

Court Adjourns; Nothing To Do

Circuit court proceedings for the May term are very brief indeed as no cases were called to trial and the jury panel was dismissed without the necessity of coming to Moro at all.

Judge Hendsicks spent a couple of days transacting routine business with the few lawyers who came to see him and a little citizenship matter was cleared up after a bit of delay.

Eat What You Can and Can What You Can't

For every quart of food eaten fresh from the garden, one quart of food will be preserved for use next winter in the recommended canning program of rehabilitation families in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Winners



Charles L. McNary, who won a decisive victory for the Republican Senatorial nomination.



Walter M. Pierce, who won the Democratic nomination for congressman over Clint Haight.



Rufus Holman, state treasurer, who was renominated by the Republicans.

Straw Spreading Found Profitable

Soil Conservation Service, U. S. D. A., Athens, Oregon, May 23—Farmers in Umatilla County, Oregon, exploded the long practiced theory that use of straw dumps on combines or allowing straw to drop in regular rows during harvest is necessary or desirable, in answer to questionnaires recently sent them by Bernard M. Otness, project manager of the Wildhorse project of the Soil Conservation Service.

Although this practice of straw rows has been universally followed in the United States and Canada, 40 of 42 farmers answering the questionnaires were in favor of straw scatterers.

Otness pointed out that until a few years ago these same farmers would have scoffed at the idea. Several farmers, realizing the need of utilizing crop residues, had installed scatterers previous to their recommendations by the Soil Conservation Service. Last year sixteen more were tried as an experiment. Since the farmers have sold themselves on the necessity of such equipment, many others are already making plans for using scatterers in 1936.

Scattering the straw makes stubble burning unnecessary, results in a more trashy surface soil if the land is properly tilled, and the trash in the stubble serves as an additional check to run-off.

Further encouragement comes from the fact that the scatterers can be purchased for a moderate price; furthermore the straw can be scattered and the chaff dumped.

Ins Win From Outs In Most Primary Contests

Commissioner Axtell Defeated For Only Local Victory For Aspirants To Office; Clerk, Assessor, Deputy Sheriff Win

Many of those who were merely observers of the past primary election aver that there was nothing unexpected in the victories made by the large number of voters who went to the polls Friday, but certainly the size of the pluralities was surprising to everyone. In fact the winners in most of the county contests had clear majorities.

One contest that had attracted little or no attention during the campaign became active the last day or two and resulted in the nomination of David Reid of Rufus over Perry Axtell of Moro for the post of county commissioner on the Republican ticket. The county judge, Geo. Potter, Democrat was also nominated, is from the north end of the county as is Mr. Reid.

Hansen Nominated for Clerk
The race that provoked the greatest interest was probably that for the Republican nomination for county clerk as five contestants tried for that honor. Miss Viola Hansen, present deputy and acting clerk, finished far ahead of the field with 373 votes to 123 for Joe Mee, 96 for Collis Moore, 75 for J. T. Johnson and 31 for A. B. Riddell. She had a majority of 48.

L. H. Nahouse, deputy sheriff, won the Republican nomination for the office with 360 votes which gave him a majority of 26 over his three opponents, Joe Truitt, 116; Charles Everett, 116; and C. H. Lindeman 102.

Assessor Retained
Mrs. Margaret Peetz won the Republican nomination for assessor by defeating Carl Adams 439 to 249.

In the Democratic party only one county office was contested that being sheriff. C. C. Wilson won over Tom Garrett by 188 votes to 135, in what was considered an upset in some quarters.

The races for state and national offices in the county ended much the same as in other counties. Holman won over Burke for state treasurer.

Dorris Runs Third
Ralph Williams beat Ben Dorris for national committee man and both finished behind Chas. Paine. Ben Litfin and J. D. Butcher were high in the race for delegate at large in the county. Charles McNary won 419 to 121 for Nelson and 112 for Brown in the race for the nomination for Republican candidate for U. S. senator.

Phil Yates, candidate for nomination for congress, carried the county handily having 372 votes to 139 for Nickelsen his closest competitor.

Pierce Given Big Vote
Walter Pierce won handily over Clint Haight for the Democratic nomination for congressman and as far as this county was concerned Allen had a nice lead for the state treasurer nomination on the Democratic ticket. Willis Mahoney won from John Jeffery for the senatorial nomination although by fewer votes than expected.

Unopposed for nomination in the county were: George Updegraff, Republican district attorney, Geo. Potter, Democratic candidate for judge, who also received the Republican nomination with 85 votes to 56 for Curt Tom; W. A. Ruggles, Democratic candidate for county clerk.

District Candidates Unopposed
State Senator W. H. Steiwer, unopposed received 547 votes here; Giles French and Ernest Fatland, unopposed Republican candidates for state representative received 529 and 434 votes respectively. George Wilcox, Democratic candidate for state senator received 290 and Hanson Hughes and I. D. Gray Democratic candidates for representative were given 234 and 222 respectively.

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