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Even before the votes cast in the primary election have been canvassed and with yet another hurdle to be jumped at the fall elections boomlets have been started already for candidates for Speaker of the House and President of the Senate at the forthcoming legislative session.

As soon as the nomination of Frank J. Lonergan of Multnomah county as one of the 13 republican candidates for the House from that district was assured, his friends started a campaign for his elevation to the Speakership. Lonergan is one of the most aggressive members the House has had for many years and is a veteran member of that organization with several terms to his credit. He has already been honored by election to the Speakership, however, which fact is held by many to constitute an effective barrier to his election at the forth coming session, assuming that he is successful at the fall election. Earl Hill of Lane county, who barely nosed out a win in the primaries, is held by many to be the logical choice for Speaker at the forth coming session and has many friends in the House line-up in both camps who can be expected to stand by him to the last ditch. A third contender for the honor looms in the person of Ernest R. Fatland, of Clatsop who has distinguished himself for his constructive leadership in the past two sessions.

All of this, of course, assumes the return of the Republican party to domination of the House. Democratic candidates, however, are admitting no such eventuality and are quietly proceeding with plans of their own for organizing the next House. In this camp, too, there are plenty of aspirants to the Speakership. O. Henry Oleen of Columbia county has let it be known that he is in a receptive mood. Oleen is one of the few Democrats whose experience in the House antedates the deluge of 1934 which swept the minority party into control. Vernon D. Bull of La Grande is understood to be ambitious to become a full fledged gavel wielder and a number of the younger Democrats are reported to be willing that the mantle of Speakership fall on their shoulders, including Moore Hamilton of Medford and Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls.

All of which, is entirely premature inasmuch as the November election may change the entire picture. but, too, it might rob some of the aspirants of the chance of running for the Speakership, hence the rush to get into the limelight before the curtain falls.

Prison authorities of today are not so much concerned with ways and means of keeping men inside the walls as they are with keeping them outside, according to James P. Davis of the new federal board on prison industries. Davis was in Salem this week to confer with Governor Martin and prison officials on prison problems. The federal government is now sending only one out of every ten first offenders to prison, Davis said. The other nine are released under parole or on probation. Many states are also inclining toward this policy. Some states are providing large farms on which prisoners are employed under an honor system. Oregon's prison industries problem is not nearly so serious as that in many states Davis said. A thorough study of the situation here will be made later this year before any recommendations are made for new industries.

Many of the larger Oregon employers are paying their contributions to the unemployment compensation fund under protest. So far, however, none has refused to pay nor to attack the act in the courts. Publication of amounts being paid by some of the larger contributors was protested as a violation of the provisions of the act for secrecy regarding reports and information filed by contributors.

A ruling by Attorney General Van Winkle to the effect that the board of control can allow no more than a five percent differential in throwing state business to Oregon concerns may interfere with the board's desire to protect local industries from outside competition for state requirements.

Sherman county was first in with official election returns this year. Canvassing of the primary (Continued on Page two)

\$72,000 to Be Spent on Sherman Highway

From information given out at the state highway commission meeting last Friday it may be assumed that as soon as the federal appropriation for roads is approved by congress at least \$75,000 will be spent on the Sherman Highway between the county line and Shaniko. The work has the approval of the federal Bureau of Public Roads and should be done yet this year if the bill is passed.

Estimates on the road are fairly high per mile but the heavy work has been done for some distance south of the county line and the surfacing should be finished with the appropriation that should be forth coming.

Discussion Club Hears of India

The Toredors, a discussion group formed last winter, held its final meeting for the season at the Moro Hotel Monday night and celebrated with a dinner to which their wives were invited. Principal talk of the evening was made by Miss Mildred Ginn who recently returned to Moro after spending five years in southern India as a missionary.

Miss Ginn told of the religious work being done among the Indians and showed many curios of the country. In answering questions she told of the customs of the people, their clothes, their agriculture, their habits, their insects and snakes and many other interesting facts concerning India.

WPA Men Should Work in Harvest

Portland, Ore., May 28, - All Works Progress Administration project workers who go into private employment during the spring and summer months will be eligible to return to the Federal pay roll as soon as their private employment comes to an end. They will even be given preferred status over workers who remain on the Federal pay roll, according to a statement issued today by E. J. Griffith, Works Progress Administrator for Oregon.

An order has been sent to all district directors of the Works Progress Administration instructing them to encourage all workers to accept private employment during (Continued on page three)

Farmers Urged To Sign Work-sheets

Farmers Assume No Risk In Signing Sheets But Are Enabled Thereby To Obtain Benefits For Compliance

"Fill out a work sheet - it may mean money to you."

Such is the advice to Oregon's farmers by the extension men of Oregon State college who are active in explaining and helping organize the new agricultural conservation act in Oregon.

It costs nothing but a little time to fill out a work sheet, they point out. There is no obligation whatever to the farmer filling out one, as there will be no contracts of any kind. Yet the work sheet, listing conditions on the farm last year, is the necessary starting point before a farmer can apply later this year for soil conserving or soil building grants under the act.

Many Already Sign

Extension men estimate that work sheets have already been filled out by some 10,000 Oregon farmers, which is approximately the number who participated in all the old crop control programs combined. Yet there remain many thousands who have not obtained these blanks from the county agent or community committee.

Recent rulings on soil building practices and uses to which diverted acreage can be put have greatly widened the possible scope of the program in Oregon. Inclusion of orchards in the soil depleting or soil conserving area, according to the use made of the soil between the trees, has brought hundreds into the program in communities where no participation was thought possible, extension men report.

Weed Factor Helps

Provision for help in organized weed control is another important factor in parts of Oregon, while east of the Cascades the inclusion of trashy fallowing as a soil building practice and the addition of such acreage in the soil conserving total for purposes of figuring the Class II allowance, is a great step toward encouraging anti-erosion farming methods in the wheat (Continued on Page two)

Kent Boy Wins Historical Essay Contest

The final report of the judges of Kent who read the Sherman county Historical contest essays was handed in this week and the winners have been announced by Willy Knighten, county school superintendent. This year all of the contestants were from the grade school as the high school pupils of the county failed to write for the contest.

Winner was Frank von Borstel of Kent who wrote a history of the Kent vicinity, to get first place. Mary Hoskinson won second with a history of Kent and Nellie Wilson was given third for an essay on the same subject. Fourth place winner was Ellen Eakin who wrote an exposition of pioneer life in the Rutledge community. Lydia Roth of Grass Valley won fifth with a story of Joe Shearer and his bridge.

Survey Trip Planned By Erosion Leaders

A survey and field trip sponsored by D. E. Stephens, of the experiment station, Harlow Parkins of the SCS and Perry Johnston of the extension service will be held today. Those wishing to make the trip will meet at the experiment station at 1.30 and will be taken to see the various fields of Crested Wheat grass on the station. Some has been pastured, some cut for seed and the oldest stand of Crested Wheat grass in the state is there. Later the caravan will go to see some of the dams made by the CCC boys and will inspect the stand of wheat grass growing in the lane by the Peters & Ginn place. The water impounding dams on the Sayers place will be the final stop on the trip. As many as can are asked to make the trip.

Report of Crop and Industrial Conditions Made

Increasing consumer purchasing power is giving needed support to the markets for farm products at a time when the trend toward increased agricultural production is exerting a downward pull, says the May report on the agricultural situation by the OSC extension service.

The factory pay-roll index has advanced to the highest level since last December, and factory workers are earning nearly 10 per cent more than a year ago and fully 50 per cent more than in 1932 and 1933. Business activity has been gaining, particularly in the durable goods industries.

Prices Turned Downward

Despite this improvement in domestic demand conditions, the trend in the general level of farm prices has been downward for several months. With fair crop prospects and a tendency toward increased plantings over the country as a whole, the farm price index is now again fairly closely in line with the factory pay-roll index, whereas a year ago, owing largely to drought made crop scarcity, the farm price index was fully ten percent higher than the index of factory pay-rolls.

Special Review Given

The circular, which is available from county agricultural agents, gives a general review of crop prospects with special information on wheat and rye, feed grains, potatoes, onions, hay, pastures and milk, egg production, fruits and nuts, and peppermint. Farm prices and index numbers are given on many additional commodities grown by farmers in Oregon and data are given on the trend of land values and other subjects related to Oregon agriculture.

Crop Conditions Improve

Crop conditions have improved over most of the country since the first of May, whereas crop prospects declined somewhat during April. In the western states as a group, the supply of irrigation water is expected to be somewhat above average and stock ranges are in better condition than usual. In Oregon, crop conditions are generally favorable, especially west of the Cascades.

Another Game Added To Grass Valley Column

First of Game Erratic As Pitchers Wobble and Fielders Err; No Games Scheduled For County Sunday

Grass Valley continued its winning streak last Sunday by defeating the highly touted Dufur team by an eleven to eight score. As an exhibition of baseball it did not rate very high in the opinion of most of the spectators and this was especially true of the first few innings when most of the scores were made.

Dufur made its eight runs before the fourth inning was over and Grass Valley had finished scoring at the end of the fifth inning. After that time the pitchers settled down and the fielders became able to hold the elusive pellet and the game was better.

Hits Even

Each team made fourteen hits during the affair and a vast majority of these were made in the hectic first half of the game. Everybody got a hit and everyone in the Grass Valley team scored a run.

Only one teacher graced the Grass Valley line-up as Squire, Hughes and Goddard were absent. Walker played third. Bill Roth was tried out at right during the game and may be given a chance to further display his abilities before the season is out.

Games Away From Home

Next Sunday the Grass Valley team will drive to Simnasho to meet the CCC team there. The Moro CCC will play at Dufur.

Lineups

Grass Valley	Dufur
Dunlap, 1	Nelson, 2
Moore, s	T. Bissett, 3
Walker, 3	Connel, 1
Fritts, c	C. Brandow, c
Rolfe, 2	Blagg, r
Vintin, m	R. Bissett, s
Rice, i	Slusher, m
Roth, r	Heisler, i
Miller, p	R. Brandow, p

Dancing Class Ends Year With Recital

Bobbie Root gave her Petite Review Dance Recital, Saturday, May 23 at the Civic Singers Hall in Wasco. It was an unusual affair for Sherman county as many guests who came for the dancing and for tea will attest.

Patricia Kaseberg, Sharon Hennagin and Shirley Yocum, dressed in vari-colored studio costumes gave example of Bar Technique, Juge Wilde leading. Carol Day Drinkard did a petite dance and Marion Crews did a tap dance.

During the following intermission Margaret Johnson sang and Miss Glenna Hiltbrand gave a violin solo.

Character Dances Shown

After the intermission the audience was taken to China to watch Shirley Yocum do a Chinese dance. June Wilde did a clever tap dance and Patricia Kaseberg as a French doll in pink organdie came to life and danced. Another intermission in the dancing found Miss Johnson and Miss Hiltbrand ready with other solos.

Sharon Hennagin impersonated Shirley Temple, Marion Crews gave a Cossack dance, June Wilde appeared as a gypsy and the three little girls who started the program finished it, costumed in diapers, paper hats and wooden swords to dance to Yankee Doodle.

Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin accompanied the dancers and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, and Mrs. O. G. Hilderbrand presided at the tea table aided by Mrs. W. E. Ruppell, Mrs. Louis Walsh, Mrs. F. M. Crews and Mrs. Dick Yocum.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 21	62	34	.03
" 22	62	34	.00
" 23	70	36	.00
" 24	78	47	.00
" 25	84	54	.00
" 26	88	65	.00
" 27	92	68	.00
Total for week			.08

Boy Scouts Win Prizes At Camporee

The Moro Boy Scout Troop were in The Dalles for the district Camporee Saturday and returned with a string of prizes in their belts. In the semaphore contest they won first and in the fire building and water boiling contest they made another sweep of the field. In the games and races they came out second best.

Boys making the trip were Robert Gillmor, Carl Peetz, George Martin, Johnny Shipley, Lynden Mersinger, Donald Morris, Rodney Truitt and Billy Thompson. Scout Assistant Leader Mr. Mitchelmore was in charge of the boys.

Candidates File Election Costs

The expense sheets of the various candidates for county office have been filed with the clerk with a few exceptions. These show the moneys expended in seeking the favors of the voters in the recent primary election. All statements must be filed by June 1.

Those on file are as follows: Joseph A. Mee, \$12.15; J. T. Johnson, \$12.80; C. C. Wilson, \$31.90; P. C. Axtell, none; C. V. Anderson, none; R. A. Stow, .90; V. M. Hansen, \$13.05; C. P. Moore, \$6.38; M. W. Peetz, \$12.50; Chas. Everett, \$11.51; C. H. Lindeman, \$31.75; C. P. Adams, \$4.15; Joe Truitt, \$14.78; L. H. Nahouss, \$8.80; W. A. Ruggles, \$4.86; G. A. Potter, none; David Reid, \$11.15.

Auxiliary Appreciative

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Hazel Woods for the June meeting. Sale of poppies last week was very successful, reports Mrs. Willy Knighten, unit president, who expressed her appreciation for the support given by the people of this vicinity.

Winning Historical Contest Essay Tells of Kent Community

By Frank von Borstel, Jr.
Before the settlers came to the extreme southern end of Sherman County where Kent is now located, bands of Indians roved through the canyons and hollows, leaving their traces in form of spear heads and arrow heads; many of which have been found in an old Indian mound, called the fort, which guards the junction of the Mackin Canyon and Buck Hollow.

These canyons, containing an ample water supply, were chosen by the first settlers who raised a stock, lived near the small streams and grazed their cattle and sheep on the bunch grass covered country.

One of the first of these stock raisers was Mr. Cornwall who settled in the Mackin Canyon six miles south west of what is now Kent, in 1864 and raised cattle. Then in 1871, James Mackin, for whom the canyon was named, settled there for the same reason. In 1878 a man called "French Pete" settled in Jack Knife Canyon, three miles east of Kent and was one of the first men to raise sheep in this region.

Some of the settlers who formed stock companies were: Kerr and Buckley, Booten and Burns, Burgess and Scherar and Bronk and Price. The Finnegan brothers located nine miles north west of Kent in 1867, in a grassy canyon which bears their name.

In the early eighties much to the disgust of the stock men, the country was found to be good for farming and settlement became rapid. Settlers came from great distances to file their claims in this region. Carl Schadewitz and his three sons left their fruitful farm in California in 1884 and homesteaded west of the present town of Kent, about three miles. Carsten von Borstel came from Germany and filed a claim six miles west of Kent in 1886, but not liking to live too close to the sheep men, moved to a place four miles north west of Kent.

John Reckmann, another German, who had been four years in the United States, was sent by his father to Oregon to see if conditions were better than in Minnesota. He secured land two miles north west of Kent and returned to (Continued on Page two)

Sherman County Has Prospects For Good Crop

Conditions in South End Are Especially Favorable Compared To Previous Seven Years; North End Wheat Spotted

In general the feeling about the wheat crop in this county is very good with a few exceptions. The farmers of the north end of the county do not expect to harvest as large a crop as they did last year, because of the freeze out and the dust storms but in many cases good stands and healthy looking wheat promise as heavy a crop as in 1935. The thinly covered fields, however, will reduce the average to such an extent that it is probable that the total bushelage will be lower than last year.

Central Part Fair

In the central part of the county the wheat is better and with fair weather will make a larger yield than last year although there was some frost damage and some stands are thin.

The breaking point for good wheat is right at Moro. South of that point the wheat begins to look better and continues clear to the south end of the county. South of Grass Valley the winter wheat did not freeze out and is looking fine, being almost as far along as in the north end and giving promise of a better yield than has been experienced for seven or eight years.

Wheat Heading

Winter wheat is heading out in some spots and is well headed in others and the spring grain is but a few days behind. The constant promise of rain in the skies raises the hopes of growers who feel that with another inch or two of moisture within the next two weeks there would be a satisfactory crop over most of the county.

COURT NEWS

County Court Proceedings, May Term, 1936.

May 6th, 1936, being the time for the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County, in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on the said date meet in the County Court room in the Courthouse at Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge. A. A. Dunlap and P. C. Axtell, County Commissioners. Geo. G. Upegraff, District Attorney, and Viola M. Hansen, Deputy Clerk. The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of the Designating as a Secondary State Highway the Fulton Canyon-Wasco Road, designated as No. 301. The Resolution was adopted and signed by the County Court and attested by the Clerk as of April 22nd, 1936, and the copy of said resolution was placed of record as of May 6th, 1936.

In the matter of the payment of claims presented against the Road Fund: County Clerk instructed to write warrants against the Road Fund in the amounts and to the claimants listed on pages 178 to 182, inclusive, of Claim Docket No. 3.

In the matter of the fire insurance policy (No. OR 103662) on the courthouse building. Term 3 years, premium \$162. Policy accepted and the Clerk instructed to write warrant against the General Fund for the premium.

In the matter of the agreement between the National Hospital Association and Sherman County, protecting the road employees. Agreement accepted and ordered filed.

In the matter of the contract between the Shell Oil Company and Sherman County, Oregon. Contract accepted and ordered filed.

In the matter of the coroner's report on the death of J. A. Pyburn of Rufus, Oregon. Report accepted and ordered filed.

In the Matter of designating polling places in each precinct in Sherman County for the May Primary. The following places were designated: Rufus, Mrs. Devo's building; Locust Grove, Locust Grove Schoolhouse; Klondike, A. B. Potter building; Monkland, Harlandville Grange Hall; Rutledge, Rutledge school building; Kent, I. O. O. F. Hall; Grass Valley, City Library; Moro, Circuit Court Room in the Courthouse; and Wasco, City Hall.

In the Matter of taxes levied against real property owned by Moro State Bank; Petition for Order of Court cancelling real taxes against said property subsequent to 1930, filed as of May 6th, 1936. Order granting cancellation signed May 6th, 1936.

In the Matter of taxes levied against real property owned by Moro State Bank Petition for order of Court cancelling taxes against said property (J. F. Henkle) filed May 6th, 1936. Order cancelling taxes signed May 6th, 1936.

In the Matter of the Treasurer's trial balance for month ending April 30th, 1936. Report filed.

Court adjourned subject to call by the Judge. Geo. A. Potter, County Judge. P. C. Axtell, A. A. Dunlap, Commissioners.

Claims Presented and Allowed at the May Term of County Court, Against the General Fund. (Continued on page four)