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With the national election less than three weeks in the future Oregon voters are expected to cast partisanship to the winds as they go to the polls on November 3 to give a substantial vote of confidence for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, democratic candidate for president, and Charles L. McNary, republican candidate for United States senator.

Discounting claims of the professional ballyhoosers who continue to rant and rave in behalf of their respective candidates it can now be pretty safely predicted that Oregon will line up in the Democratic column in the national contest for the presidency while at the same time, inconsistent as it may appear, the state will return its senior senator—a republican—to another term in the national law making body.

Conservative republicans whose survey of the situation leads them to concede Roosevelt's victory over Landon in Oregon still contend the race will be a close one and by no means the landslide by which the state went Democratic in 1932 when it gave Roosevelt a plurality of more than 77,000 over Herbert Hoover. Democrats, on the other hand, insist that the Roosevelt majority this year will be as large if not larger than that of four years ago. A conservative view of the situation would seem to point to Democratic majorities in a large majority of Oregon's 36 counties with Roosevelt probably trailing Landon in Benton, Marion, Douglas, Lane and one or two others. Wm. Lemke, the Union party candidate, is said to be showing unusual strength in Tillamook, Lincoln and Yamhill counties with his partisans claiming those sections as "in the bag" although this claim is disputed by both Republicans and Democrats.

McNary is not expected to experience any difficulty in defeating Willis Mahony the Democratic candidate for the United States senatorship. Thousands of conservative Democrats are refusing to support their party's nominee on the ground that he forfeited all rights to party support when he bolted the party two years ago after his defeat for the gubernatorial nomination and took the stump for the Republican nominee. While the Klamath Falls mayor is said to be showing strength in a few counties, including Klamath, Union, Walla-walla and Coos McNary is expected to pile up a big lead in a majority of the counties.

In the Congressional race it is pretty generally conceded that James W. Mott, republican, will show a clean pair of heels to his Democratic opponent, E. W. Kirkpatrick in the first Oregon district while Walter M. Pierce, Democrat, is expected to be returned for another term in Washington over Roy W. Rittner, republican. In the third picking the winner is a little more complicated with the presence of John A. Jeffrey, independent Townsendsite, admittedly detracting from the strength of Nanny Wood Honeyman, democrat, and, by the same token, aiding the cause of William A. Ekwall, republican incumbent. But even at that the contest in the third district is admittedly a horse race with the result pretty much in doubt.

Rufus C. Holman, republican, is conceded to have a walk-a-way in his race against U. S. Burt, democrat, for re-election as state treasurer but the contest between I. H. VanWinkle, republican, and Alfred P. Dodson, democrat, for attorney general is expected to develop into a real race with Dodson, encouraged by his near victory of four years ago, making an aggressive campaign and counting on the substantial increase in Democratic registrations to put him over this time.

In an effort to secure a court interpretation of lotteries as contemplated by the Oregon constitution both the defense and prosecution in the Marshfield dart game case have asked the state supreme court for a rehearing of the appeal. In its recent opinion, the court merely held dart games to be lotteries and a violation of the state constitution without attempting to define lotteries although two members of the court, in a specially concurring opinion defined lotteries as any game in which chance was the predominating factor, regardless of the fact that it might also involve an element of skill.

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American Legion To Give Carnival On Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en night, when witches and goblins are supposed to return to earth and do strange things to man's possessions is to be celebrated this year in this county with a carnival. It will be given by the American Legion and the Auxiliary at their hall.

There will be a program of local numbers to start the evening and then there will be the carnival. Now a carnival means, hamburgers, confetti, barking vendors, horns, serpentine and games of all sorts. Hallowe'en means elder and doughnuts, apples, fun and hilarity. Therefore a carnival on Hallowe'en means a combination of these things and it promises to be inclusive enough to give enjoyment to everyone, the old and the young, those young enough to get a kick out of throwing an apple peeling over their shoulder to see their lover's initial, to those old enough to merely want to eat the apple.

Dams Being Built Despite Forest Fires

Despite the fact that over forty CCC boys are stationed in Coos county in the fire fighting zone the work at the camp is going on to some extent. On the Douma place east of town several dams have been built or are being built to check the flow of water in Grass Valley canyon. It is expected that the dams will raise the water level five or six feet and thereby bring it above the layer of limestone that at present prevents the water from reaching the grass roots. The work will be finished as soon as men can be spared for it.

Dirt Dam Made

Several small dams have been built this summer by Roy Tiller's crew on the E. E. Barnum place in the canyon that feeds the main Rosebush. One large draw that is not very steep has been dammed by a dirt dam fourteen feet high. A channel for the water has been constructed through the rock. The draw is wide enough that a good sized lake will be formed if the dam is filled. It is the sort of dam that might be built by farmers at comparatively small cost for water retaining purposes and erosion prevention.

4H Clubs To Be Organized Next Week

Next week or as soon as the six weeks exams are over in the schools 4-H clubs will be organized for next year's activities, reports Leroy Wright. The goal set for club work next year in the beef classes is a full string of 20 calves represented at the Pacific International. This will require a great amount of interest than has been common in this county but other counties have as many calves as a regular thing.

"Topnotcher" Says Rolfe of New Horse

T. M. Rolfe came home from the stock show Sunday bringing a new Percheron stallion with him. The new horse is a black yearling Senator Diplomat Brown. He is of Diplomat stock being out of Diplomat II. He was junior champion at the stock show and was only beaten by his full brother for grand champion honors. Mr. Rolfe and those who have seen the horse pronounce him to be one of the best horses of his breed.

Quarterly Liquor Taxes Distributed

Distribution of \$45,305.94 in liquor revenues was completed this week by Secretary of State Snell. The distribution represented the quarterly taxes imposed on manufacturers and importing distributors of malt and alcoholic beverages and was made upon a population basis. Each of the 36 counties and 192 incorporated cities and towns participated in the distribution. Sherman county's share in the distribution amounted to \$95.86. Moro received \$16.72; Wasco, \$19.00 and Grass Valley, \$9.88.

Registration of Voters Shows Gain Since Primary

Democrats Gain Some Strength During Summer Months; Minor Parties Make Large Percentage Gain; Number Small

The registration for the November election has been concluded and the names of those who will be permitted to vote are duly on file with the county clerk. An increase since the May primary is shown by the final figures. At that time 1376 were eligible to vote whereas 1442 are now eligible, an increase of about 5%.

Of this number 887 are Republicans, a decline of that party of five as 892 were registered from that party in May. Democrats number 538, which is an increase of 66, as 472 were registered in May. For the primary election there were twelve of other parties registered and now there are seventeen.

Comparison Given

The following chart shows the registration as compared to that of May, by precincts:

Precinct	May		Nov	
	Rep	Dem	Rep	Dem
Rufus	85	61	92	72
L. Grove	52	59	58	55
Klondike	52	55	49	62
Monkland	90	26	79	31
Rutledge	45	9	46	10
Kent	106	43	104	47
G. Valley	129	78	125	84
Moro	192	91	191	106
Wasco	141	59	134	71

The division between the two parties for this election according to the registration is one and two thirds Republican to one Democrat. There has been little change in the party adherence of voters in this county but it so happens that the increase in the number of voters is just exactly the same in number as is the increase of Democrats.

Shipping Strike May Paralyze The State

Not only will Pacific coast shipping be paralyzed by a strike with in less than 60 days, but Oregon agriculture faces the prospect of dealing with radical labor agitators in every part of the state.

Such is the prediction of W. H. Perkins, manager of the Oregon Producers and Shippers Association, who has just returned from California where he was sent by his organization to investigate the present waterfront situation.

"There can never be any hope of lasting peace—or peace of any kind—so long as Harry Bridges, the radical alien from Australia, is the leader of the maritime unions on this coast," Perkins reported to his members locally and throughout the state.

"Bridges and other paid leaders of these maritime unions have plainly indicated they have no desire to submit their differences with employers to an impartial board of arbitration. Right now they are stalling for time but every

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Officers Named At Wasco Caucus

A city nominating caucus was held in Wasco Monday night the result that most of the present officers were renominated for their offices.

Wm. Nisbit was named as mayorial nominee. E. D. McKee, J. O. Yocum, R. O. Scott, W. R. Reid, W. G. Armsworthy and M. J. Schwendel were named as councilmen. E. F. Feldman was named for recorder and Mrs. B. Estrella Hailley as treasurer. All are incumbents with the exception of J. O. Yocum and M. J. Schwendel.

Card Party For Library

The board of the Moro Library met Monday night and decided to hold a benefit card party on the night of November 7. It was deemed necessary that some money be raised for operating expenses and for the purchase of new books and the coming party will be the first of a series to raise the money.

Non-High School Levy To Be Less This Year

A meeting of the budget committee of the Non-high school board of Sherman county met Monday night and made the levy for that organization for the coming year. V. B. Bakin, Henry Peters, Carl Meiser and Roy Powell were present to make up the budget committee as were Tom Fraser, Harry Pinkerton, Grover Young and Dean Reynolds, members of the board.

The levy this year will be \$3352.48 less than the one passed last year. This decrease is due to the smaller number of rural children attending high schools in the county and to the fact that the warrant indebtedness of the board has been reduced to some extent by tax returns. It is thought that the board will soon be on a cash basis.

Kent Boy Dies From Bullet Wound

Carl Lyons, who was 15 September 15th of this year, died in a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday morning after several days of illness due to a self inflicted gun shot wound. The bullet, from a .22, passed through the young man's body a short distance below the heart and above the spleen.

He was not thought to be seriously injured when taken to the hospital Sunday night but complications began and an operation was performed Monday morning, but his life could not be saved. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons of Kent. The family have lived there for eight or ten years having come from Tennessee. He was working on a ranch at the time of his death.

County Budget Committee To Meet Monday

The county budget meeting will be held Monday, October 19, at the county house. Besides the members of the court, Judge Potter and A. A. Dunlap and P. C. Axtell commissioners, will be ranged C. W. Johnson, O. L. Belshe and Amundus von Borstel who will make up the budget committee.

For the tax payers this is one of the important meetings of the year for the levies are made on which taxes are collected. Monday the appropriations will be set for each of the many items on the county budget. Those interested in any of the activities of the county may attend and express an opinion as to the cost thereof.

At some later time a public hearing will be held which will give taxpayers another opportunity to be heard on the budget.

After publication, however, a budget may be changed but ten percent, which makes it important that those interested come to the first meeting.

Bible School Leaders Meet Sunday

Bible school leaders from Kent, Grass Valley and Wasco churches joined with local friends, Sunday, October 10, at the Community church for the Fall meeting of the Sherman County Sunday school association. A basket dinner was served at noon in the church basement.

Rev. Willis Douglas of the Wasco Methodist church preached on "Power."

"The National Preaching Mission" to be held in Portland, Nov. 5 to 8, led by Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India and a team of nationally and internationally famous religious leaders, was announced by Rev. Gilbert Carey of Wasco. Each church is invited to send five of its leading members. Some discussion of how the 4-H clubs and the Sunday schools may cooperate arose during the afternoon business session directed by R. C. Byers, president. Kent was named as the next meeting place. DeMoss park will be the scene of the annual meeting next June.

Musical numbers were given by Frank Sayrs, Rev. Douglas, Tom Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McGlasson and Mrs. Adah Nelson.

At The Pacific International



Dorothy Fraser and Bobby King, Moro, are photographed at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

S.C.S.C. Ass'n Makes Up Budget For Survey Work

Small Percentage of Total Payments Requested for Work

The budget for the Sherman County Soil Conservation Association has been prepared by county agent Wright and transmitted to the state college where it will be approved or disapproved by the state office of conservation.

This budget calls for an expenditure of \$1870 for the year and based on the expected return from soil conserving practices it will be 3 1/2% of the total. There are 552 work sheets signed in this county.

It is reported that in Yamhill county where there are 720 work sheets the budget calls for 11% of the total for operating expenses and in Clackamas county where there are 1310 work sheets signed the budget calls for 21% of the total expected. Both budgets have been proposed and have not yet been accepted.

"The budget is made for the purpose of making a survey of those farms where farmers are complying with the regulation for a grant," said county agent Wright.

If the budget is approved supervisors will be appointed for each of the five districts. One man will work in the field and another will compile the figures in the office.

Early Sherman County Resident Visits Again After Many Years

George R. Gordon, son of the man who Gordon outte and Gordon ridge was named, has been in the county for the past few days visiting with friends among the very old timers.

Mr. Gordon left Sherman county in 1896 and has lived a large part of the intervening time in Argentina where he works with Swift & Co. in raising cattle on the Platte river.

The old Gordon place was on the Deschutes river where the Dalles Military road crossed that stream. The family raised fruit to sell to the early settlers and also ran a band of horses from the Columbia river to Prineville. When the elder Gordon brought the horses from Wyoming he brought an Indian boy, Pierre Cutcherrie, with him. He paid the chief \$3000 extra to allow the boy to come along.

The Gordons left their ranch Pierre left the country also and is said to have gone back to the reservation in Wyoming. Mr. Gordon is looking for Pierre's son, now seventeen. If he finds him he will take him to Argentina with him.

Some homesteaders from Kent were down at the Gordon ranch in 1882 after fruit and as they left found the road blocked by a fence newly built across the road. Joe Walker, who owned the land on each side of the road had been

threatening to close the road for some time. An attorney had instructed him to fence his property if he pleased. Another lawyer had advised Gordons that the road was a military road and could not be fenced.

When the homesteaders had returned to the Gordon place because of the fenced road the elder Gordons sons, Tom and George, went up the grade to open the fence. According to Gordon's story Tom Gordon asked that the fence be taken down so that the men already in the place could be let out. This Walker refused.

Tom Gordon started to file the wire, meanwhile pushing Walker back from the fence. Walker had his gun in one hand while pushing Gordon back from the fence.

When all the wires but one was cut Walker fired hitting Gordon on top of the head. They both fired, Walker's bullet killing Gordon and Gordon's bullet hitting Walker in the shoulder inflicting a wound from which he later died.

Mr. Gordon has a home in Yuma, Arizona. He takes cattle to that country to acclimate them for a few months before moving them on to Argentina. Despite his years he is hale and hearty, large of frame and distinctly a man of the open places of the earth.

Wheat League Plans Annual Meet For December 4-5

Committees Appointed To Handle Discussions of Various Subjects Pertinent To Wheat Growers and Their Problems

An organization meeting of the directors of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League was held in Arlington Sunday for the purpose of arranging for the annual meeting which will be held in Heppner. The dates set for the meeting were December 4 and 5.

For several years the meetings have been conducted with four committees doing the work. However, this year a fifth committee was named to study and report on possible agricultural programs that might be developed during the year.

Weed Control Sought

There will be a Weed Control and Soil Conservation committee which will be chairmanned by O. M. Babcock of Pendleton, who held this position last year.

Finance and State Legislation will be handled by a committee led by E. M. Hulden of Arlington, who was chairman last year.

Production, Marketing and Warehousing will be discussed by a group headed by Harry Proudfoot of Wasco. Charles Harth will be vice chairman.

Transportation Live Topic

Transportation and Rural Electrification will be another committee which will be led by Bert Johnson of Ione who was chairman for the 1935 meeting of the league.

The new committee on new agricultural legislation will be in charge of Mac Hoke of Pendleton. Mr. Hoke was president of the league last year and was recently elected to head the new Farm Bureau Federation in Oregon.

Several topics were chosen as discussion subjects for the meeting and the officers will later obtain speakers who are qualified and able to talk on them. Among these subjects will be river development, wheat varieties and tillage methods, soil conservation and crops that may be grown on land taken from wheat production and livestock feeding.

E. Harvey Miller, president of the league and Charles W. Smith, secretary, conducted the meeting. Present from Sherman county were Leroy Wright and Giles French.

County Committees Named

As last year county committees will hold meetings and obtain the sentiment of the local farmers on the questions to come before the general assembly or to propose subjects for discussion at the annual meeting.

Dewey Thompson will be chairman and Omer Sayrs, vice chairman of the committee on weed control and soil conservation. J. B. Adams and Roy J. Baker will be the chairman and vice chairman of the committee on finance taxation and state legislation. H. D. Proudfoot will lead the discussions in the county for the production, handling and marketing committee.

The transportation and rural electrification committee will be headed by A. C. Kaseberg and J. L. Davis will be the chairman of the new committee to propose and discuss a Federal Agricultural Program.

Carroll Says Is New Director for Moro District

At a special election held Thursday morning, October 15, at the Moro school house for the purpose of electing a director to fill out the term of H. C. Thompson, resigned, Carroll Sayrs was named for the position without opposition.

The budget as posted was adopted after it had been amended to conform to the six percent limitation law as the posted budget was held to be over that limit. The amount of reduction was \$465.35. Receipts will be low this year because of the drop in number of high school students attending school.