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The Oregon returns in the recent battle of the ballots were not without their usual quota of surprises, not the least of which was the astounding plurality amassed by President Roosevelt. While this state had been pretty generally conceded to the Democratic candidate not even his most rabid partisans had anticipated the land slide which swept every county in the state, including the rock ribbed Republican Denison into the Roosevelt column. Republicans who had conceded a Roosevelt victory in this state had grudgingly estimated his margin of victory at 15,000 to 20,000. Democrats, on the other hand, had claimed the state for their candidate by any where from 40,000 to 75,000, a few of the more wild-eyed partisans boosting the margin to as high as 100,000. The voters gave him a plurality of more than 143,000.

Only a little less surprising than the huge total rolled up by Roosevelt was the strength displayed by Willis Mahoney, democratic candidate for United States Senator, who, carried along on the crest of the democratic land slide and with substantial aid from his Townsendite admirers came within 6000 votes of unseating the veteran Chas. L. McNary, republican floor leader in the Senate, and generally accounted an easy victor in the race for re-election.

Alfred Dobson, democrat, who was expected to give the veteran I. H. Van Winkle a hard race for the attorney generalship did so, coming within 11,000 of winning.

One of the most unexplainable results of the election was the big vote polled by the old age pension amendment which came within 5500 votes of carrying and which, had it been approved, would have completely disrupted the state's old age pension set-up, drying up the state and county old age pension funds and leaving nothing with which to match federal aid to the aged.

The personnel of the next legislature determined, the race is now on full tilt for the gavel wielding jobs in the house and senate. For the second time in half a century—the other instance being in 1935—the Democrats will control the House organization with 38 members in that body with the possibility of one more dependent upon the outcome of the race in Umatilla county where C. A. Moll, democrat, is still trailing Carl Engdahl, republican, by a mere handful of votes.

The Senate remains republican, 18 to 12 but with several of the majority members decidedly independent in their voting, anything might happen in the line up on organization. Frank Franciscovich of Clatsop county has been an active candidate for the senate presidency ever since the 1935 session and is known to have lined up considerable support for the job. However there is a possibility that several of the republican members may refuse to support Franciscovich in which event the majority members may turn to Robert M. Duncan of Harney county, who is in a receptive mood but not actively campaigning for the honor. On the Democratic side of the senate two possible candidates for the presidency are being mentioned—W. H. Strayer of Baker and Walter E. Pearson of Multnomah. Strayer veteran member of the senate, has always been popular with his colleagues and could possibly win the honor if he goes for it. Pearson has announced that he will seek the presidency if Strayer does not.

In the House there is a great show of activity on the part of the aspirants for the Speakership, the list including Bull of Union, floor leader in the 1935 session; Hyde of Lane; Boivin of Klamath; Hosch of Deschutes; Barnes and Alber of Multnomah. Of these Boivin or Hyde can be expected to receive the support of the state administration as well as the votes of the conservative republicans in the House in the event of a show down between either of these two and one of the other and more radical members of that body.

Several veterans of past sessions will be absent from the forth coming session. In the senate, Corbett, Lee and Bynon of Multnomah; Wallace of Deschutes; Ad Fisher of Douglas all went down to defeat. Chinnock of Josephine, Aitkin of Washington, Hazlett of Hood River, Hess of Union and Zimmerman of Yamhill did not stand for

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Moro Woman's Club Discusses Public Welfare

The Moro Woman's Club met Friday, November 7th, at the home of Mrs. D. E. Stephens. The program was on Public Welfare under the direction of Miss I. C. Bourhill.

An article on Public Health was read by Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder and Mrs. Irwin Morris read "Children Turn To Crime" from the Oregonian. Mrs. Poley, after a brief explanation of the tuberculin test in the schools, gave an entertaining reading entitled, "Turning The Tables."

The next meeting will be a Thanksgiving Day Program on November 20th.

Former Moro Publisher Called to Great Beyond

M. Fitzmaurice, former resident of Moro and publisher of a news paper here, died this week in Portland after a short illness. He will be remembered by old timers in this county for his bluff and hearty disposition and his aggressiveness. After leaving Moro he published the Condon paper for several years until he sold it to George Flagg who consolidated it with his paper there.

Lincoln Address Found Most Interesting

Probably one of the most interesting articles displayed in the window of the Sherman County Journal, not even excepting the election returns, is the facsimile copy of the Lincoln-Gettysburg address.

This photostatic copy shows the stains on the paper on which was written the now famous words that have since become the best known and liked expressions of the ideals toward which a democracy must strive if it is to be successful. The story goes that as Lincoln was riding to Gettysburg, where he was to say a few words after the orator of the day, Edward Everett, had spoken, he wrote the immortal words of his talk on a scrap of paper taken from a package of tobacco.

It Is Still Dry, But Seeding About Done

It is perhaps not exactly news but dry weather still remains in Sherman county. Those who wanted to seed in the dry have had ample opportunity but those who preferred to wait for rain have and are still having a long wait.

It is reported that some grain is coming up on the low ground and also that the moisture is raising in the good summer fallow so that wheat is beginning to sprout on some higher land. Just now the betting is about even that there will be snow before there is rain.

Wasco Church Plans Eight Day Mission

The Eight Day Preaching Mission will be held in the Methodist church. This is not to be mistaken for revival meetings or any such thing. It is an extension of the National Preaching Mission to the Wasco community. You'll never regret coming.

Monday evening, November 16. A pot luck supper will be held in the church basement. Bring your OWN plates and cups. Supper will be at 6:45 and will be followed by singing and services around the table. NEW PLANS will be formulated for the church work in Wasco. The Monday meeting is the key meeting every friend of the church is invited. Topic, "The Preaching Mission and the Church." Tuesday evening, November 17, Young Married People's Night. Young interdenominational. We are asking the cooperation of the Christian church in this service. Rev. Carey will help in this service. Every married couple under fifty will have a reserved seat. All others are invited, of course. Topic, "The Preaching Mission and the Home."

Wednesday evening, November 18. YOUTH NIGHT. Every young person is appointed a committee of

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Wheat League Committees Are Getting Busy

Local Men Named To Make Discuss Program Subjects Preparatory To Meeting At Heppner, December 3-4-5

Heppner—With local committees busy looking after entertainment features and state officers arranging a program said to be fully up to past high standards, the ninth annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League to be held here December 4 and 5 is expected to draw a record crowd of Columbia basin and Blue Mountain wheat growers.

By the time the meeting is held the 1937 agricultural conservation program will be fairly well outlined and the league officers have promised that one of the leading officials of the department of agriculture at Washington will come to Oregon for the sessions, says E. H. Miller of Lexington, president of the organization.

Farm Leaders Talk

Two years ago George E. Farrell, head of the wheat section in the old AAA and now director of the western region was the Washington representative. He chose the wheat league meeting as the place for making several important announcements in connection with the adjustment program. A year ago at Pendleton, C. C. Concer, another high official, was present.

Oregon growers are looking forward to coming announcements of the 1937 program with considerable interest because of the desire in this and other northwestern states to have the plan simplified for the coming year somewhat as has been done with the range improvement program.

Important Topics Listed

Other important topics for this year's meeting on which committees are already at work include noxious weed control, livestock feeding, river transportation, cooperative marketing, crop insurance, production problems, and legislative recommendations.

Relative importance of the Blue Mountain counties in wheat production in recent years has increased interest in the league work in that region and a larger attendance is in prospect, say the county chairmen. Other officers of the league this year are Charles Nish, Mikhalo, vice president; Charles Smith, Oregon State college, secretary; and the following county chairmen:

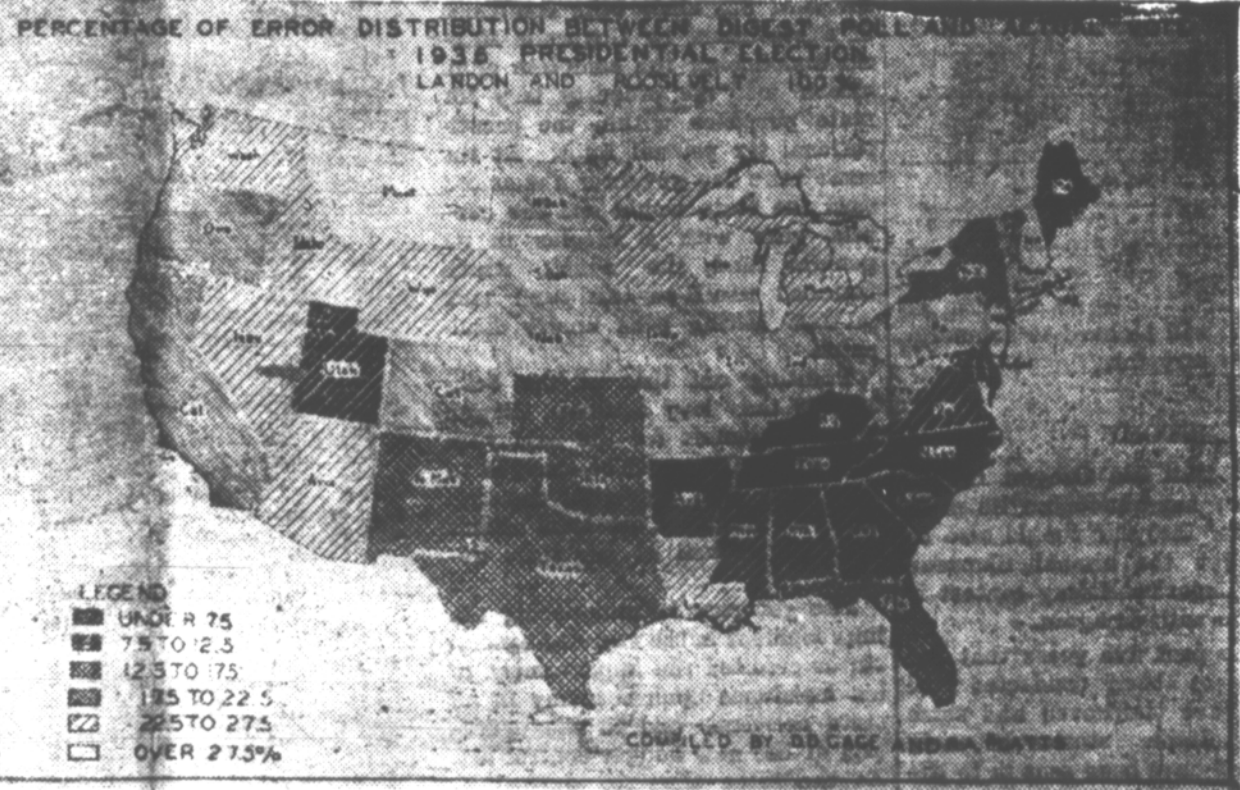
Committees Named

Lloyd Smith, Gilliam; H. V. Smouse, Morrow; Harry Proudfoot, Sherman; James Hill, Umatilla; E. H. DeLong, Union; Hugh Wilson, Wallowa; L. J. Kelly, Wasco; John Putnam, Wheeler; N. E. Dodd Baker, and Ward Ferrell, Jefferson. County committees are at work in each county preparing recommendations on the various subjects to come before the state meeting. Members of the various committees in Sherman county follows:

Weed Control and Soil Conservation—Dewey Thompson, Moro, chairman; O. G. Sayers, Moro, vice chairman; L. C. Wright, Moro, secretary; O. E. Dyer, Moro; A. H. Barnum, Moro; Alva Eakin, Grass Valley; Karl Eaton, Moro; A. Douma, Moro; W. S. Powell, Moro; P. C. Axtell, Moro; Frank Barnett, Moro; Olaf Anderson, Moro; D. L. Belshe, Moro; Willford Belshe, Moro; Carroll Sayers, Moro; Theo. Johnson, Moro; Roy Powell, Moro; H. C. Thompson, Moro; C. R. Morrison, Moro.

Finance, taxation and state legislation—J. B. Adams, Moro; chairman; R. J. Baker, Grass Valley, vice chairman; L. C. Wright, Moro, secretary; J. M. Wilson, Kent; Frank von Borstel, Grass Valley. Production, handling and marketing—Harry Proudfoot, Wasco, chairman; Dean Reynolds, vice chairman; L. C. Wright, Moro, secretary; Millard Eakin, Grass Valley; Arzell Lomley, Grass Valley; L. K. Smith, Grass Valley; M. F. Sandoz, Moro; Herman Schilling, Grass Valley; Chas. R. Baker, Grass Valley. Transportation and rural electrification—A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco, chairman; C. A. Tom, Rufus, vice chairman; L. C. Wright, Moro

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The above chart, prepared by Dr. Dan D. Gage, associate professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, and his students in statistics, shows graphically the percentage of error of the presidential poll conducted by the Literary Digest. The poll failed to take into account many groups and classes of voters that did not get a representative list of citizens on its mailing lists, and erred in other ways, the statisticians pointed out.

County Budget Meeting To Be Held Saturday

The hearing of the county budget will be held Saturday at the court house. It is expected that several people will be present to pass their opinion on the different items of the budget as made up last month by the members of the budget committee and the county court.

The official levy will be made by the court members although the suggestions of the taxpayers present and the budget committee of C. W. Johnson, O. L. Belshe and Amandus von Borstel. Principal changes made in county management as indicated in the budget were the increased expenditures for road building and repair and larger payments for road bonds and the change in the deputies for county officers.

Historical Essays May Bring Prizes

The Oregon Historical Society has announced that "B. L. E. Bonneville" will be the subject for the essay contest which will end March 16, 1938.

This contest is an annual event for school children of Oregon and prizes are \$60, \$50, \$40, and \$30 for first to fourth prizes respectively. Bonneville was one of the first explorers to come into the Columbia river and is the man for whom the town of Bonneville was named. Any student in Oregon is eligible to enter.

LIBRARY TEA ANNOUNCED

The ladies of the Moro library board will give a tea at the library next Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. This will be in honor of national book week. An exhibit of books will be sent here from Gill's and it is thought that a similar exhibit will come from the state library. All are invited to come and see the exhibits and look over the stock of books already on hand at the local library.

U. S. Bank, The Dalles Changes Interior

Many changes have been made in the interior appearance of the U. S. National branch at The Dalles in recent weeks. The old high bank fixtures have been taken out and replaced with some of more modern type. Safety features have been put in to protect the money on hand.

For those using safe deposit vaults there has been an addition made to the number and a new vault has been in care for them. Booths have been built to accommodate those who wish to look over their valuables kept in their safety boxes.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 5	53	38	.01
" 6	47	30	.00
" 7	45	18	.00
" 8	42	16	.00
" 9	42	17	.00
" 10	48	21	.00
" 11	52	21	.00
Total for week			.01

Waterways Group To Plan Inclusive Program Tuesday

Interested Citizens Asked To Attend Meeting Tuesday

A meeting of the Inland Empire Waterways association will be held in Arlington next Tuesday afternoon beginning at 1:30. It is expected that Colonel Robins will be the speaker although his place may be taken by Col. Williams. Both are army engineers who have been working on the development of the Columbia river for several years. The purpose of the meeting is to form a plan for the completion of river development that will be satisfactory to all districts concerned in that project and will also have the backing of the engineering force which has the information and data regarding the river.

New Plan Proposed

The plan proposed at the Walls Walls meeting of October 28 was that a series of dams be constructed within the next few years from the mouth of the John Day to Umatilla rapids and that these dams be built at the same time so that river transportation could begin within a few years and not be impeded by construction work.

The plan is said to have the support of those most informed about the river matters. Representatives of the different cities and localities along the river that are interested in the possibility of navigation, irrigation and power will be present Tuesday and it is hoped that from this meeting will come an all inclusive plan broad enough to merit the support of every one concerned.

Those interested in the development of the river are invited to attend the meeting. There was no school Wednesday, that being Armistice day, and the stores and offices were generally closed in honor of the day.

Former Rutledge Schoolgirl Now Directing Exhibit of Art

The Pathfinder, well known weekly magazine, in its issue of November 7, carried a story about the Joaquin Miller cabin in Rock Creek park in Washington D. C., and told of its new occupant, Miss Phemie Miller, niece of the famed poet of the Sierras.

Attention was called to the story by Mrs. Omer Sayers, who remembered going to school with Phemie Miller in the Rutledge district some years ago. Phemie Miller was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Miller, a brother of the poet. Few recognize him as James Miller as he wore his hair long and tied behind his neck with a string which earned him the name "Longhaired Miller." School in the Rutledge district was different in those days than now for from forty to fifty pupils attended every year. Ben Payne says that 52 were registered one year. Mrs. Lloyd Smith, (Emma Ward) and Mrs. T. E. Searcy

Weed Problem Being Considered Among Farmers

Present Law Found Too Drastic For Weed Infested County In Opinion of Many; Questions For Study Proposed

When Perry Axtell questioned the appropriation for the county agent by saying that the county should have some say about how the money was expended and for what items, he started something. Charley Smith, assistant leader, was present and the ensuing discussion about the need of weed control found fertile soil in his mind. Therefore there was a weed meeting held at the court house Tuesday.

Proven at the meeting was that there is no plan about weeds and how to get rid of them. Perennial weeds, such as morning glory, white top and Russian knapweed, can be killed with chemicals but the cost is so great that no farmer can afford to kill off a badly infested place.

Smith Calls Meeting

The meeting was called at the request of Mr. Smith to county agent Wright to find out what farmers actually thought about weeds and what they wanted to do about getting rid of them.

In the morning Lawrence C. Jenkins told about the weeds and about the chemicals used to combat them. Some of them must be applied when the ground is dry, some when it is wet. An equal distribution of the chemical is always necessary to obtain a good kill. Smothering is possible but requires a great deal of care. He told of the experiments being made to find out if different types of soil required different treatment.

Plans Explained

In the afternoon Charlie Smith talked about weeds. He said that it was time some sort of a plan was devised and followed. He felt that weeds were due to increase in spite of efforts made to combat them and that immediate work was necessary if farming on some lands was to be carried on at all.

He told of farming practices that tend to spread weed seed, hauling hay and straw and buying seed from infested ranches, for instance. There is need for more information about the noxious weeds so that every one will recognize them as readily as they do predatory animals.

Government Aid Used

In Union county, said Mr. Smith, there is a WPA project that aids the weed fighters. The county will treat weed patches for 20 cents per square rod and will give a farmer \$10 per acre for clean cultivation. Idaho has a program in which the state, county and the farm owner cooperate in killing weeds, each putting up a third of the expense.

There is a need, he said, for cheaper chemicals and this might be brought about by a reduction in the import duty on them. This is two cents per pound.

George G. Updegraff explained the present weed law. It has been said that the law had so many teeth that county courts were afraid to put it into effect because of the damage it might do. Briefly its requirements are as follows:

Law Stringent

18-2001- "The county court of each county may declare said county a weed control district for the purpose of destroying such weeds and of preventing the seeding and spread of such other weeds and plants as the court may for the purposes of this act declare noxious."

Furthermore, if the county is not made a weed control district and if the court does not designate all weeds as noxious, "interested parties may present a petition for a special weed control district," naming the weeds to be destroyed, describing the area to be included. Seven farm owners may so petition or a majority of the farm owners in the district as described.

The only requirement the court must make in establishing a weed control district is that the notice be published twice in a paper in the county.

A weed inspector shall be appointed.

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