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Claims of Harry Boivin of Klamath County to a cinch on the House Speakership are hotly protested by the so-called Left wing groups who insist that the Klamath member has been counting his chickens before they are hatched. Boivin this week broadcast the announcement that he had the assurance of more than enough votes to insure his election and was ready to consider requests for appointments to the various House Committees. The announcement burst like a bombshell in the widely scattered camps of his rivals for the gavel wielding job and resulted in a prompt consolidation of opposition support behind Bull of Union with Barnes and Hyde of Lane withdrawing from the race in favor of the eastern Oregon candidate. An active supporter of Bull's candidacy declared while in Salem this week that Boivin could not have more than 10 of the 38 Democrats in his camp while several of the 21 republican members were pledged to the Union county man. Friends of Boivin on the other hand insist that the Klamath county candidate knew what he was talking about when he made his announcement and insist that the Speakership fight is all over even if Bull-Barnes forces have not yet found it out.

In the Senate with W. H. Straver of Baker refusing to yield to the plea of the Democrats that he get into the race, the Presidency appears to be in the bag for Francisovich of Clatsop county, one of the younger members of that body in point of years.

Actual construction work on Oregon's new capitol building will get underway within the next ten days and the building will be completed within 18 months according to Ross B. Hammond, head of the Portland contracting firm, low bidder on the state house job. The bid by the Portland firm—\$2,006,137—lowest of the seven submitted to the Capitol Reconstruction Commission, was not only well within the fund available for the job but provides for a white marble exterior. The Hammond company constructed the present state office building, erected in 1929-30 at a cost slightly in excess of \$500,000.

File early for your new automobile licenses is the plea of Secretary of State Snell in an effort to avoid the eleventh hour of congestion which generally marks the annual rush for plates at the end of the year. Fewer than 12,500 of the 300,000 motorists in the state had filed when the drawing for low numbers was held in the automobile registration department last Friday. Snell reminds that the new 1937 plates may be used after December 15.

A new all time record for traffic accidents in Oregon was established during October when 42 persons were killed on the highways of the state compared to 19 for the same month last year. The October deaths brought the year's total to 257, an increase of more than 25 percent over last year's 204 for the same period.

There were 6463 officials and employees on the state payroll last June according to a compilation just completed by the budget department, which shows a monthly payroll of \$780,252.85. Activities supported by appropriations account for 2901 employees with an aggregate monthly payroll of \$382,818.92 with 3562 persons on the payrolls of self-sustaining activities drawing a total of \$397,433.93 for the month. Of the 2901 persons on the payrolls of appropriation supported activities 988, or slightly more than one third are in the state system of higher education but this group drew \$202,562.71 or a monthly pay envelope, or more than one half the entire amount charged to the appropriation-supported group, whereas the other two thirds, or 1812 persons drew only \$180,166.21. The average pay of all state employees is computed at \$120.71. Employees of the state system of higher education, however, draw an average of \$204.90 a month while the average monthly pay check of the other employees and officials in the appropriation-supported group is only \$99.42 and that of employees in the self-sustaining group is \$111.48.

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IDEAL 4-H GIRL



HELEN M. MICHAEL, 15, Eugene, selected by State Club Leader H. C. Seymour as the year's most all-around club girl in Oregon, wins an all-expense trip to the 15th National Club Congress to be held in Chicago, Nov. 27-Dec. 5. Miss Michael has been a club girl since eligible, and has completed projects in news and playwriting, home beautification, room improvement, homemaking, clothing, cooking, canning, camp cookery, flowers, marketing, livestock, rabbits, poultry, and health. She was state grand champion in room improvement the last two years, and home-making champion this year. She gave 12 public demonstrations, among them the state championship demonstrations in canning, cooking, and "dollar dinner". Her prize winnings total \$396.13 and her total sales \$1,573.62. She will compete with other western state champions for regional honors, and if successful will be a contender for one of three cash scholarships of \$400, \$300, and \$200, given by Montgomery Ward, sponsor of the contest, together with Chicago trips and county medals.

County Court Pays Many Bills

CLAIMS ALLOWED AND PAID OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AT THE NOVEMBER 4, TERM OF COUNTY COURT

Chas. R. Logan, auditing Clerk and Sheriff's	\$20.00
U. S. National Bank, Old age assistance	186.90
Farmers Elev. and Supply Co. Slack coal for court house	272.34
Hugh Chrisman, Board of prisoner	5.00
M. Clarke Webb, Sealer Wts and Measures	2.67
Earl Bartlett, Repair on type writer for Superintendent	7.50
Mid-Coll. Typewriter shop 1 doz typewriter ribbons	6.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Repair on assessor and treasurer adding machines	6.95
Nat'l Reemployment Sherman County's share of office expense	15.00
West Coast Print. and Bind. Supplies for Sheriff's office	2.25
West Coast Print. and Bind. Supplies for clerk, elec.	67.30
Pac. Power and Light Co. Courthouse light bill for October	9.13
Pac. Tel. and Tel. Co. Telephone for October	16.35
Annie Eddy, Janitress	30.00
Jas. Stewart Stock Inspector	25.00
A. B. Johnson Furnace tender	25.00
Geo. A. Potter County Judge	37.50
A. A. Dunlap County Comm.	24.00
P. C. A. R. County Comm.	12.00
Ging Coleman and Co. Supplies for courthouse	5.20
Chas. Everett, Taking care of election booths at Wasco	5.00
Gene Reynolds, Taking care of election booths at Rutledge	5.00
Ed. Hennagin, Taking care of election booths at Locust	5.00
Geo. A. Henderson, District Attorney	6.88
F. H. Ambison, Canvass of returns of votes	5.00
R. B. Hoskinson, Canvass of returns of votes	5.00
County printing and printing books	52.15
W. W. Knighten, Cash advanced for office help	9.27
W. W. Knighten, Stamps for office	9.00
The Macmillan Company, Sup't office supplies	2.42
W. A. Raymond, Labor repairing in Sup't's office	5.80
State Int. Agr. Comm. Peace officers protection	14.24
Chas. R. Logan, Account of 1936 audit	20.00
Inland Empire Waterways Balance of 1935 budget	250.00
Dr. C. L. Poley, Health	

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Big Dams Being Constructed To Hold Headwaters

Dry Fall Aids Work of Camp Boys Who Are Working To Hold Floods From Grass Valley Canyon Next Spring

The dry fall has been of advantage to one of the activities in this county at least; the boys of the OCC camp have been able to work with a maximum efficiency these sunny days, for the ground has not frozen and it has not been cold.

The work that is taking the major part of the labor of the boys at camp has been the construction of dams in Grass Valley canyon and the tributaries thereto. Several of these dams are very large indeed some being full ten feet high allowed by the SO Service.

Dams Protect Ranges

One dirt dam has been constructed but most of them are of rock banked with dirt on the upper side. When put in the tributaries of the main canyon they are designed to hold the flood waters and eventually build up fertile soil above the dams which can be used for alfalfa or other such crops.

It is the hope of the officers in charge of the work, that these dams and the other work being done will be a demonstration of land owners of what can be done in holding flood waters and preventing erosion from cutting deep canyons.

It is estimated that when the work of the camp is ended, which will probably be next year, that at least an eighth of the water that comes down Grass Valley canyon will be stopped and used for farming purposes in some way.

Run Off Abated

At present nearly all the land that will be included in the project is being worked by the crews. Only a few more acres can be taken in to the project. Harlow "Arkins", project manager, emphasizes the fact that the work is being done as a demonstration. The aim is to show that water can be kept on the farm to some advantage by the construction of dams. The recommended cultural methods are expected to show that water may be made to go into the soil in greater degree than under the clean summerfallow methods.

Crews are now working on the Barnum ranches, the Douma ranch and the Eva ranch. Other places will be the scene of the work during the winter months and the entire area will be covered before the project is finished according to plans now in effect.

Additional Locals

Examinations for those who wish to be accredited basket ball referees during the coming season will be held Saturday morning, December 5, at the Moro school house, announces R. G. Cunliff, who received word that he has been appointed examiner for the test.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse left Wednesday for Portland and Minnival where they will spend several days. Thanksgiving dinner will be with their daughters at the Stewart farm near Bethel. Harry Ragsdale is ill again from his sinus ailment and is home again for a few weeks from school at Eugene.

Tom Fraser and wife spent Thanksgiving in Corvallis with their four children who are attending school there.

Miss Fay Thompson was home for Thanksgiving from Glendale where she is teaching.

The Moro CCC camp football team met defeat at the hands of the Goldendale side savers last Saturday by a score of 6 to 0.

Mrs. Jessie Hennings and Mrs. George Hennagin are in Portland to spend the next few months in a warmer climate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Knighten and children were in Wainia to attend Thanksgiving turkey with the relatives of Mr. Knighten.

Lester Baunum shipped a part of his sheep he has been feeding last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bull spent Thanksgiving at Rowena with the Meloy family.

Fred Blau Buried Monday In Wasco Cemetery

The funeral of Fred Blau was held Monday afternoon from the Wasco Methodist church, following his death Saturday morning at his home in Portland. Pall bearers were Fred Hennagin, A. C. Kaseberg, Victor Anderson, H. V. Kean, J. P. Yates and E. D. McKee. Rev. R. A. Hutchinson gave the funeral sermon.

Mr. Blau was born in Saxony, Germany December 5, 1867 and came to the United States in 1885. He was one of the men who built their competence by labor and savings. He worked for several seasons as a wheat tuck in the warehouses along the Columbia River before the advent of the Columbia Southern railroad.

He was married in 1897 to Minnie Gibson at Moro. To them have been born one son, Walter, who now farms one of the places owned by his parents.

Mr. Blau had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected by his many friends. Although his residence has been in Portland for many years he has lived in Sherman county during the active months on his farms and has kept up his interest in his original community where many remember his acts of friendliness.

Waterways Meeting Due Next Saturday

The meeting of the Inland Empire Waterways Association which was scheduled for November 17th was postponed until the 28th which is next Saturday. Those in the river are invited to attend this meeting. Colonel Robins, chief of the army engineers in the northwest, will be the speaker of the occasion and is expected to outline the program that the committee will recommend to the committee on rivers and harbors in the coming session of congress.

Preliminary reports are to the effect that if they get the backing of the different communities along the river they will advocate the building of four navigation dams between the mouth of the John Day river and the mouth of the Snake river. These dams will all be constructed at the same time thus giving quick use of the upper river for transportation purposes. The cost is estimated at \$110,000,000.

Representatives of all sections interested in the river are expected to be in attendance and it is felt that a river program that deserves and will have the support of all communities will be formed to the advantage of the development of the entire northwest.

Range Program Closed Here

About fifty thousand acres of Sherman county range land will be put under the government's range program says LeRoy Wright county agent, when the entries were closed on this program Wednesday night, November 25.

John Henshaw has been examining the ranges of the county that are entered. Several means are available whereby the owner of the grass land may cooperate and receive grants from the government.

The planting of grass and other means of soil conservation enable the cooperation to become eligible for the grants.

Wheat Checks Expected Anytime

Some of the county that sent in their final information on the 1936 wheat contracts have already received a part of their payments and the returns for this county are expected at any time by the county agent.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 19	70	32	.00
" 20	57	39	.00
" 21	57	26	.00
" 22	54	27	.00
" 23	49	24	.00
" 24	46	21	.00
" 25	47	20	.00
Total for week			.00

4-H Clubs Formed For Early Work Next Spring

Forestry Club Largest With Cooking Clubs Second; Many More To Take Up Work With Livestock Next Year

County Agent LeRoy Wright and School Superintendent Willy W. Knighten were about the county Tuesday and Wednesday of this week visiting schools and taking enlistments for 4-H club work.

A total of 288 entries were made which signifies that next spring there will be nearly sixty percent of the children of the county engaged in some of the club activities. This is a higher percentage than has been in this endeavor for some time even in this county which is usually one of the highest in the state.

Forestry Attracts

Most popular of the clubs for 1937 is forestry in which 66 signers are listed. In 1936 fifty five took the course and nearly that number made the field trip in the summer. The trip is one of the principal attractions of the course.

Girls Like Sewing

Sewing interests the girls in greatest number, forty nine having agreed to finish their work in that branch of work. Thirty three will take up cookery and thirty will learn to can foods under the supervision of their leaders.

The livestock clubs are well filled this year with 34 being listed in the beef clubs, 21 in the sheep clubs, 26 in the swine clubs, 20 in the dairy clubs and 7 in the colt club. It is expected that there will be a greater interest throughout the state in the colt clubs this year.

Gas Engine Club Grows

A comparatively new club, the gas engine, will be given again this year and 22 boys have signified a desire to study on this subject.

Work is being organized earlier this year so that all may be in readiness when the time for work begins next spring. Animals will be purchased for the livestock clubs within the next few weeks, says Mr. Wright who has made arrangements for the money if it is needed.

Plaque For Pioneers of Deschutes Crossing Asked By C. W. Barzee

It was the custom to ride the near lead ox of any team fording a stream, unless the team was very well trained and biddable to command. A safety custom for intermediate yokes was to tie their tails together to compel them to stay in line. High water of spring flood was usually well out of Des Chutes and John Day rivers before the Columbia rise because the two former rivers have their source in the Cascade and Blue mountains, Chinook winds which melt the snow, strikes the Blue and Cascade mountains long before a current of warm air reaches the Columbia and Snake rivers have their sources. A huge rock about mid-stream of the John Day river acts as a gauge for safety of the ford. Unlike the Des Chutes the John Day river has high banks that confine the flood waters. When the rock is above water the stream is fordable. The Des Chutes ford varies but little in depth and is about hub deep to wagons.

The reader is asked to pardon my emphasis of the Des Chutes ford. It is an event of my life, as related to me, never to be forgotten and the principal purpose of writing this description of the Oregon Trail is to effect the erection of a suitable placard to the memory of my own and other like ancestors. The officers of the Oregon Trail Association of The Dalles has, upon perusal of this article, promised me to present this descriptive matter at their next annual meeting, with recommendations that a fitting plaque be erected, memorializing the immigrants fording this stream.

The suggestion of this plaque is no idle dream of the writer. As I have many times crossed and re-crossed this river, my memory wings me back to the multitude of dangers and hardships endured by those early pioneers who braved the wild West and made Oregon and Washington their homes. The debt of gratitude in the erection of this plaque would be appreciated by multitudes of their descendants. A hundred times more sacred to our fore-parents and their companions, over any grave stone monument, which is lost to the interest of the coming generations, is this indestructible plaque which will speak profoundly to all coming generations. The Trail at this place crosses and recrosses the Highway with in one half mile of this bridge. For tourists as well as for local travel observation there is no place west of the Rocky mountains half so conspicuous. Time has wrought great changes since Mr. Meeker made his famous return trip with ox team when he marked the Trail. It is quite certain that he did not ford the Des Chutes on his return trip. The trail was fenced off by wires on both sides of Millers bridge, to force travel over the Miller toll bridge. No highway bridge was built at the time of his marking. I met Mr. Meeker at his camp in The Dalles as he was enroute and took a whiff of his tar pot he carried for greasing his thimble skein wagon. I was also present when Mr. Lane, The Dalles blacksmith shod his oxen for the long tedious trip east. Let the Journal The Dalles Chronicle and other counties combine and place a plaque on the Des Chutes bridge with appropriate inscription in memory of the Pioneers who crossed this ford.

Austin Foss and Chester Watkins Hurt In Accident

Austin Foss, accompanied by Chester Watkins of Wasco, were driving near Monroe last week end when the yellow line gave out in the fog. The Foss car left the road, turned over and slid up a drain ditch for several feet completely wrecking the top and breaking a front axle. Austin was bruised rather badly and Watkins suffered a partial dislocation of the neck and a strained shoulder. They were brought home Sunday by Donald Burnet.

Moro School Boys Present Minstrel

The boys of the Moro high school trod the boards Thursday night in presenting to the parents and patrons of the school their first attempt at the actors art.

Each character was dressed in black face and so completely disguised that parents had to watch for personal peculiarities in order to pick their own offspring from the crowd of "Darkies" on the stage.

Howard Condee took the part of the "Coontown Millionaire" and Harold Belshee acted the part of his wife. Thirley Chapman was the demure but dashing daughter of the pair and Robert Christensen was her "boy friend." Other characters were Wyman French as a maid, Rodney Truitt as a rag man and Winfred Baker as a cop, with a pair of agile feet.

Chorus of Eight

The chorus consisted of Marcus Eslinger, Dale Johnston, Lyle Nahouse, Bobby Axtell, Elmer Belshee, Vernon Futter, Ronald Gentry and Robert Gilmor, the latter four being dressed in feminine attire.

An abbreviated orchestra furnished the music for the show and played enough of the old time pieces to intrigue the attention of the elders who undoubtedly remembered with some pleasure the strains of "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" and "In the Good Old Summer Time."

A crowd that filled the school gymnasium was out for the show insuring a good gate.

Mrs. W. B. Johnston of Salem sent a very small book to the library last week. It contained a list of the kings of England up to Edward VII.

Wheat League Program Lists Informed Men

Bell To Come From Washington To Bring 1937 Agricultural Program; Mills To Tell of Currency's Effect On Trade

HEPPNER—Final details of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League program, December 4 and 5, have just been announced here by E. H. Miller, Lexington, president, as local people made final preparations to house, with true western hospitality, the record crowd expected this year. The Union Pacific railroad is cooperating in advance arrangements and will run at least one special pullman to bring delegations from east of the Blue mountains, and will leave the car to serve as additional hotel facilities during the meeting.

Bell From U. S. D. A.

Uncertainty as to who would come from Washington, D. C. for this conference was dispelled when officers received word that Dr. E. J. Bell, assistant to the director of the western division of the AAA will be at the meeting to give, for the first time in Oregon, an outline of the 1937 agricultural conservation program. He will have come directly from the Washington conference, where Oregon is represented by W. L. Teutsch of the O. S. C. extension service, and N. E. Dodd, Baker.

Mills To Explain Trade

Another notable program feature is the speech by A. L. Mills, Jr., vice president of the U. S. National bank in Portland on "The Effects of Currency Fluctuations upon Trade." S. T. White, state director of agriculture is also on the program, scheduled to speak on needed changes in agricultural legislation at the coming session, including proposed changes in warehousing, seed, noxious weed control and related laws. All legislators from the Columbia and Blue mountain counties have been urged to attend this year's session and take part in the discussions on the new legislation desired by the farmers of the wheat belt.

Weed Control, Subject

Other subjects to be discussed on the program will include noxious weed control, feeding of wheat to livestock, Columbia river development, cooperative marketing of agricultural products, substitute crops, and the formal report of the standing committees which this year deal with finance, taxation and state legislation, transportation and rural electrification; weeds and soil conservation; federal agricultural programs; and production, handling and marketing. Program follows:

Program Given

Friday, December 4, 1936 Forenoon Musical selection - 9:15 o'clock. Welcoming Address - C. B. Cox, Mayor elect, Heppner.

Response - Chas. Nish, Vice President, Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

President's Address - E. H. Miller. Report of Secretary - Chas. W. Smith.

"Effect of Currency Fluctuation Upon Trade" - A. L. Mills Jr., Vice President U. S. National Bank, Portland. Afternoon

Musical selections, 1:15 o'clock. "The Noxious Weed Problem of the Oregon Wheat Belt" - H. G. Avery, Union county agent, La Grande.

"Feeding Wheat to Livestock" - D. E. Richards, Superintendent, Union Branch Experiment station. "1937 Federal Agricultural Program" - Dr. E. J. Bell, assistant to chief, Western Division, AAA.

"Columbia River Development" - W. S. Nelson, Manager, The Dalles Chamber of Commerce.

Committee meetings. Banquet - Guest speaker, Governor Charles H. Martin.

Committee meetings. Saturday, Dec. 5 - Forenoon Committee meetings - 8:00 o'clock. Musical selection - 9:00 o'clock.

"Cooperative Marketing of Agricultural Products" - Wm. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, O. S. C. Corvallis.

"Needed Changes in Agricultural Legislation" - S. T. White, dire

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