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Bonneville may be just a huge \$40,000,000 power plant to the average citizen. But to the politically minded it represents a gigantic ammunition factory upon which to draw for material in the forthcoming campaign.

This was clearly indicated this week when Howard Latourette, Democratic national committeeman, opened his campaign for the governorship with a blast at Governor Martin's stand on President Roosevelt's power policy. A statement by the governor that he saw eye to eye with the president in the matter of rates and distribution of Bonneville power drew from Latourette the charge that the governor had executed a political smug-sault and about-faced completely from his previously declared stand on Bonneville rates. To which the governor facetiously remarked that "there will be Bonneville power for all candidates by election time and at rates within the reach of all politicians."

President Roosevelt's visit to Bonneville not only touched off the gubernatorial campaign here in Oregon. It brought a lot of other candidates out of hiding to flutter for the time being in the reflected glory of the nation's chief executive. E. J. Griffith, WPA administrator and chairman of the committee on arrangements, found it necessary to deny rumors that he was laying his political lines as a candidate for United States senator, but no such denial was forthcoming from either Carl Donagh or Elton Watkins, both of Portland, and both regarded as ambitious to contest Willis Mahoney for the right to represent the Democratic party in the senatorial campaign to unseat Frederick Steiwer who was unable to attend the Bonneville gathering, because of a hunting trip in eastern Oregon.

A total of 1488 motorists arrested during July for various infractions of the state's traffic laws contributed nearly \$11,600 in fines to the public purse, according to a report by Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of state police. Fifty-nine drivers charged with drunkenness were fined an aggregate of \$488.

Present indications are that there will be no state tax levy against property next year thanks to increased collection of income taxes. Revenues from this source to date exceed \$5,000,000, topping tax commission estimates by nearly \$1,000,000. A mopping up campaign to catch the laggards and dodgers is confidently expected to produce another \$200,000. If 1938 collections, based on 1937 incomes, can be depended on to continue at the 1937 level it will be possible not only to wipe out the property levy within and without the constitutional six percent limit but to pile up a small surplus for support of the common schools if and when the legislature sets up the machinery for apportioning this surplus among the several counties.

Pin-ball machines and slot machines are gambling devices designed to attract the patronage of the ignorant and the simple. Attorney General Van Winkle declared in a brief filed with the supreme court this week in support of the state's appeal from the decree of Judge Walker of Polk County who had dismissed two suits brought against C. C. Coats. The appeal puts the legality of these devices squarely up to the supreme court for the first time since the drive was launched to outlaw these machines more than a year ago.

Uncle Sam stands ready to construct the transmission lines for distribution of Bonneville power, in the opinion of Governor Martin. The governor said that he gathered this impression in his conversations with President Roosevelt on his visit to Oregon last week.

Thirty one persons lost their lives in fires in Oregon during the first six months of 1937, it was reported this week by Hugh H. Earle state insurance commissioner. Eighty-eight other persons were injured in fires during the same period. There were a total of 2184 injuries.

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SIGNS FOR F. D. R.



Washington, D. C.—Jeanne Kavanagh, twenty, pretty, blue-eyed Iowa girl, pictured here, has been appointed by President Roosevelt as secretary, with the power to sign his name to all land grants and patents. She is the youngest person ever to hold this position.

CCC Camp Will Undergo Change In Personnel

Changes have been announced in the operation of the local CCC camp. Due to an inability to fill the quotas of eastern camps the men of the Moro camp who remained here to form the nucleus for the October consignment of men were returned to the first army corps area in the New England states. They will leave Friday. It is expected that before the end of October a new group of boys will come here from the fourth army corps area which includes the southern states. It is reported that the new group will come from Tennessee, and that the full group of 200 will be stationed here throughout the winter.

Harlandview Grange Holds Booster Meet

Harland View grange held its annual booster night meeting last Thursday night at the hall with about a hundred members and visitors present. George Mitchell, director of the Umatilla county branch experiment station near Pendleton was the principal speaker. He told of the inter-relationship between nutrition manufacturers of the world and the troubles caused by them.

Among other features on the program were a talk on the county fair and 4-H club work by LeRoy Wright, county agent, a humorous skit by Carl Adams and wife, a clarinet solo by Lois Melzer and a duet by Mrs. Carl Melzer and Mrs. Charles Adlard.

Forrest Peetz Funeral Held Today In Portland

Forrest Barnum Peetz, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz, passed away in Portland early Wednesday morning following a heart attack. Monday evening he had been ill and gone to Portland for medical attention when the second attack proved too much for his heart.

He was born near Moro August 17, 1903 and attended school here during his youth, later going to school in Portland for a time. He was married Christmas day 1926 at The Dalles to Miss Dorothy Parkins, who had taught in the Moro schools. He was in business in Goldendale for a year or two and then returned to Moro where they resided until he began work for the forest service at Zig Zag where they have lived for several years.

Two Children Survive

Two children, Janet and Louis, and his widow survive him. His parents, a brother, Byron of Portland and a sister, Leora, also survive of his immediate family.

The funeral will be held Friday at 1:00 p. m. from Holman & Lutz chapel at 14th and Sandy Blvd. in Portland and interment will be made in the Riverview cemetery. Graveside services will be in charge of the Masonic lodge.

Health Ass'n Holds Annual Meeting Here

Visitors Speak of Health Work in Wasco; Officers Retained For Another Year By General Assembly

The annual meeting of the new Sherman County Health Association was held at the court house Monday evening with Mrs. D. E. Stephens, president in the chair, and Mrs. C. L. Poley, secretary aiding.

The constitution and by-laws that were accepted by an earlier meeting were read and no further changes were proposed. An election of officers is constitutionally one of the functions of the fall annual meetings the original officers, who have served but a few months, were retained.

Seal Sale Explained

The secretary explained that the seal sale this year will be conducted on a county basis which means that the local health unit will be permitted to retain a large percentage of the receipts if sufficient seals are sold. The sale will begin Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Mae Moore acting as chairman.

Dr. H. M. Erickson, health officer of Wasco county, told of the work being done there toward better health conditions. A health officer and three nurses are kept busy as well as a sanitary inspector. Over a dozen food handlers have left The Dalles because of the recently passed sanitary ordinances, he said. The water and milk supplies have been improved in recent months also, said the health officer.

Judge Garfield Schultz, of Wasco county, discussed the health work from the financial angle and prophesied that it would pay big dividends in later years in lessening the relief costs.

Several Talk

Miss Mabel Spinning, Wasco county health nurse, Judge George Potter, Dr. C. L. Poley, Homer J. Dixon, John F. Jenkins and Wily W. Knighten gave their points of view on health work, the instructors favoring it because of the difficulty of teaching school in a period of community disturbance because of illness.

Appointed by the president to act as an executive committee for the year were Mrs. Afton McIntyre of Wasco, John F. Jenkins of Rufus, Mrs. Theodore von Borstel of Kent, Miss Cassie Holmes of Grass Valley, aided by Mrs. E. M. Alley, and Mrs. Carroll Sayrs of Moro.

Potato Growers Vote For Control

Oregon commercial potato growers who took the trouble to vote in the recent referendum election called by the AAA are in favor of establishing goals under the 1938 farm program although a comparatively small percentage of them took the trouble to vote. The unofficial total was 303 yes and 178 against, in the 18 Oregon counties which are classified as commercial potato areas.

In general the western Oregon counties were more in favor of the plan of setting up voluntary goals than were those in eastern Oregon. Voting against the plan were growers in Klamath, Lane and Crook counties, although the latter by only a one vote majority.

The vote has been reported to Washington where returns from other producing states are being compiled. The AAA has announced that if a substantial majority is in favor of the plan it will be included in the 1938 agricultural conservation program. It would apply only to growers producing three acres or more and would be on a voluntary basis for them.

WASCO POST ELECTS

Election of officers of the Frank Brown Post, American Legion of Wasco, was held Wednesday night with the result that Lee Dehlar will act as commander for the ensuing year. Frank Knox was chosen vice-commander, Viggo Haufelt, adjutant, Hal Shelton, sergeant at arms and Captain R. O. Scott, finance officer.

Sherman County Telling World About Itself

Pamphlets telling something about Sherman county and attempting to answer a few questions strangers would naturally ask about the county booth at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition this week. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bull are in charge of the booth.

Those who have visited the show say that the Sherman county booth makes a very good appearance compared with those put up by other counties. Wheat is the principal crop displayed.

OREGON TRAFFIC DEATHS

A series of weekly articles by Earl Snell, Secretary of State.

The news that an American citizen has been hit by a stray shot in a foreign war brings forth banner headlines throughout the nation, and expressions of indignation from every corner of the country. If 100 Americans were killed under such circumstances, the repercussions would be tremendous. But, strange as it seems, daily announcements dealing with the loss of life and destruction of property on our own streets and highways are apparently accepted as of little more than routine interest.

46 Dead In October '36

Forty-six fatalities resulted from traffic accidents in October, 1936: fifty-five in November, and thirty-two in December.

This is a total of 133 people of all ages, men, women and children; and in addition 2,293 suffered injuries, many of them so serious as to leave the victims crippled for life.

Killing Must Stop

The people of Oregon can and must stop this killing and crippling that is taking such a terrible toll in life and property. Every one of us who drives a motor car must accept the personal responsibility that goes with the holding of an operator's license and the use of the streets and highways. The tremendous percentage of accidents due to carelessness, to a moment of distracted attention, and to other causes wholly within control of the driver, shows indisputably that it is within our power to show a great improvement record for the final months of the present year.

Resolve to exercise more care; to take a little more time on every trip and play safe; to give careful attention to the hazards of winter driving. Do these things, and Oregon will show a record of which we can be proud. Make a special effort to reduce Oregon traffic deaths—and start now.

Prohibition Play Shown To Large Audience

An Anti-Liquor league play which served as a background for a sermon against liquor was given at the Community church Wednesday evening with a cast of local people aided by Hayward Johnson, prohibitionist lecturer, who took the leading part, the "Prisoner at the Bar."

D. E. Stephens acted as judge, Lawrence Mitchelmore as prosecutor, Giles French as defense attorney and R. C. Byers, sheriff, R. G. Cunliff, fingerprint expert, Mrs. C. L. Poley and Priscilla Melzer, daughter of the prisoner, were witnesses. Wily Knighten and Joe Truitt were officers of the court.

A jury of local citizens brought in a verdict of guilty and the prisoner was marched away to have his neck stretched for the murder of his wife while drunk. The church was filled with spectators.

Mrs. Lucy Ruggles left Tuesday for a visit of a couple of weeks with relatives and friends near Grass Valley.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Sept. 30	61	41
Oct. 1	60	4408
" 2	58	3700
" 3	60	3700
" 4	63	3800
" 5	63	3900
" 6	65	3400
Total for week		08

Delegation Asks For Preference In Roadwork

Unit of Proposed Through Routes In Need of Work Says Group; Schools Consolidated, Budget Set

The October meeting of the county court brought out several delegations that filled the day with arguments and problems. In the morning, as is usual, the relief committee met for a discussion of its problems for the month. The major part of its meeting was taken up with a review of a number of the cases on its books with the result that several changes were made.

A delegation from the south end of the county with J. M. Wilson as speaker, asked the court to promise to speed the next allotment of state money on the so-called "back Pinegarn" road as it is a part of a projected through highway from the John Day highway to Bear Springs and it was held that improvement of this portion of it would bring the construction of the whole road that much nearer.

Connection Asked

The court has already designated five roads that should be considered by the state for improvement. The "back Pinegarn" is one, Pulton Canyon, Scott Canyon, Hay Canyon and the Monkland road extension are the others. The court declined to commit itself definitely although it offered to ask the state highway commission for a preliminary survey of the proposed road.

In his talk before the court Mr. Wilson said that the road would run east of Kent, down Eakin canyon to Pine Hollow to the river and up either Thirtymile or Armstrong canyon in Gilliam county to join the John Day highway at Thirtymile or Mayville and that the Wheeler county court would send a petition for a survey to the highway commission.

Residents of the two school districts, 26 and 33, which recently voted and petitioned to consolidate were present favoring the move. No one appeared against the measure and it was so ordered by the court.

Consolidation Approved

When the consolidation order is officially sent out the officers of Dist. 33, which absorbed Dist. 26 will continue in office and the board members and clerk of the former Michigan district, No. 26 will cease to hold office. Officers of Dist. 33 are W. C. Todd, chairman, Ted Ball and Glen Fairchild, and Don Clodfelter, clerk.

The dog committee, W. B. Rice and L. E. Clark, met with the court and settled the claim of Millard Eakin against predatory dogs which destroyed some of his sheep some weeks ago.

The date for the county budget meeting was set for October 18. Appointed to aid the county court in making up the list of appropriations for 1938 were Roy Powell, A. C. Kaseberg and Amandus von Borstel.

Reception Given For Moro Teachers

A reception for the school teachers of the Moro schools will be held Wednesday evening, October 13, at eight o'clock at the school house gymnasium with the members of the Moro Woman's Club acting as hostesses for the affair.

A program of music, songs and dancing will be given by local people and the latter part of the evening will be spent in making acquaintances between the teachers and the patrons of the school. Mrs. Cecil Hockman is in charge of the program for the club.

INSTALLATION DAY SET

Newly elected officers of the Legion and Auxiliary posts and units of Sherman county will be installed into office at Kent, Saturday night, October 16th according to information given out here. All posts and units are expected to hold election before that date. Representatives of the state or district or past officers will make the installation speeches.

Council Appoints Budgeteers For Next Session

The city council met Tuesday night and appointed a budget committee to help make up the budget for the coming year. Named on the committee are John Foss, Jay Freeman, M. A. Bull, W. W. Knighten, W. S. Powell and J. E. Coleman. The meeting will be held Tuesday-October-12 at the Council rooms.

Purchase of the outstanding "so-called" auditorium bonds was completed Friday of last week by city officials. Remaining were \$26,500 of bonds with \$7,950 delinquent interest. Price paid by the city was \$4,450. The remainder of the bonds are expected to be refinanced and refunded at 4 percent instead of 6 percent.

A discussion of a possible reduction in water rates was held but no action was taken. Plea of the Moro Woman's club that it be permitted to use the council rooms was favorably acted upon. An offer was made for cleaning the septic tank but agreement was not reached.

Simnasho Camp Builds Big Dam

Simnasho—While the public watches the progress on the great Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects, a much smaller but an important dam in its own vicinity is being quietly built in this little Indian-village 60 miles south of The Dalles.

The Happy Canyon dam is a large earth-filled structure being built by Company 2115 of the Civilian Conservation corps, under the supervision of the SCS, and in cooperation with the Warm Springs Indian Agency.

The structure, about one-third completed, will be 380 feet long and 45 feet high and will impound approximately 400 acre feet of water in Happy Canyon. Construction was started April 5 of this year, and it is hoped to have it completed in November in time to impound run-off water this coming winter and spring.

Civilian Conservation corps enrollees, who in most cases have had no previous training in this type of work, handle all of the construction equipment, operating tractors, bulldozers, air compressors, jack-hammers and earthmovers.

Wasco Festival Successfully Entertains Crowd

The annual Wasco library festival was held last Saturday in that town with most of the festivities being held in the Crossfield building, instead of on the street as usual. The threat of inclement weather was the cause for the change.

The parade, held in the morning, was acclaimed as among the best ever put on for the occasion. The Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers float was given first place in the business firm class winning the gold cup. The Wasco Garden Club won first in the organization class and the silver cup was awarded to its officers.

In the children's class Thyron Richelderfer won first for high school entry with Charles Hartman, second. Patsy Needham of Acme, Wn., was first for pre-school age entry.

After the parade Miss Audrey Spencer was crowned senior queen and was presented with a sapphire bracelet and Patricia Kaseberg was crowned junior queen and was given a camera. Winners of other prizes were Mrs. E. D. McKee the lace tablecloth, Mrs. Margaret Peetz, Moro, the candy container and Leo Watkins the candy bucket.

The Young Oregonians pleased a large audience at the school house with a show that demonstrated the training given children of the city in singing, dancing and other acts.

The dance in the evening was well attended and despite the fact that farm work kept many away the affair was a financial success.

Mrs. Lucille Mains stopped for a brief visit Monday with Mrs. Lucy Ruggles, enroute to her home in California, after visiting with relatives for several weeks in Vancouver, Washington.

Bob King Wins Championship With Club Calf

Prizes in Wheat Taken By County Exhibits and Many Prizes Won By 4-H Clubbers on Livestock

Sherman county 4-H club children have again demonstrated that they can produce beef in competition with anyone in the northwest. Bob King, who has been a consistent winner for several years, topped his and the county's previous record this year by taking first prize with his senior yearling Hereford calf and then going on to win grand champion for all breeds. He has won second place before but this is the second time that grand championship honors have come to the county.

Many Prizes Won

Other winners among the club workers of the county are as follows: For beef breeding heifers Frank von Borstel, first; Bob King, second. Breeding heifers under one year Jack von Borstel, third. For jr. Shorthorns, Frank von Borstel, fourth.

Senior Hereford, Bob King, as mentioned, champion and grand champion, Henry Richelderfer, tenth, David Richelderfer, fifteenth. For Jr. Herefords, Frank Sayrs, second; Bob King, sixteenth.

For Senior Angus, Bob King, fifth. For Jr. Angus, Bob King, second; John Hilderbrand, seventh.

For a county group of five animals Sherman county won first. Sale of the club calves was an event of Wednesday and the prices received were reported to the Sherman County Journal as follows: Bob Kings champion Hereford-36c to Safeway, Frank Sayrs, .17; Bob King, .151; Frank von Borstel, .161; Bob King, .131.

Many Sold in Groups

For those sold in groups the Sherman county boys and girls received various prizes. John Hilderbrand and Catherine Fridley 10 3-4 cents; Carl von Borstel, .111; Donald von Borstel, .12%; Jack and Donald von Borstel .91; David Richelderfer .13; Henry Richelderfer and Frank Sayrs .13; Bob King .11%; Leland Barnett .11; Claudine Thompson and Lee Barnett .9; Frank von Borstel .81.

In addition to winning a substantial number of the prizes in the livestock classes Sherman county won sweepstakes in the wheat classes. J. L. Davis' White Federation, classed as hard white, was adjudged the best of all wheats at the show. Other prizes were won by O. G. Hilderbrand, first with Hard Red Winter, C. W. Smith to J. L. Davis second on hard white, A. von Borstel second and Roy Powell fifth on soft white and J. L. Davis and A. G. Futter first and second respectively on Turkey Red.

SCS Work Helps Shull's Garden

Soil and moisture conservation measures applied to the Grass Valley Canyon drainage above Ben Shull's, commercial garden tract near Hay Canyon have given Shull a more constant and plentiful supply of water for irrigation purposes, he reports.

Mr. Shull's tract is irrigated by water from Grass Valley Canyon Creek. Before the Soil Conservation was established the flow was irregular and the supply insufficient for his requirements.

Recently questioned as to the condition of his irrigation supply, Shull said, "The flow has been more constant and the supply larger than at any time since I started farming this place."

The more work the Soil Conservation does on the Grass Valley Canyon drainage above his place, the larger his water supply for irrigation will be, Shull believes. Changed farming practices, dam construction and other erosion control by the Service and enrollees from the CCC camp at Moro tends to regulate the movement of water. Runoff from rain or melting snow is slowed down, allowing more time for moisture to penetrate and for underground supplies to be replenished. More water held in the soil means a more constant flow of spring and stream water.