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Of Oregon— Its Government and People

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Democrats of Oregon had their day again Saturday. Scores of the faithful spent the day basking in the reflected glory of James A. Farley, postmaster general and chairman of the Democratic national committee. Many limited their homage to a single appearance at one of the banquets tendered the head of the postal service. Others accompanied the party leader through the day on his tour of the Willamette valley all the way from Portland where he was "breakfasted" to Eugene where he was "dined" that night.

Included in the royal entourage were scores of postmasters and postmistresses all anxious to display their loyalty to the "kingmaker," numerous party workers, holders of state and federal offices and patriotic Democrats who are willing and anxious to sacrifice themselves on the altar of public service. There was Governor Charles H. Martin in whose own private automobile the guest of honor made the trip from Portland to Eugene, and Howard Latourette of Portland who is preparing to oppose Martin for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination next May. There were also Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls and Carl C. Donough and E. J. Griffith of Portland all three recognized as aspirants for the seat in the United States senate now held by Fred Steiwer, republican. Donough in his capacity as United States district attorney was very much in the spot light on the program but it could not help but be remarked by the observant that Mahoney came in for his full share of applause—at times amounting almost to an ovation—every time his name was mentioned at one or the other of the several "banquets."

Of Congressmen and would-be Congressmen there were many in evidence. These included Nan Wood Honeyman, democratic incumbent from the third district and Ellis Barnes of Portland who would like to succeed Mrs. Honeyman, and Andy Burk, sheriff of Marion county who is being prominently mentioned as the Democratic opponent of Congressman James W. Mott in the first district. Harry Boiven of Klamath Falls who served as speaker of the House in the last legislative session but who would not be unwilling to succeed Walter Pierce as Oregon's Congressman from the big second district; and there was also Vernon D. Bull from LaGrande whose political aspirations are said to center in the office of labor commissioner.

If and when the police step in to preserve law and order it will be only after local authorities have shown their inability to cope with the situation, Governor Martin declared this week in commenting on a press dispatch out of Portland to the effect that Mayor Carson had asked Chief of Police Pray to send in a few troopers to help the Portland police in the strike situation. Furthermore, the governor explained, when the state police step in it will be to take complete charge of the situation and not to merely assist the local police.

State Treasurer Holman's proposal to "block" state school lands into sizable grazing areas has served at least one good purpose. It has aroused an interest among school people in the so-called irreducible school fund. Recent sessions of the land board at which the blocking problem has been up for consideration has been largely attended by teachers, school board members and representatives of Parent-Teacher associations all bent on seeing that the school fund gets a fair deal. However it would appear that they are trying to lock the stable door after the horse has been stolen. Revenues from the state's grazing lands, it is generally admitted, would amount to only a drop in the bucket compared to the millions that were stolen from the school children through the fraudulent land sales while the friends of the school were asleep on the job.

Governor Martin will give his reply to the demand for a special session of the legislature to con-

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Wheat League Directors Plan Annual Meeting

New Federal Program, Weed
Control and Transportation
Problems Will Be The
Major Topics of Discussion

Preliminary preparations for the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League were made Sunday in an executive committee meeting at Arlington. LaGrande will be the scene of the conclave this year and December 2-3-4 will be the dates.

Major interest of the assembly is expected to be the new federal program for agriculture which will be in process of formation at the time of the meeting. A special committee will discuss this problem with Mac Hoke of Pendleton as chairman.

Freight Rate Problem

Second in point of interest will probably be the transportation problem which centers around the recent raise in freight rates from the northwest to the southeastern points. The wheat league is a member of the association of farmers of the three northwestern states which is working to have the ruling changed and the report of this committee of fifteen (five from each state) will be a subject of major interest at the annual session it is believed.

The problem of weed control still continues in the forefront of farmer interest and the weed committee under Carl Engdahl of Pendleton will probably be well attended. An effort is being made to have cheaper chemicals made at Bonneville dam.

Electrification To Be Studied

State legislation and taxation will have a smaller place this year than in years immediately prior to legislative sessions but there will be work for the committee because it has been given the problems of rural electrification and labor relations to discuss this year.

Prominent Speakers

Production and marketing will come in for its usual share of discussion and several well known speakers will give information to those assembled. Among those will be George E. Farrell, western director of the AAA, Dr. Duvel, head of the Commodity Exchange administration and J. D. Ross, newly appointed administrator of Bonneville.

Attending the meeting from Sherman county were W. S. Powell, J. B. Adams, LeRoy Wright and Giles French.

Norma Blackburne Rates High at O. A. C.

Norma Blackburne from Rufus, freshman at Oregon State college, ranked in the highest group in the English placement test given at the beginning of freshman week. The test was given to 1193 freshmen to facilitate placement of beginning students in appropriate English sections. This ranking was achieved by only 115 students, some of whom were good enough to get exemptions from the first freshman English course.

Wasco Teachers To Be Honored Saturday

A social evening honoring the teachers in the Wasco Public Schools will be held Saturday, October 23 at the school house under the auspices of the Wasco Study Club and other interested school patrons and parents. A cordial invitation is being extended to all parents and others interested in the school. Committees in charge are: general arrangements, Mrs. Harry Proudfoot and Mrs. Glen Karnes; refreshments, Mrs. H. A. White, Mrs. Walter Blau, Mrs. Leo Watkins and Mrs. E. D. McKee; program, Mrs. Maude Akers and Mrs. Orville Yocum. A program of music, community singing, and short talks by Homer J. Dixon, school superintendent; Dr. S. L. Richelderfer, school board chairman, and Mrs. A. L. Gosson, a parent, will be enjoyed.

Sherman County Showed Them How at the Pacific International



Sherman county group of 21 Pacific International in Portland, calves that won 12 awards at the including grand champion, best county display.



Bob King and his grand champion 4-H club steer. Herb Chandler, Baker county Hereford breeder looks on with approval.

Club Children's Victory Dinner Attracts Widely Known Speakers

Acceptances have been received from the men who have most to do with club work in the state assuring the committee in charge of the dinner Monday night that they will be here to do honor to the Sherman county boys and girls who brought home the bacon with their beef.

O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International Exposition, where 4-H club children have shown their stock for years will be present to add his humor and praise to the occasion. H. C. Seymour, state club leader, has said that he would not miss the dinner.

Legion, Auxiliary Officers Installed

Installation of 1938 officers of the posts and units of the American Legion and Auxiliary was held at Kent Saturday night with Percy Larsen, commander of Dist. 5, giving the charge to the men and Mrs. Mildred Sommers, president of the district, to the women. Antelope, Kent, Moro and Wasco were represented. A social dance and lunch entertained the crowd until a late hour. Present from The Dalles in addition to the officers were Mrs. Larsen, Jack Sommers, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Duval and Gene Elton. Fred Pickett and Judge Carl Hendricks were present from the Fossil post.

Aerial Survey Pictures Come for Checking

Sectional pictures of nearly all of Sherman county were received this week by the county agent for checking. They were taken this August by aerial survey and will, when approved, be rephotographed into one large picture and correct smaller ones. Dewey Thompson is doing the checking by measuring well identified distances and determining whether or not they are correctly pictured.

W. G. Knighten Dies At Advanced Age

William G. Knighten, 98, father of county school superintendent Willy Knighten, died at Lynden, Wash., Wednesday morning from heart trouble. He was born in Missouri and came across the plains with one of the first wagon trains settling near Forest Grove with his parents. Graveside services will be held Friday afternoon at the Grass Valley cemetery with Rev. Mitchell officiating. Surviving are seven children, Mrs. Jane Venable, of Boise, Mrs. Grace Rutherford, Baker, Mrs. Lella Seurerier, Lynden, Wash., John, of Sumpter, Henry of Unity, Bert of Harper and Willy of Moro.

Income Held Good Despite Drop

Although the index of the general level of farm prices in Oregon has dropped approximately 10 per cent since June and, at 80 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, is 3 points under September 1936, agricultural income in Oregon during the year 1937 is expected to exceed that of 1936 materially. Such are the conclusions to be drawn from data given in a review of the agricultural situation just released by the Oregon State College agricultural extension service.

The gain in agricultural income (Continued on Page two)

County Budget Slightly Larger Than Last Year

Several Small Economies
Nearly Offset The Addition
Of \$1,000 To Build A Shed
For The Road Machinery

While many changes were made by the budget committee that met Monday to make up the list of estimates of expenditures for the county for 1938, when the figures were totaled they were almost exactly the same as for 1937. The addition of a thousand dollar item for a machine shed to house county road machinery at the end of the session changed a small saving to a small increase.

On petition of the local health association officers an additional hundred dollars was allowed for health service in the county. This will permit four months hiring of a health nurse instead of three.

Court House Cost Up

Instead of \$1400 or cost of appraising the court house the sum of \$1700 was appropriated for 1938 because of an impending deficit in that item for this year.

The appropriation for the county agent was raised from \$1600 to \$1700 after an explanation by C. W. Smith of the needs of the office and the laws affecting employment of women in offices.

Fair Given More

The county fair was granted \$2000 from the county for the fair next year where as but \$1500 was used in 1937. The budget of the fair board and the report of its finances for the year was read to the committee. It showed that it started the past year with \$640 and ended with \$80 but had built approximately \$800 worth of buildings at the grounds. In its budget the board asked for \$250 for improvements for the coming year.

Last year nothing was appropriated for regular elections but in 1938 two elections will be held which necessitated costs of \$1000 which were put in the budget. No appropriation was made for special election, however.

An increase in trial costs was anticipated and \$500 additional was budgeted for care of the poor. Dependent children and assistance for the blind called for \$295 in the opinion of the budgeters.

Cost of auditing the books has increased by \$35, the emergency fund was raised by \$1000 and the county machinery fund was raised from \$4000 to \$8000 to pay for new equipment. The road bond sinking fund was kept at \$30,000 and the court was optimistic that the bonds would be paid by July 1939 when they are due.

Deputy Salary Raised

Deputies in the offices of the sheriff and the clerk will have a raise in salary from \$62.50 to \$85 per month next year.

Saved were several items of considerable size. For several years money has had to be levied for the non-high school deficit caused a number of years ago. Enough money is on hand to pay it which permitted the dropping of \$4500 from the budget. No widow's pensions are now needed causing another saving of \$200. No money was levied for interest on the road bonds because enough bonds have been bought in the past so that the fund is large enough to care for the demands on it. The DeMoss park will be handled by the road crew as in the past which permitted the lowering of the item for it by a hundred dollars.

The hearing was set for November 20 at the court house and taxpayers may attend the meeting and give voice to their opinions regarding the items presented. Serving with the county court on the committee were A. C. Kaseberg, Amandus von Borstel and Roy Powell.

MORO POST ELECTS

Chris Schultz post, American Legion met at Kent Saturday night and held an election of officers for the coming year. Marvin Miller was made commander, Giles French, vice-commander, Willy Knighten, adjutant, Joe Truitt, sergeant at arms. Immediately after the election the newly elected officers were sworn in by district commander Percy Larsen.