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With three courses open to him in the forthcoming primaries Secretary of State Earl Snell has all of the political prognosticators guessing as to which one he will choose to take—that leading to the United States Senate, the one leading to the governorship, or the one leading to a second term in the office he holds.

Interest in Snell's political ambitions has been brought to the forefront this week by his speech before the Oregon Republican club at a luncheon in Portland. His declaration that Governor Martin's decision to seek a second term would have no bearing one way or another on his own plans has been interpreted by many as indicative of his intention to seek the republican nomination for governor. On the other hand it is known that many of Snell's very close political friends have advised in favor of a second term in the state department before trying for the higher honor in the executive department.

Decision of Frederick Steiwer not to seek a return to the U. S. senate is believed by many to have provided Snell with a golden opportunity to cash in on his popularity and state-wide acquaintance. Known to be of progressive political tendencies Snell is regarded by many as the one Republican with a chance to stop Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls who is generally conceded to have an edge over any opponent who might oppose him in the Democratic primaries.

Snell himself is content to let the politicians continue their guessing. If he has made up his mind as to just what he wants to do politically after his present term as secretary of state is over he has never given any indication of his intentions. Apparently he is getting just as much enjoyment out of the speculations as to his intentions as the prognosticators are in making them.

There appears to be a wide divergence of opinion regarding parole problems even among Governor Martin's advisors. At the last legislative session W. L. Gosslin, the governor's secretary sponsored a measure which would have endowed the parole board with vastly enlarged powers. The measure was defeated in the senate but only over the strenuous efforts of Gosslin and Dr. Floyd L. Utter, both members of the parole board to shove it down the throats of the senators. This week Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general and legal adviser to the governor, in an address before the Salem chamber of Commerce, attacked the measure as "an insult to the law-abiding and to the intelligence of all right-thinking people and inimical to the well being of the state." Gosslin has requested an opportunity to reply to Moody and defend his parole bill.

Fire losses on timber lands under state supervision were the lowest this year in the history of the state, according to J. W. Ferguson, state forester.

LeRoy McCarthy, under sentence of death for the slaying of a Portland service station attendant now occupies a cell in the state prison. While McCarthy has said that he does not propose to appeal his case to the supreme court Warden Lewis will wait until after time for the appeal has lapsed before beginning construction of the lethal gas chamber which is the method of inflicting the death penalty in this state. McCarthy is sentenced to die on January 7.

School boards exercise full authority over school buildings and have the right to refuse the use of the buildings to any organization Attorney General Van Winkle has advised Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

Governor Martin's refusal to call a special session of the legislature to consider old age pensions was as expected. The "program" presented by the Townsend

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Women's Club Buys Home For Library

The Moro Women's Club held a special business meeting Friday, October 22, to discuss and decide upon the purchase of the Ellsworth building and property. The motion to purchase the Ellsworth property carried by a large majority, so now the Club will be very busy figuring out ways and means to pay for it as well as to remodel the building so it may be made into a permanent meeting place or home.

At the meeting a week previous, October 15, our new club president, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, was installed.

The next club meeting will be a Silver Tea, to be held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poley, on November 5. The proceeds are to be divided between a donation to the Doernbecher Hospital and for furthering our new local project of making a new home for the club.

Freight Rate Advance Fought By League

In an attempt to retain the savings that have been made in cost of shipping and to obtain other reductions the Eastern Oregon Wheat League is collecting a mill per bushel from wheat growers of this area to be expended through the Tri-State Wheat Transportation Council.

Constant watchfulness and a continued fight is held necessary to prevent raises in freight rates or to lower such rates when they seem higher than growers should pay. For this reason the Wheat League joined with wheat farmers in Idaho and Washington to form the Tri-State Council which is carrying on the freight rate fight for wheat growers of the Northwest.

Reductions made in 1931, because of a concerted action by growers resulted, according to Arthur M. Geary—in savings of \$632,241 to shippers. From Oregon's share the savings were \$359,077 divided as follows: Main line, \$36,391.90; Bend branch, \$10,003.20; Shaniko branch, \$92,732.00; Condon branch, \$73,311.40; Heppner branch, \$84,136.20; Pilot Rock branch, \$12,475.00; Joseph branch, \$39,062.90; Pendleton State line \$10,964.40.

One or two percent of this expended in obtaining rate reductions seems like good business in the opinion of the wheat league leaders who are sponsoring the movement.

State and local granges and the farm bureau of Oregon are co-operating in making the collections. Chairmen of the agricultural committees of the granges and corresponding officers of the bureau are soliciting for the fund.

Biggs Station Agent Dies of Heart Attack

Melbourne R. Barnett, for many years station agent at Biggs, died in Portland Tuesday night from a heart attack while waiting for a train. He was born in Canada 52 years ago but had been a resident of this country for the greater part of his life.

He is survived by his widow, Daisy, a son, Howard and two daughters, Laura and Margaret. Two are in college and one in high school. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon in The Dalles, with the Masonic lodge, of which he was a devoted member, in charge.

Church Group To Meet

Members of the 20-30 group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, Monday night, November 1, at 8 p. m., it was announced today.

All young people of the Moro area whose ages come within the 20-30 age limits are invited to join in the first fall meeting for fellowship and discussion.

The Keystone class is sponsoring the initial gathering.

GRANGE TO MEET

Harland View Grange will hold a special meeting Friday night to put on the degrees for new members. The lecturer, Mrs. Lucile Adlard, has prepared a program which will be given at the meeting. The public is invited to attend.



Miss Oregon (Sherry Melton) being welcomed to the Canned Foods Marketing Conference of the Independent Grocers' Alliance by Miss IGA (Mary Dunbar). The conference was called September 27 and 28 in the Knickerbocker hotel, Chicago, for the purpose of formulating a nation-wide IGA program to help move immense packs of Oregon berries now in prospect as a result of the season's bumper crop.

Wheat League Expects Large Annual Session

The tenth annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League scheduled for December 3 and 4, will be held in LaGrande, at the request of growers of Wallawa, Baker, and Union counties, announces C. W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary of the league.

This will be the first meeting of the league to be held east of the Blue Mountains. Because of the large volume of wheat being produced in the Wallawa, Baker and Grande Ronde valleys in recent years, growers there feel that LaGrande would be a central meeting place, giving them an opportunity to participate and thus become more familiar with the objectives and workings of the organization, Smith said.

Five committees will meet to consider transportation, taxation, and legislation, including rural electrification, production, handling and marketing, federal agricultural legislation and weed control. Sub-committees in all major wheat producing counties will discuss problems which will regularly come before the various committees and make recommendations to the state committees which will be considered further at the annual meeting in LaGrande.

"This will be one of the biggest says C. A. Nish, Mikkal, president, "because the league has been asked to study all farm bills which have been introduced in Congress and make recommendations to the Senate Agricultural committee. The revised weed law and the seed laws passed at the last session of the state legislature will be discussed and farmers will have a better understanding of what can be accomplished under them."

George E. Farrell, director of the western division of the AAA, J. D. Ross, administrator, Bonneville power dam, and other nationally known speakers will be invited to attend. The city of LaGrande is making extensive preparations to entertain a large crowd and has assured League officials that hotel accommodations and meeting rooms will be adequate to take care of everyone, according to Smith.

MRS. DUNBAR COMING

Mrs. Sadie Or. Dunbar of Portland will talk to Women of Kent, Grass Valley and Moro at a meeting in Moro Thursday morning, November 6, at the Court house. She will talk on "Seal Sale" and also explain work of County Health Association.

Mrs. Dunbar is a very interesting talker and this is an opportunity none of us should miss.

Jury List Drawn For November Term of Court

The following men have been chosen to act as jurors at the November term of circuit court which will convene November 15. All are farmers with three exceptions, one being a banker, one a mechanic and the other one a merchant.

H. C. Ginn, Moro; R. S. Macnab, Rufus; John Mattison, Jr., Rufus; Geo. Fox, Klondike; W. C. Miller, Moro; Frank von Borstel, Grass Valley; C. A. Tom, Rufus; Elmer Helyer, Grass Valley; Fred Cox, Grass Valley; C. F. Kuypers, Rufus; William Drinker, Grass Valley; William F. Harder, Grass Valley; Joe Peters, Moro; Hildred Zell, Wasco; Shelton J. Fritts, Grass Valley; D. L. Belashe, Moro; E. H. Watkins, Wasco; F. L. Burnet, Moro; H. H. Nichols, Moro; W. E. Bruckert, Klondike; Arvid Anderson, Wasco; L. E. Kelsberg, Wasco; Herman Schilling, Grass Valley; W. D. Watkins, Wasco; E. M. Alley, Grass Valley; Clyde Smith, Grass Valley; E. R. Haylock, Grass Valley; W. Ray Blake, Moro; H. A. Van Gilder, Wasco; W. A. Morris, Rufus; Dell Olds, Grass Valley.

SCS Making Survey Of County Lands

Conservation surveys, consisting of inventories of the kind and extent of erosion, degree of land slope, soil type, and present land use, have been completed on approximately 15,000 acres on the Condon soil conservation project, adjacent camp work areas and farms in Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties. These surveys are necessary preliminaries to farm planning work by the soil conservation service.

Surveys of portions of the above counties show soil depths of less than 27 inches to parch rock on 30 to 50 per cent of land now in cultivation. On the remainder of cultivated land soil depths average 35 inches.

According to the survey, erosion by both wind and water has removed three to six inches of the 12 to 15 inches of fertile topsoil found here when the land was first broken out of bunchgrass. Indications are that under average conditions of cultivation, hillsides of more than 15 percent grade are being damaged to such an extent as to within a short time make them marginal for wheat production.

Erosion can be forestaled on the wheat soils in this part of Oregon if the shallower soil areas, severely eroded areas, and steeper slopes are retired from cultivation, the surveyers report. On deeper soils, less eroded and more level fields, soil loss may be checked by improved methods of farming.

Phillipine Missionary To Talk Here

Dr. Paul Doltz, member of the Silliman university faculty for nearly 35 years, will be guest speaker in the Community church, at both morning and evening services, Sunday. Dr. Doltz brings a vivid and enlightening message from the Philippine Islands, so long his field of activity, according to Portland citizens who have heard him.

The Sunday services form the climax of the celebration of the Centennial of Foreign Missions. Although all Presbyterian missionaries are expected to attend the great city-wide rally in Portland October 31, the committee has excused Dr. Doltz that he may be in Moro for the local celebration.

In the evening service the foreign missionary will present a motion picture lecture to which the entire community is invited. At 7:45, the young people's choir is singing a special musical number. Word was received Wednesday that Dr. Robert E. Speer, internationally famous missionary leader, will speak from 7 to 7:15, tonight (Friday) over KGO, Oakland, and KJR, Seattle.

WELL MAY BE DRILLED

Officers of the SCS and CCC at Camp Moro are planning to drill a well for the use of the army while stationed here and to provide water for the beautification of the grounds under direction of the SC Service. The erosion service has a well drill and men can be detailed to the job.

City Budgets of Grass Valley and Wasco Posted

Cost of Maintaining Cities Borne by Water Departments And Taxpayers; Indebtedness Being Reduced at Wasco

The budget for the city of Wasco has been posted for inspection by residents of that city and will be given its final hearing soon. It calls for the following expenditures: Pumping water, \$1800, street and other lights, \$800, officers salaries \$415, marshal \$1320, Fire department, \$150, library, \$120, interest on bonds \$1025 and payment on bonds \$1000 and other smaller items to make a total of \$7850.

On the income side of the budget is an estimate \$2400 from water and \$125 from other sources. This will leave \$5325 to be raised by taxation. Indebtedness of the city is \$33,000, all in five percent bonds.

Grass Valley's city budget was approved last Monday night. Expenses are estimated at \$1135 for electric light and power on streets and at the pumping plant, \$1350 for salaries, interest of \$100, emergency of \$495 and \$50 each for the library and sidewalks.

Estimated receipts are \$1100 from water and \$60 from licenses leaving \$2019 to be raised by taxation. Approval of this budget ends a discussion of city finances that has lasted for several weeks. Indebtedness of Grass Valley is \$2400 in city warrants.

M. A. Bull Interviewed For Oregon Journal

Fred Lockley, writer of personal sketches of Oregon's citizens for the Oregon Journal, gave the history of Mack Adna Bull of Moro in the issue for the 23rd of October.

Mr. Bull was born in Pendleton in 1870 when that town was very small. His father started the East Oregonian in 1875 and his brother ran it later. Diphtheria swept the Milton country where the family was living and took half of the Bull family of six children. After the death of his father Mack Bull went to live near Pilot Rock and later to Albany where he worked for the Truax family with whom he came to Sherman county in 1884. He has remained here since that time working in early days for the Fulton brothers, whose histories are included in the article published in the Journal.

Southern Hemisphere Wheat Now Influence

World wheat markets have become increasingly sensitive to Southern Hemisphere prospects with approaching maturity of small grain crops while continued scarcity of shipping space, relatively high ocean freights and uncertainty as to possible Russian shipments, have been additional unsettling influences. The Australian crop has deteriorated from drought but beneficial rains were reported in the Argentine during the week.

Southern Hemisphere clearances increased with larger Argentine shipments, which totaled 1,071,000 bushels, while Australian exports held near the average of recent weeks at 1,103,000 bushels. Clearances from Black Sea ports continued liberal at 3,552,000 bushels, including 1,480,000 bushels. Clearances from Black Sea charterings for grain shipments were reported on a slightly smaller scale although Russian bookings for November clearances are reported fairly large. The re-entrance of Russia and the United States into the grain export trade has been an important factor in the upward trend in ocean freight rates to the highest levels of recent years.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Oct. 21	69	43	.00
" 22	68	43	.00
" 23	63	43	.00
" 24	66	46	.00
" 25	66	40	.00
" 26	70	42	.00
" 27	70	48	.00
Total for week			.00



Paris.—It's not often that a cameraman has such luck in picturing a leaping marsupial of the gray kangaroo family with her youngster in its pouch. All the more reason for the novelty of this picture of the youngest hitch-hiker in the Paris zoo.

Teachers Attend Four County Institute

All teachers of Sherman county were in The Dalles the first two days of the school week to attend the institute held annually for the purpose of giving instruction to the instructors. On the program during the two days were W. E. Armstrong, of Mills college, Rex Putnam, state school superintendent, R. A. Hutchinson, Congregational minister of The Dalles, Thomas Gentle, of Oregon Normal, H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader, and T. F. Brumbaugh, school superintendent of Wasco county who presided at the banquet which was held Monday night at the Auditorium.

An entertaining time is reported by local teachers who also speak well of the program features. Teachers from Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties were in attendance.

Christmas Seal Sale Being Planned

Actual steps toward launching an active Christmas Seal Sale, to begin the day following Thanksgiving are now being made. Mrs. Roscoe Moore of Moro who has been appointed County Seal Sale chairman for the Sherman County Public Health association, has received the seals for distribution throughout the county. Mrs. D. E. Stephens, President of the county association, reports that the following persons will be in charge of the sale in their respective communities: Mrs. John Jenkins, Rufus; Mrs. Afton McIntyre, Wasco; Mrs. Carroll Sayrs, Moro; Miss Cassie Holmes and Mrs. Ed Alley, Grass Valley; and Mrs. Theodore von Borstel, Kent.

The seals will be offered to the people of this county to raise funds for local, state and national activities to prevent Tuberculosis. Plans are being made for an active public health campaign to be launched in our county during 1938. The extent of the work which can be done will be largely determined by the response of the citizens of the county to the appeal to buy as many seals as each can afford.

More Wheat In Storage Says USDA

The department of Agriculture reports that there is more wheat stored in country elevators and warehouses this year than for several seasons. The report as of October 1 shows that in the three northwestern states there was 42,835,000 bushels in storage in 1934; 38,900,000 in 1935; 46,800,000 in 1936; and 58,700,000 this year. Figures for the United States as a whole show a gain from 103,042,000 bushels in 1935 to 156,807,000 bushels this year.

When combined with stocks on farms the report shows that 491,053,000 bushels are on hand. This is 130 million bushels more than was on hand in 1934 at the same time.

Club Children Learning Self Help Lesson, Says Clark

Contrast in National Youth Movements Made By Dinner Speaker; Large Crowd Honors Youngsters

Praising club work as an American youth movement based on learning to do things for themselves as opposed to youth movements in dictator led countries where children are taught to fight, R. L. Clark voiced the philosophy that brought enthusiastic citizens out to honor the boys and girls of the county who had, through their own efforts, brought prizes home to the county in outside competition. Mr. Clark drove from Portland after work for the meeting and returned immediately afterward.

Q. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International told of the beginnings of club work in the state and nation. He recounted the victories the Oregon country has won in club activities. In his usual humorous vein he kept the good humored crowd laughing throughout his address.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, said that Oregon has the largest percentage of eligible children in club work of any state. Clubbers constantly strive to make their own work better even though competition is often against each other. Eugene Courtney told the story of the judging for the championship club calf and of the thrills Sherman county people got from the victory of Bob King's, who fed the animal that was adjudged the best club steer at the show.

Prizes Given LeRoy Wright, county agent, besides introducing the speakers, gave out the checks for awards won and the checks for the animals sold at the show.

Those who had won prizes at the state fair and the International were Margerita von Borstel and Cassie von Borstel, Anna Macnab, David Richelderfer, Jimmy Coats, Frank Sayrs, Bill Ball, John Hilderbrand, Clyde Fidler, Catherine Fridley, Carl von Borstel, Claudine Thompson, Jack von Borstel, Donald von Borstel, Henry Richelderfer, Frank von Borstel, Lee and Leeland Barnett and Bob King. Kelly Tiller, Bob King and David Richelderfer made up a judging team that won third at the state fair.

The boys and girls and their parents and citizens who made up the crowd were welcomed by George G. Updegraff, president of the Moro Commercial club, which sponsored the dinner. Tables were set for ninety and the main course of the dinner was steak from Frank von Borstel's club calf that won a prize at the show.

Crested Wheat Pays High Returns

A two and one-half acre field on the farm of Wallace May near Grass Valley, Oregon, produced 745 pounds of crested wheat grass seed in 1936 and 600 pounds in 1937. Total value of the two crops was \$552.50, making annual average of \$110.50 per acre. This is far in excess of the value of the grain crops previously grown on this land.

The field was seeded to crested wheat grass in the spring of 1935, in rows spaced 18 inches apart to permit cultivation.

Mr. May is so well satisfied with crested wheat grass as a cash and pasture crop, which also protects the soil from wind and water erosion, that he seeded 32 additional acres to this grass in the fall of 1936 and spring of 1937, in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service. He also plans to retire another 22 acres of grain land to grass this fall.

FATHERS, SONS TO DINE

A community-wide Father and Son banquet is being arranged for the evening of Wednesday, November 17, to be held in the Community Presbyterian church basement. This was decided last week end when a group of interested men met at the church. The details of the banquet and program will be announced in a short time, reports L. H. Mitchell, who asks that fathers and sons keep this date clear of engagements.