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Early indications point to a bumper crop of candidates for the harvesting when the May primaries roll around.

While only five candidates have definitely declared their intentions to run for a number of others have publicly announced themselves as aspirants for one office or another and many more are being "prominently mentioned" in political speculations.

Those who have formed formal declarations of their candidacies to date include J. W. Morton of Hood River who seeks the republican nomination for governor; Nicklas J. Ziltz of Perrydale who would like to be the democratic nominee for Congress from the first district; Victor Hasson, Portland republican who aspires to a seat in the state senate; Bayard T. Merrill, Juntura, candidate for the republican nomination for Congress from the second district; and Wade Crawford, Klamath Falls democrat, who will contest Walter Pierce for his party's nomination for the Congressional post.

Interest in the gubernatorial race was revived this week by apparently authentic reports that Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, would again seek the republican nomination for governor. The same rumor, verified by Zimmerman himself, has it that if Brown does enter the race Peter Zimmerman, once an independent candidate for governor, will take the stump in Brown's behalf. Brown, it will be remembered ran second in a field of five candidates for the republican nomination for this office in 1934, his defeat at that time being largely attributable to an eleven-hour drive by party leaders in behalf of Joe Dunne in their determination to stop Rufus Holman who appeared to be out ahead in the race at the time.

Secretary of State Snell and State Treasurer Holman are both still among those being "prominently mentioned" as contenders in the republican gubernatorial contest but so far both have refused to commit themselves. Friends of the two however, have indicated that they are in a receptive mood and await only a little more encouragement before making the plunge.

Day by day in every way it becomes more apparent that Governor Martin will seek another term. He is not to escape a contest in the primaries, however, if he does file. Anti-Martin democrats are determined to stop him if they can. Just who will be chosen to oppose him for the nomination is not yet developed but it is a pretty safe bet that it will be either Howard Latourette of Portland or Dr. J. F. Hosh of Bend. Latourette, who is now democratic national committee man, is understood to be willing to step aside in favor of Hosh if the Bend legislator will agree to run. In any event an effort will be made to persuade O. Henry Oleen of Columbia county, who has already announced himself as a candidate, to withdraw from the race in order to give the left-wing candidate, whoever he may be, a clear field.

Unemployment compensation payments will not start to flow out of Salem office before the first week in February, according to D. A. Bulmore, administrator for the unemployment compensation commission. Bulmore explained that the first two weeks waiting period would not end until January 15. Investigation of the claimant's employment record and determination of his compensation will be expedited as rapidly as possible but the extraordinary deluge of claims pouring in at the outset of the commission's experience has swamped the organization set up to administer the new insurance fund.

Governor Martin has discontinued his investigation into charges that representatives of the National Labor Relations Board unduly influenced employees of the Inman-Poulson mill in order to swing the recent election to the CIO. Persons making the charges were unable to produce any substantiating evidence, the governor explained.

A great deal of valuable light was shed on the state school land blocking problem by F. R. Carpenter, federal grazing director, who

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Show Boat Will Give Movies Here

An educational feature of interest to all is announced for Wednesday, January 19, 1938, when the "Show Boat" will come to the county. Sponsored jointly by the Soil Conservation Service, the Show Boat will make an appearance at the Court House at 8:00 p. m. o'clock in the evening. There will be no admission charge and every one is invited to take advantage of the opportunity to see pictures and hear what the soil conservation program is accomplishing.

The showing Erosion Control sponsored by J. R. Chenault, camp superintendent and LeRoy Wright, County Agent, will consist of motion pictures and slides showing the damage caused by erosion in different sections of the county and picturing methods of checking soil and water loss that have been successfully practiced by the Soil Conservation Service.

Education of everyone and especially the younger generation to the necessity for erosion control in order to insure the continued productivity of our lands, is vitally important Mr. Chenault said.

Schedule is as follows for all the county: 9:00 a. m. Wasco high school. 11:30 a. m. Grass Valley high school. 2:00 p. m. Moro high school. 6:00 p. m. at camp. 8:00 p. m. Moro Court House

Woman's Club Holds Meeting

The Moro Woman's Club met January 7, with the topic "American Citizenship" for discussion. Mrs. Margaret Peetz was director for the afternoon.

The program consisted of several musical numbers and a talk on "Citizenship" by Giles French. Carl Peetz, accompanied by Miss Bonnie Peters, sang a trombone solo entitled "The Dance of the Sunbeams." Dean Pinkerton, accompanied by his mother, also favored with a trombone selection, "Forgotten." Elmer Halstead, Educational advisor of the local OGC camp, sang the familiar and always popular solo "Danny Boy."

The Woman's Club wishes at this time to reserve the night of January 26th for Social Benefit Card Party. Details will be given at a later date.

The next club meeting will be held January 21st. Public Welfare is the topic, and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder is the director for the meeting.

Canadian Rye Grass Good Forage Crop

Canadian wild rye grass produced a stand unexcelled by any other grass among the 1937 seedlings in the Ukiah forage nursery, reports County Agent W. A. Holt. Beardless blue bunch wheatgrass also showed excellent stand and development when observed late this fall, and blue bunch wheat grass also showed well, having made about half the growth of the beardless variety, Holt said. English rye grass made a better average stand and was green quite late, considering the elevation. Other grasses making good showings were blue wild rye, meadow fescue, orchard grass and slender wheat. Of the older plantings, made about 1928, crested wheat grass continued to lead in general excellence, he said.

Exams Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

Junior graduate nurse, \$1,620 a year, U. S. Public Health Service, and Veterans Administration.

Associate wool technologist, \$3,200 a year, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Industrial classification analyst, and senior, associate, and assistant industrial classification analyst, \$2,600 to \$4,600 year, Social Security Board.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Deep Soil Moisture Most Important

Stephens Shows Relation
Between Deep Moisture
And Wheat Production

D. E. Stephens has done considerable work in determining the cause of high or low production of wheat and has shown from experiments that one of the large factors is the amount of soil moisture in the lower three feet of soil.

He has recently made a chart showing the average production of wheat under varying conditions of five, five year periods, from 1913 to 1937. In all this time the amount of moisture in the lower three feet of soil usable by the wheat plant has indicated the yield.

Winter Wheat Average Good

In winter wheat the yield in the first five year period, 1913-17 was 28.5, 27.9 in the second, 19.4 in the third, 19.6 in the fourth and 19.5 in the fifth period for an average of 25.0. For spring wheat the yield was 24.9 in the first period, 19.3 in the second, 26.6 in the third, 20.6 in the fourth and 21.6 in the fifth. In the first fifteen years of the station here winter wheat easily out-yielded spring wheat but this has not been so, for the last ten years.

Other rotations used and taken for this experiment are spring wheat and corn; spring wheat, corn and green manure; spring wheat and peas; spring wheat and barley; and wheat and wheat. There has been less variation in yields from this method of handling the land than in the summer-fallow and wheat system. Yields in the last ten years have been but slightly smaller than in the first fifteen years of the experiment.

Production Drops

Average production of wheat for the 1913-17 period was 21.3 bushels; for the second period it was 17.7, for the third period 23.1, for the fourth period 17.7 and 17.0 for the 1933-37 period.

Precipitation for the period from 1913-17, was 12.43, 11.41 for the second, 11.09 for the third, 10.01 for the fourth and 10.13 for the fifth. There is a difference of but 2.42 inches in the highest five year period and the lowest five year period and in those periods there is a difference in winter wheat yield of nine bushels.

Soil moisture tests have been taken since 1918 and these show that in the 1918-22 period there was 13.5 percent of moisture in the first three feet of soil. In the 1923-27 period there was 13.4 percent. In the 1927-32 period there was 14.3 percent and in the 1933-37 period there was 11.1 percent of moisture in the top three feet of soil. Thus there has actually been more moisture in the upper soil when crops have been less plentiful.

Lower 3 Feet Important

For the lower three feet of soil there has been 13.6 percent in the 1918-22 period, 13.5 in the 1923-27 period, 10.3 in the 1927-32 period and 10.1 in the 1933-37 period indicating that deep soil moisture has a much greater effect on the production of grain than almost any other factor.

Oddfellows, Rebekahs Install New Officers

Installation of officers for the Odd Fellows and the Rebekah lodges of Moro was an event of Tuesday night. For the Rebekahs Mrs. Belle Conlee was made Noble Grand; Thelma Miller V. G.; Naomi Van Gilder secretary; Hattie Brisbane, treasurer; Hazel Truitt, chaplain; Florence Martin, warden; Hazel Woods, conductor; Leona Douma, RSN; Marie Peters, V. S. G.; Florence Johnston, RSVG; Nettie Rice, LSVG; Elizabeth Schaeffer IG; Mrs. J. C. Freeman, O. G.; Alice Conlee, musician. Odd Fellows installed Ralph Eakin, Noble Grand, Clayton Vinton V. G.; Joe Truitt secretary; G. Douma, Treasurer.

Some very marked improvements have been made in the appearance of the OGC camp in the past few weeks, principally the planting of trees and shrubs on the grounds.

County Court Authorizes Many Bills For the January Term

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS JANUARY TERM 1938
At a meeting called by Geo. A. Potter, County Judge on December 23, 1937 the Court hereby set aside the following district as a Weed Control District:
Sections 1 to 36, Twp. 1 South, Range 16 E. W. M. Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, Township 1 South Range 17 E. W. M. Sections 1 to 11, inclusive, Township 2 South Range 16 E. W. M.
LeRoy Wright was appointed weed inspector for the district.
Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

January 5, 1938, being the time for the regular term of County Court of Sherman County, Oregon for the month of January, the Honorable Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom in said Courthouse at Moro, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge. A. A. Dunlap, County Comm. David Reid, County Comm. Joe Truitt, Clerk. T. Lester Johnson, District Atty.

The following proceedings were had:
In the matter of the payment of the claims listed in the claim docket against the General Fund. Claims allowed.

In the matter of the payment of the claims listed in the claim docket against the Road Fund. Claims allowed.

In the matter of the application of Geo. F. McKay for a Class "C" Beer license. Fee of \$5.00 paid. Allowed.

In the matter of the application of H. H. Willard for a Class "C" Beer license. Fee of \$5.00 paid. Allowed.

In the matter of application of Delbert Deyo for a class "C" Beer license. Fee of \$5.00 paid. Allowed.

Re: Application to reconstruct No. 4 Kent telephone line. Held for more definite information.

In the matter of the County road employees protection while being transported to and from work. Letter received and filed.

Re: Report of Althea Stoneman, Health Nurse for Sherman County, for month of November. Accepted and filed.

Re: Annual report of Sheriff of Delinquent and Current Taxes. Accepted.

Re: Resignation of Lamer Sayrs as Deputy Sheriff. Accepted.

Re: Application of Giles L. French, Editor, for official paper of Sherman County. Application of Sherman County Journal accepted as official County paper.

Re: Appointment of County Physician. Dr. Poley appointed.

Re: Appointment of county health officer. Dr. Poley appointed.

Re: Appointment of County Trust officer. C. C. Wilson appointed.

Re: Appointment of County Fair Board. O. G. Sayrs, Moro; O. G. Hilderbrand, Wasco; T. M. Rolfe, Grass Valley.

Re: Appointment of DeMoss Park Board. County Court appointed.

Re: Appointment of County Road viewers. L. L. Peetz, Roy Powell, and H. A. Walker, appointed.

Re: Appointment of a county road master. L. L. Peetz appointed.

Re: Drawing names for 1938 Circuit Court jurors. 200 names to be drawn. Jurors names drawn.

Re: Report of Althea Stoneman, Health Nurse for Sherman County, for the month of December, accepted.

Re: Report of County Treasurer, month ending December 31, 1937. Accepted.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, JANUARY TERM, 1938.

Claimant	Account	Amount
E. Wm. Swedberg, Law Library		8.00
E. Wm. Swedberg, Law Library		2.00
U. S. National Bank, Old Age Assistance		165.90
U. S. National Bank, Aid to dependent Children		26.18
U. S. National Bank, Blind Assistance		5.78
Geo. A. Potter, Judge's salary		37.50
A. A. Dunlap, Commissioner's fees		14.00
David Reid, Commissioner's fees		13.50
T. Lester Johnson, District Attorney's expenses		7.75
Annie Eddy, Janitress salary		30.00
Art Johnson, Furnace tender		25.00
Pacific Power & Light Co.		44.83
Court house lights		

Pinball Machines Out Again In State & County

Pinball machines in Sherman county stopped operation at midnight Thursday and the merry clink of the nickels and the flashing of the lights are no more until something else happens.

The decision of the supreme court holding that pinball machines came under the ban against lotteries in the state constitution was the cause of the stoppage. District Attorney Johnson instructed Sheriff Wilson Wednesday that the machines must be out of play by Friday at 12 a. m. It is not known what the next move will be on the part of the operators or whether some other means of profitable amusement for the operators will be devised.

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody held that the decision of the court would exclude punch boards as well as pinball machines and slot machines.

R. J. Casteel Dies At Walla Walla

R. J. Casteel, who formerly operated a general merchandise store in Wasco, under the name of Casteel & Stanley, died at Walla Walla Sunday and burial was held in that city at 2 p. m. Monday.

Mr. Casteel was born in Mercer county, Missouri, June 7, 1889, but has lived a large part of his life in Oregon. After leaving Wasco he engaged in the grocery business in Prescott, Wash., where he was living at the time of his death. Surviving are his widow, Helen, and four children: Gretchen, Orville, Gertrude and Robert and two brothers, E. B., county clerk of Umatilla county, and Frank who is still in Missouri.

Show of Invention To Be Given Friday

Plans for entertaining a large crowd of mechanically minded persons at the Legion Hall Friday evening January 14, at 7:30, have been completed, according to C. H. Carter, publicity director for National Schools, Los Angeles. Cal.

Mr. Carter announces that he will have in person Mr. W. W. Dean, who will talk on opportunities, electricity, Radio and Television, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Diesel and Gas Engines.

Scores of inventions will be shown on the screen in color and sound, all the way from simple household gadgets to logging trailers. Several eastern Oregon inventions will be featured in actual operation. One of the outstanding inventions to be shown is the Cyclone Air Cleaner used on tractors, which was invented by a Condon, Oregon inventor and is today on the market McKeen & Seary are local dealers.

And for your entertainment you will see and hear the Hoosier Hotshots, whom you have heard many times on your radio, and Pendleton Roundup, Portland Rose Show, Astoria Regatta in beautiful colors, also the U. S. Navy in Action.

Oregon Press Meet Scheduled at U of O

Newspaper men of Oregon will meet the University of Oregon's new president, Dr. Donald Erb, and will hear various phases of journalism discussed by experts at the annual Oregon press conference, scheduled for January 20, 21 and 22 at the university school of journalism, it was announced by Eric W. Allen, dean of the school.

Dr. Erb, who will assume his new position in March, will talk at the annual banquet Friday evening of the session on "Professors and the Press." Dr. Erb is regarded as an able speaker, and his address is anticipated as one of the features of the conference.

Freedom of the press, a topic held to be more vital today than ever before, will be discussed at the conference by Palmer Hoyt, managing editor of The Oregonian. Mr. Hoyt, who has given this subject considerable study, has already made a number of addresses on this situation that have won acclaim.

Harland View grange gave a dance at its hall last Friday night which was attended by a large crowd of members and guests.

New Kent Road Opened To John Day River

Citizens Work With County
Road Crew And Grade

Desired 14.3 Miles of Road

An addition to the county's road of ten miles has been made in the past ten days as the citizens of the Kent district, using county machinery constructed a road from Kent to the John Day river going down Eakin Canyon and Pine Hollow.

This road has been a subject of debate for several months with the residents of the south end of the county always insisting that a road could be built with little expense and on a good grade. While the present road would not be considered a finished piece of work by modern standards it is good enough to demonstrate the truth of the claim of a good grade.

The road was logged by the Sherman County Journal Tuesday afternoon in a low swung passenger car. From the Kent post office to the John Day river by the new route it is 14.3 miles. From the river to the top of the grade it is 9.9 miles. This distance 5.3 miles is in Pine Hollow. From Pine Hollow to the entrance of Sand Canyon it is 1.3 miles and from there to the head of the grade it is 3.3 miles, making 4.6 miles in Eakin canyon.

It is possible that a half mile could be saved by a realignment of the road and fewer crossings of the creek, but as the bottom of the canyon is made up of gravel there is little danger of deep mud along the route. The gravel is not large enough to make the road very rough. The trip down was made in 55 minutes, with some stops.

When the proposed road along the railroad from near Bonbon to Kent was delayed by right of way trouble, the county machinery was moved to Eakin canyon where it was put to work making the road. Residents of the south end of the county volunteered to work and 25 to 35 of them spent the past week building the road.

Through Road Wanted

It is all a part of their general plan to have constructed a new cut-off from the John Day highway between Fossil and Condon to Portland, through Kent to Shearers Bridge, thence to Tygh Valley and Wamic and from there to the Wapinitia highway either at Bear Springs or a spot near the Mt. Hood loop road. The link between Kent and Tygh Valley is already graded except for 34 miles in Sherman county and a short stretch between Buck hollow and the Deschutes river. Gravel has also been spread between Wamic and Tygh. The proposed road from Wamic to the Wapinitia highway is still to be opened and surveyed, but it is possible to travel the old Barlow road along a similar route.

With the exception of about a mile the new road is all in the canyon floor and is without sharp grades. The upper mile has several steep pitches that may be smoothed some before the county crew leaves the job. There is no rock work to be done, dirt being found all along the route.

The old Graham place is located across the John Day from the mouth of Pine Hollow and Thirty Mile Creek enters the John Day at that place. At one time a ferry was in operation and the cable is still stretched across the river. Several irrigated ranches are nearby above and below Pine Hollow.

Members of the county court made the trip Monday and several cars drove to the river Sunday. J. M. Wilson, Tate Justesen, and Matt Simon made the trip in the Journal car, that logged the route.

Kent Auxiliary To Hold Card Party

The Kent Auxiliary met at the home of Mildred Norton Wednesday p. m. January 12. It was decided to hold a card party Saturday night, January 15 and cards were sent out. A vote of thanks was given for a beautiful mirror which was presented to the Auxiliary by Emily von Borstel. Cards were sent to the Oregon Senators and Representatives by members of the Auxiliary and Legion asking them to vote for the Universal Service Bill.