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With the deadline for filing less than two months away the political pot is beginning to percolate.

Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, upon his return to Oregon last week from an extended trip to Mexico confirmed reports that he intended to enter the republican primaries as a candidate for governor. Sam said that he would tour the state in the same old Ford that served him in his campaign four years ago and a friend has agreed to finance his campaign to the extent of \$40.

Reports from Milwaukee have it that M. S. Shrock of that city will also be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

On the democratic side of the fence Henry Olen this week plunked down \$100 in cold cash to get his name on the primary ballot as a candidate for governor. Olen has turned a deaf ear to all suggestions that he withdraw from the race and his action this week only confirms his repeated statements that he is in the race to stay. With J. F. Hosch of Bend already an avowed candidate and Howard Latourette expected to announce his candidacy any day now, it begins to look like a mad scramble among the New Deal elements of the Jackson party that will insure the nomination of Governor Martin without much difficulty.

So far Justice Henry L. Bean is the only one of the three retiring supreme court members to announce himself as a candidate for another term. Justice J. O. Bailey is expected to seek reelection but there is some question as to the intentions of Justice S. Lusk, democrat, who was appointed to the bench by Governor Martin last July following the death of Justice J. U. Campbell. Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for supreme court honors so far has refused to either confirm or deny the rumor.

A survey just completed in Lane county revealed 1800 boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 22 years who are not in school, according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education. A majority of these boys and girls have never had a job and 82 per cent of the number have never had any training to fit them for a job, Adams said. In the opinion of Adams the answer to this problem of out-of-school youth is a continuation school of vocational education offering courses in vocational agriculture, trades and industries and domestic science.

Governor Martin in an address before the Salem Chamber of Commerce this week warned the dairymen of Oregon of "sinister influences" at work to undermine the milk control law which he regards as vital to the welfare of the dairy industry. Edgar W. Smith, chairman of the milk control board, speaking on the same program indicated the "chain stores" as the strongest opponent of the control set-up.

Employment in hazardous industries in Oregon, including logging and lumbering, reached an all-time peak last October, according to records of the State Industrial Accident Commission. Payrolls in Oregon's hazardous industries reached an all-time peak of \$15,455,647 in September but fell off to \$12,682,008 in December due largely to strikes in the lumber industry. Average wage paid to workers in hazardous industries during September was \$4.63 a day, dropping to \$4.39 for December.

The Oregon Hydro-electric commission has set Friday, April 8, as the date on which voters of seven northwest Oregon counties will decide upon the creation of a peoples' utility district. Preliminary petitions covering the organization of the district were filed with the commission more than two years ago. In their report on the project the commission made no recommendations either for or against the district.

The proposed district embraces the counties of Clackamas, Clatsop and Multnomah.

Land Use Tax Committee Gives Views

The committee appointed by the Land Use committee of the economics conference to study taxation met last Friday at the court house to study the questions placed before it. LaRoy Wright acted as chairman.

Resolutions included one favoring the consolidation of rural school districts with town school districts and for a complete study of the county unit plan of school operation.

The county court was praised in another resolution for its successful action in reducing the county road debt and a continuance of the conservation policy was recommended until the debt is entirely paid. Road building should then be expanded in the opinion of the committee.

A consideration of some form of selective sales tax was recommended by the committee as a means of lowering the property tax.

Rural Women Want Improvements

Participation of the rural women in all phases of extension work directed at farm improvement was strongly endorsed by F. L. Ballard, vice director of the extension service at Oregon State college, in an address before the recent homemakers' conference on the campus.

Ballard pointed to the beneficial results this winter from having homemakers participate in the county farm outlook conferences, as an indication of the advantage of having joint action by both men and women.

The betterment of the rural home is, in fact, the ultimate objective of all extension work, whether carried on with men, women or through the boys' and girls' 4-H clubs, Ballard points out. This conception, while not all ways applied, was really contained in the original bill established the extension service 25 years ago, he said.

"It seems to me that when our home economics staff members and local leaders sit around the conference table in 36 counties, as they are doing this winter, they will bring definitely into the consciousness of the people the subject of the needs of the home," Ballard said. "In one well known county, for example, the conference brought to light the fact that 32 per cent of the homemakers still carry water an average distance of 190 feet, that only 54 per cent of the homes have piped cold water, and only 35 per cent have adequate sanitation. You can't keep emphasizing such facts without making some progress toward improvement."

"These women are appearing before groups of citizens within the county and saying that they, as farm women, recommend water facilities as a major project; that they recommend legislation prohibiting pollution of streams and irrigation ditches, as well as periodical purity tests of water supplies. When they do this, I believe they are contributing to a realization of the importance of the home that is long overdue."

Ila Delvene Hill Passes At Colfax, Wn.

Ila Delvene Hill, mother of Mrs. Pearl Butler, Mrs. Clyde Romer, Haver, Montana; Mrs. John Dick, Wichita, Kansas; Lee Hill, Canyon City, Colorado; George Hill, Lyons City; and ten grandchildren, passed away at the age of 78 years, four months, four days at Colfax, Wn., where she had made her home for many years. She was born in Whiteside, county, Illinois. Burial was made in The Dalles Wednesday at one o'clock with Rev. C. H. Canfield officiating. Pall bearers were Charles Everett, Steve McMillen, Lyndon Haven, Everett Watkins and James Maddox.

PLAY PLANNED
A sparkling three-act comedy, "Through The Keyhole," will be presented on March 12th, at the Wasco Opera House under the joint sponsorship of The Wasco Garden Club and The Wasco Civic Club. The proceeds for this program will be used for civic improvement.

Conference of Farmers Opens Saturday

Committees Ready
With Reports On
Many Subjects

The long planned for economic conference for Sherman County will be held at the court house next Saturday, February 19 when three committees that have been studying the farm situation for the past month will make their report. E. R. Jackman of the extension service will be here to aid in the conference.

The meeting will begin in the forenoon. Committee reports are expected to bring about considerable debate on some phases as there are known to be some opposing recommendations made by the committees. In addition to the regular committees there is a sub-committee on taxation which will report on the tax structure.

Chairmen Ready

Committee chairmen are Dewey Thompson, crops; A. C. Kaseberg, land use; Millard Eakin, livestock. A rural life committee will also report. General chairman for the conference will be J. M. Wilson of Kent, who will preside at the meeting.

At noon a dinner will be served by the Woman's Club at the Presbyterian church and a short program will be given at that time.

A large crowd is expected as considerable work has been done in the several committees and new and valuable information of interest to all farmers has been made available according to those in charge of the conference.

Labor Needs On Farms Discussed

The huge total of 154,163,360 "man hours" is required to handle 28 field crops and 8 livestock and poultry enterprises in Oregon each year, it is revealed in a report, "A Survey of the Agricultural Labor in Oregon," just completed by the Oregon state planning board.

Assuming that the ordinary farm worker spends 10 hours a day in the field, and allotting 300 working days to the year, the figures show that nearly 51,400 men would find full time employment in the crop and livestock enterprises covered in the survey.

However, the work does not come steadily, either according to the calendar or according to districts in the state, thus creating a major employment problem, the report points out. During the month of July the "man hour" demand reaches 22,712,584, which if figured in terms of actual employment, would mean that approximately 87,300 men would be working full time during this busy month.

In January the "man hour" demand drops clear down to 8,370,199 or full time work for but 24,500 men. Minor peaks are reached in March, when planting and other work brings the man hour total to 12,126,249, and in September when hops, fruit and other crops necessitating harvest swell the total up to 16,940,954.

Kent Auxiliary To Hold Card Party

The Kent Auxiliary will hold another of their series of card parties Saturday night, February 19, at the Kent Legion hall.

Mr and Mrs Theo von Borstel and Miss Cassie Holmes entertained by giving a card party for members of the Legion and Auxiliary and other friends the evening of February 14.

High scores were made by Mrs. George Barnett and Frank von Borstel and second high by Mrs. McGlasson and C. P. Rowe. Consolation prizes went to Mrs. Sather and George Witter.

A delicious lunch of angel cake, brick ice cream and coffee was served.

Mrs. Lewis-Hastings spent Monday here. She has been staying in The Dalles to be near her husband who is slowly improving in a hospital from a recent serious operation.

Du Pont Heiress and Husband



Pauline Louise duPont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis duPont, and her husband, Alfred C. Harrison III, New York lawyer, shown in their car as they left the Christ Protestant Episcopal church, Wilmington, Del., after their marriage.

Allotment Group Favors Farm Control Bill

The county allotment committee met Wednesday in all day session to discuss the farm bill and decide on regulations for the farmers for the year.

The goal for this county will be 80% of the total acres now indicated on the work sheets. This total is approximately 277,000 acres and of this amount 233,711 will be permitted to be put into wheat under the farm plan recently made. Some modifications were made in the acreages of farms on account of rulings made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Committee members, Joe Peters, J. M. Wilson, G. H. Root, Floyd Root and George Wilcox favored the new bill and all plan to comply with the regulations.

Tax Notices Mailed Out By Sheriff

Sheriff Wilson mailed out the tax notices to property owners of the county this week and everyone is now informed as to his contribution to school, city, county and state government this year. The state's share of the tax is limited to the elementary school tax, however.

A three percent discount will be given to anyone who pays his or her taxes in full on or before March 15. The sheriff requests that as many as can pay before that date, though, for a rush at that time could not be handled efficiently with the force available. Any property owner who did not receive a notice may find the amount of his tax by writing the sheriff.

Cold and Snow County's Portion

Snow, rain, warm days, freezing nights have been the lot of Sherman countians for the past week as February ended the third week. So far February has been a much colder month than January. The north end of the county there to a depth of nearly a foot while in the north end of the county there is none at all. Freezing and thawing has taken some moisture from the part of the ground that is exposed and it has dried the roads to some extent although the country roads are hard to travel without chains and some knowledge of driving in the mud.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Thompson, the latest newlyweds, were chartered last Friday evening by friends and neighbors who took this means of welcoming them to their new marital state.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Feb. 10	40	21
" 11	41	28
" 12	42	27
" 13	41	34
" 14	41	27
" 15	40	28
" 16	40	19
Total for week		18

Legion Hall Remodelling Discussed

Plans and super-plans for the rebuilding of the Legion hall have followed each other rapidly this week since the start of the movement at a meeting last week. It has been decided that it will be possible to take twenty five feet from the north-east end of the hall and make a theatre and still leave a larger dance hall than is now used if orchestra space is provided on the street side of the hall.

Whether or not this will be done depends on the desire of the community for the improvement and the possibility of obtaining a desirable loan from the housing administration.

Autoists Run Into Railroad Trains

While railroad companies last year continued their efforts to make their operations as safe as possible, carelessness on the part of motorists again made grade crossings among the most deadly spots on Oregon highways, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

"These accidents must be laid almost entirely at the door of the motorists," declared Snell. "The railroad safety record is one of the outstanding industrial achievements of our day. In 1936 this country's railroads carried 490 million passengers with only seven passengers killed in accidents. The railroad companies have also spent great sums on marking grade crossings to make them safe for motorists, yet the grade crossing toll continues."

Collisions between automobiles and trains numbered 142 last year, with 72 injuries and 18 fatalities resulting. Thus while such collisions represented less than one-half of one per cent of the total number of motor vehicle accidents, they accounted for 5% of the total deaths—that is, they were more than 10 times as deadly as the ordinary automobile accident.

"Among our grade crossing fatalities last year was one in which the driver drove his car into the path of the train at a crossing where a swinging bell signal indicated a train's approach, and another in which the driver failed to see the train until he was 50 feet from the track, although the track was clearly visible for a half mile in each direction," Snell said. "Obedience to the rule of vigilance at grade crossings is one way in which drivers can reduce further this state's highway death toll."

SHERMAN COUNTY LEADS

Latest report from the office of the state Tuberculosis association is that Sherman county with over 12 seals per person was higher than any county in previous years. Josephine county this year has been credited with 11.7 seals per person and may reach a high mark when totals are all completed.

HAS "WHISTLING" EYE



Alongside the record of the man with the tick-tock head at Edward Hines, Jr., Memorial hospital near Chicago now stands the case of the man with the whistling eye. He is Henry L. Baker, pictured above being examined by Dr. Edward Wagner. A stethoscope applied to the eye records a low moaning sort of whistle.

Wasco Civic Club Will Hear James Morrell

Initiator of Labor
Responsibility Bill To
Speak at Moro

The Wasco Civic Club will hold its next meeting at the Hotel Moro as previously announced. The speaker will be James F. Morrell who has recently been active in initiating a bill to curb labor racketeering in Oregon.

Mr. Morrell has been working with the Associated Farmers of Oregon and other groups in an effort to bring before the people at the next general election a measure to prevent labor unions from coercing their members and from preventing the handling of farm products at marketing time. He is said to be well informed on the labor troubles that have recently been brought to light through the many arrests of leaders in Portland and Dallas.

Club Wants To Aid
The Wasco Civic Club in meeting in Moro wishes to indicate its interest in the welfare of the entire county and assure the people of the central and south end of the county of that interest.

The meeting has been scheduled to begin at seven in the evening. Places have been arranged for ninety, tickets have been printed to that number. They may be obtained from Viggo Haufelt, secretary, or from the hotel management.

A large crowd is expected as the problem to be discussed is one that has occasioned much interest in this county during the past few months and its solution is held necessary to the welfare of the wheat growers.

More Wheat Raised In Australia

Official estimates of Australian production were revised upward to 170,081,000 bushels or about 20,000,000 bushels over last season's output. Adding the Argentine crop, estimated at about 192,000,000 bushels and allowing for minimum carry-overs from last season's crop, would give a total supply for these countries of about 375,000,000 bushels compared with about 415,000,000 bushels in 1937. Such a supply would provide a surplus of from 215,000,000 to 220,000,000 bushels for export or for carry over at the close of the season. No official estimate is yet available for the Indian crop but trade agencies forecast an output about 10,000,000 bushels over the 1937 harvest.

Domestic cash wheat markets were generally dull with a slack milling inquiry and slow export trade. Marketings of winter wheat increased materially with a total of 1,415 cars at the principal terminals. The protein of the arrivals at Kansas City averaged 13.09 per cent or slightly less than for the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago.

P.U.D. Men To Meet With J. D. Ross

A meeting of the men interested in the formation of a power district in the mid-Columbia area has been called for Saturday afternoon at J. D. Ross' office in Portland. It is not known by local power enthusiasts whether Mr. Ross has returned from Washington or not but information regarding the steps to be taken if a district organized for the purpose of using Bonneville power is to be formed will be given Saturday. M. S. Shrock of Milwaukee has announced his candidacy for governor on the Republican ticket. He is manager of a feed business at Milwaukee and for many years was an official of the grange. He gives as the principal plank in his platform the solution of the labor troubles now bothering the state. He wants to establish a labor relations court to settle all disputes between employer and employee.

Mrs. E. O. McCoy and Mrs. Josephine McCoy visited here Tuesday with Mrs. Jessie Amos. Mrs. Amos plans on returning this call when she leaves for The Dalles Saturday.