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Friends of State Treasurer Rufus Holman in Salem, Portland and other sections of Oregon this week launched a "Holman for United States Senator" boom in an effort to persuade Holman to enter the Republican primaries. Holman who up to this time has figured largely in speculation as a possible republican candidate for governor admits that the prospect of a seat in the United States senate intrigues him but declares that he will await further developments before making up his mind as to whether he will run at all or not and if so, for what.

Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, who announced his intention to seek the republican gubernatorial nomination several weeks ago, filed his formal declaration this week. In his platform Brown promises to devote his efforts to the restoration of harmony between rival factions in Oregon and expresses the belief that his years of experience in the state legislature adequately qualify him for the high office of chief executive. Four years ago Brown was runner-up in the republican gubernatorial race, running second only to Joe Dunne who later lost out to Charles H. Martin, the Democratic choice.

Governor Martin's long expected announcement of intention to try for a second term, was made at a meeting of Young Democrats in Portland Friday night where the governor was given a rousing ovation by the more than 500 partisans attending. Commenting on the political outlook to newspapermen in Salem the governor said that he anticipated no difficulty in winning the nomination. Three other Democrats will compete with Martin for the nomination including Dr. J. F. Hensch of Bend, O. Henry Olsen of St. Helens and Dr. Ralph H. Brown of Portland.

Resignation of E. A. Landis as superintendent of the motor transport division of the public utilities department this week immediately started a rumor that this was the forerunner of a wholesale housecleaning. The rumor was just as promptly squelched by Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace who denied that there was any political significance to Landis' resignation or that any departmental house cleaning was in prospect. Supporting Wallace's claim that Landis was not being released because of political reasons came the announcement that A. F. Harvey, another republican who has been with the department for the past 12 years, would succeed to the post of superintendent of transportation.

Here's one that ranks alongside the old cat and rat farm story: The state school for the deaf has a small tract of low, wet land. "Is the land good for anything," Treasurer Holman wanted to know. "Oh, yes, we raise hay on it," Superintendent Steed assured him. "And what do you do with the hay?" Holman persisted. "We feed it to the horses," Steed replied. "Oh, so you have some horses too; what do you use them for," queried Holman. "We need the horses to cut the hay," Steed explained.

Condemnation proceedings will be resorted to in order to secure possession of the Patton property in Salem, occupying a portion of the block on which the new state library is being built. The Capitol Reconstruction Commission reports that owners of the property have been offered \$32,000 but that they are asking \$57,000.

When the state highway commission retires a block of \$1,750,000 in road bonds maturing April 1 its load of bonded debt will be reduced to below the \$20,000,000 mark for the first time since 1920. Unless new bond issues are floated the commission's bonded debt will be almost wiped out during the next ten years, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, is also receiving considerable encouragement to enter the senatorial race. Peter Zimmerman, of Yamhill this week, denied reports that he had given up any notion of trying for the senate.

Candidate



Governor Charles H. Martin, who has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election.

Public Asked To Vote On Power Rate Structure

After holding a series of public rate hearings all over the Northwest, J. D. Ross is seeking out individual views on the charges to be made for Bonneville power. He has prepared a questionnaire which will be forwarded to granges, Farmers' Unions, Chambers of Commerce, and other organizations.

Four major issues are presented in the questionnaire: First, should there be a uniform "postage stamp" rate or a zone rate? Second, should the Administrator fix resale rates—the price to be paid by the retail customer? Third, how much power should be set aside for heavy industry near the dam? Fourth, how much tax for State and local purposes should public power districts pay? The printed questionnaire warns readers that they must not look to the Bonneville project for electrification of their homes. "The Administrator can merely sell the power at wholesale," it says. The people themselves must distribute the power at retail—through public power districts, cooperative associations, or private companies—as they wish. The decision is up to them.

Kent Auxiliary

The Kent Auxiliary held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mildred Norton. Plans were made to celebrate the Legion Anniversary at the next regular meeting, Thursday night, March 24.

It was decided to postpone the Patriotic program, the play which the Auxiliary was to sponsor at Grass Valley and the dance which the Legion was to have given at Kent, March 19, on account of the small pox at Grass Valley.

Old Letterhead Indicates Progress

J. B. Adams in cleaning out his desks at the years' end found an old letter written to the company in 1905 from the then famed Umatilla house. The lithographed letter head showed Mt. Hood and Mill Creek, and boasted of Bell Telephone, Steam Heat, Electric Lights, Baths and Call Bells for the use of patrons. All stage lines stopped at the hotel. Sinnott & Fish were proprietors. How short a time ago it was that stopping places boasted of baths and electric lights.

Local Horse Makes Good In Portland

Tex, formerly owned by Slim Helyer and ridden at the county fair in races and as a saddle horse, won the blue ribbon at the Portland Hunt Club the last of February when ridden by his new owner, Joseph Dodd. Tex usually appeared in the chariot race and in stock saddle horse races of quarter mile often winning. Also he was a regular saddle horse for his owner, and was adept at getting over side hill trails after cattle. His success in winning the prize among horses trained as saddlers will encourage standard horse breeders to raise saddle stock for sale to those who ride horses for fun instead of in deadly earnest.

Heavy Rains Come Stopping Farm Work

Ove: Inch of Rain In Week Makes Mud of Fields and Rural Roads

Over an inch of rain fell this week to keep the county's total since September first above normal and very effectively stop farm operations that were getting started.

Saturday afternoon a light rain fell and that night the county was drenched with .58 that made mud of the fields and roads. Since then rain fell nearly every day and little field work has been possible. Wednesday night there was a bright sun for the first time in several days.

The rain, by stopping farm work, filled in the gap made by the lack of information about the farm bill which is causing farmers a bit of hesitation.

Grain Green

Fall seeded crops are growing rapidly with the warm rains and many fields are bright green giving promise of good stands and bountiful harvest if the weather continues to behave properly. Spring seeding has been delayed but the ground is still wet and although the last of March is considered late for Federation growing conditions are good and moisture plentiful which usually insures a crop.

Roads had been graded and smoothed over a part of the county and these immediately became unusable after Saturday's rain and travel again became difficult on dirt roads. The county crews are grading and smoothing the roads but it will be several weeks before the job is finished so rutted are the lanes.

Moroites Attend Dufur Convention

Christian Endeavor delegates from Moro took an active part in the Mt. Hood Union convention held March 11 to 13, according to word from Dufur, where more than 150 society representatives from Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties assembled.

Carl Peetz and Betty Vintin had places on discussion panels considering C. E. problems, while Beth Mersinger, local president, gave the annual report for the Moro group. Joyce Dillinger, former Moro resident, now of Dufur, was re-elected union president. L. H. Mitchellmore was named pastor counselor for another year.

More society pledges helped raise the annual budget of \$120 in less than 20 minutes, Saturday night. Included in the local delegation attending the convention were also Ardis Truitt, Chester Smith, Bill Simms and Billy Hudson.

Jenkins Will View Trashy Fallow

Lawrence Jenkins will be here next Friday and Saturday to complete his work on trashy summer fallow. Last year he made an examination of that type of tillage and this trip will be for the purpose of checking the information obtained then. Bill Groton, from the office of A. S. Burrier, ORO statistician who has written several reviews of crop costs and land uses for this section of the state will accompany Mr. Jenkins and check costs of trashy fallow in this county.

Earl Snell To Speak To Wasco Club

Earl Snell, Secretary of State, has accepted an invitation to speak before the Wasco Civic Club the night of March 28 at the Hotel Sherman in Wasco. The subject of his talk will be highway safety, toward which he has worked consistently since his election to his office four years ago. The meeting is in charge of the executive committee of the club and Virgo Hausfelt is handling the details of the affair. Tickets may be purchased from him.

Bank Depositors Get Dividend Checks Today

Depositors of the Moro State bank will receive checks today for 20% of their deposits at the time the bank closed in September 1931. With dividends paid before this will give them 70% of their claims against that bank.

With reasonable crops and fair conditions there is a good chance that the Moro bank will pay out the total of the claims against it, although there are many factors that may change the conditions that make this possible.

This practically full payment by the banks of the county brings much closer the day when liquidations will not justify the expense of a full time liquidator. The Bank of Commerce is within reach of complete payment in principal and interest of its depositors and the Moro State Bank, with seventy percent of its claims paid, is approaching that state. Another good crop of wheat with a fair price would probably pay all depositors giving the county an excellent record for the payment of bank claims. Less than \$50,000 would clear up the principal of the claims.

AAA Making Changes In Farmers Plans

With the wheat acreage for Oregon definitely established, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in this state, consisting mostly of farmer committeemen, will proceed at once to make the essential changes in former plans made necessary by the passage of the new law, according to N. E. Dodd, state committee chairman.

A series of eight district meetings in Oregon is being held, as arranged by the state committee immediately upon the return of representatives from Salt Lake City where all provisions of the new act were thoroughly discussed. These district meetings are being attended by county agents and county committeemen where adjustments in the 1938 program will be explained. The schedule of district meetings follows:

March 15—Benton, Linn, Polk, Marion, Lane and Yamhill counties at Corvallis and Coos and Curry at Coquille; March 16—Lincoln, Tillamook and Clatsop at Tillamook and Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine at Grants Pass; March 17—Columbia, Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah and Hood River at Gresham; March 18—Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla at Arlington; March 19—Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Wheeler and Harney at Redmond; March 21—Grant, Baker, Malheur, Union and Wallowa at Baker.

Of major interest to Oregon is the provision in the new law for a 1938 wheat acreage allotment. It will be applicable to wheat growers in this state except where farms in deficit food and feed crop areas normally produce less than 100 bushels a year. On such farms wheat will be included with the general soil depleting crops for which no individual allotments are established.

Larger wheat growers who participate in the 1938 conservation program will be given definite acreage allotments by the county acreage committees. Those who conform to such an allotment aid carry out such soil building practices as are applicable on their farms will qualify for benefit payments at the rate of 12 cents a bushel on the normal yield for the acreage of their allotment.

The program is again strictly voluntary, the state officials point out. The establishment of marketing quotas, the one feature of the bill which can be made compulsory by a two thirds vote by the farmers themselves, is not planned for wheat in 1938.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Mar. 10	58	34
" 11	68	43
" 12	60	44
" 13	58	40
" 14	49	35
" 15	47	35
" 16	52	34
Total for week		1.06

Small-Pox Stops Social Activity In Grass Valley

Disease in Epidemic Proportion Puts Many Adults and Children To Bed

Small-pox, in large quantities came to Grass Valley last week and seriously interfered with social and school activities. Reports are contradictory as to the extent of the disease and some reports are exaggerated. Dr. Peley, health officer, has had reports of 21 cases but as many as 40 have been talked about.

Probable cause of contagion was the basketball trip to Fossil where small-pox broke out shortly after the Grass Valley team returned. Those who made the trip with the children and many in the school were the first victims.

Young And Old Sick

Among the adults ill with the disease are Tom Alley, Tom Garrett, Tom Zimmerman, Jimmy Philfer and several others. School was closed last Friday on account of the small-pox and no school will be held for two weeks.

The St. Patrick's dance at Moro was postponed because of illness and possible contagion and the high school play and the trip of the Wasco Garden Club players to Grass Valley were also put off until later dates.

Buck Miller, who is acting as city marshal since the advent of the illness and has been kept busy caring for the sick and trying to keep those quarantined at home.

Many Vaccinated

Vaccination of those exposed or who feel that the safest course is safety first has been going on at a great rate since the outbreak and there are few areas in the county that have not been scratched.

Vaccination clinics were held this week at Kent, and Moro and tuberculosis test at Wasco brought out many to be vaccinated for small pox as well as tested for TB. A hundred and eleven were vaccinated Wednesday morning at Moro and the doctor's office has been full since the outbreak of children and adults wishing immunization.

Utility Taxes Paid In Full

Total taxes of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Oregon in its operations in 1937 were \$1,226,659 of which \$785,468.33 was property tax, or an average of \$9.04 per telephone for the year—more than 75 cents per month. The total 1937 taxes were the highest in history for the Company in Oregon.

This was made known this week by J. R. Farrington, manager for the company, with the payment to the Sherman county tax collector of \$2,218.45 for real and personal property taxes, with the discount for prompt payment.

Payments of taxes have been very good this year according to the sheriff's office and a large percentage of the 1938 taxes have been paid in time for the three per cent discount. All public utilities took advantage of the discount and many individuals did likewise.

FLAX MAY BE GROWN

If planting conditions continue favorable in March, seed flax production offers a good possibility for Oregon farmers this year, says Dr. D. D. Hill, associate professor of farm crops at Oregon State college.

Seed flax, if planted early and on suitable ground, will do well in practically all parts of the state, except those drier regions where choice of crops is limited by lack of moisture, he says.

As a spring planted cash crop, seed flax has frequently excelled other grain-in return per acre. A ready market is available at Portland oil mills for much more seed flax than Oregon now produces.

Dr. Hill recommends that seed flax be planted only on land where a crop or two of weeds have been germinated and destroyed, as it does not compete successfully with serious weed infestations.

Urged To Run



Rufus Holman, state treasurer, who is being urged to run for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

Wasco Garden Club Stages Successful Play

The Wasco Garden Club began a new year with election at a recent meeting, of Mrs. Hugh White as president, and Mrs. Bruce Grady as secretary-treasurer. Committees were named and enthusiastic plans made for civic improvement, especially in the city park. That plot is slowly being planted to trees, shrubs and grass; it is expected that by fall a really worth while project will have been well established.

The club has been endeavoring, with some success, to rid the town of a few of the ramshackle, untenanted buildings which are so unsightly.

The amateur play "Through the Keyhole" given last Saturday night was a decided success and was well attended. Funds from the ticket sale will be used for upkeep of the park. The Garden Club wishes to thank players and director and all those who made the show really good.

St. Pat Party At Community Church

Wearing of the green and Pat-Mike stories by the guests lent color to the St. Patrick's party given by the high school department of Community Presbyterian church, Tuesday night, March 15. A birthday cake frosted in the season's hues was a surprise feature for Louise Barzee. Twenty-seven Christian Endeavor and Square Deal Sunday school class members were present.

Wool Grower Eligible For Gov't Loans

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace today granted a \$50,000,000 loan program for wool producers on their 1937 and 1938 wools, according to word just received from R. A. Ward, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers, who has been in Washington, D. C. for some time representing his Association and the Oregon Wool Growers, and other growers' groups in negotiations for this loan.

The loan has been approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation and the President, said Mr. Ward, and will be made available in accordance with the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. The loans will be available to wool cooperatives and all producers, and the basis for Crossbred Territory wools is Graded 52 cents per clean pound; Original Hag, 51 cents; Three-eighths Blood, 48 cents; Quarter Blood, 44 cents; Crosses, 35 cents; All rejects, 20 cents.

On a grease-basis the loans will average between 15 cents and 22 cents per pound; and the approved program authorizes loans on 250,000,000 pounds of wool. Producers may obtain loans on wool stored at eastern and western concentration points. Loans will be made only after the wools have been classified in warehouses by inspectors of the commodity credit corporation, and the corporation will designate approved warehouses in which the wool may be stored.

Nothing New Learned About Farm Control

County Committee and County Agent Going To Arlington To-day For Conference

Nothing new has been heard about the wheat program for 1938 this week and farmers are going ahead as if the latest news was the correct news, yet realizing that changes will probably have to be made when the final information comes out of Washington, via Corvallis.

A meeting has been called for Friday in Arlington which will be attended by members of the county committees and the county agents of Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties. Word will be given them of the decisions made by the meeting of AAA officials held in Salt Lake last week. No intimation has been given as to what the latest will be.

A possibility that payments might be made on a basis of 12 cents per bushel instead of on acres sown has been suggested by news stories but the total of the payments would remain approximately the same it is estimated locally.

Bigger Cut Possible

Inasmuch as mid-western wheat growers will be asked to reduce their land in crop under the last known program it is also possible that local farmers will be asked to cut their acreage in wheat. This will be different than the proposed plan which would permit summer-fallow and wheat to be classed together as soil depleting land and the cut made on the latter. If this is done those who expect to increase wheat and decrease on summerfallow will be disappointed.

A good deal of work has been done toward re-checking the acreages given the county under former programs and some revision may be possible when this information is turned in to the state board.

C E Passes Membership Goal

Mt. Hood Christian Endeavor Union, consisting of the C E societies of Hood River, Sherman and Wasco counties, recently passed its goal of registrations for the State Christian Endeavor convention, to be held in Oregon City, April 28 to May 1. Mt. Hood Union is the third union in the state of Oregon to reach its goal.

Joyce Dillinger of Dufur is president of the union and Miss Mildred Reynolds of The Dalles is registration promoter.

CCC Boys Work At DeMoss Park

A crew of CCC boys are working at DeMoss park and have considerably improved the appearance of that county playground. The dead trees have been cut out, the ground leveled, fireplaces built and a general clean-up program instituted. Work is being done by the boys under the direction of J. R. Chenaunt and the expense for materials is being borne by the county through agreement with the county court.

Ordinances Codified

The codification of city ordinances project, under way in a number of Oregon cities, has won nationwide attention, it was announced here by Herman Kehrl, director of the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research. The work is carried on as a WPA project, with the bureau and the League of Oregon Cities cooperating. Many publications have also described the codification, and inquiries have been received from many sections of the country.

Under a system worked out by William Hall, staff member of the university bureau, ordinances of three cities have already been codified and "streamlined" so that their usefulness and efficiency have been greatly increased, and 14 other municipalities have signed up for this service. Mr. Kehrl reports.