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## Of Oregon— Its Government and People

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Sixty-seven of the 76 members of the last legislature whose terms are expiring are candidates in the primary campaign now being waged. Forty-two of the 60 members of the House of Representatives are seeking re-election. Of these 16 are Republicans and 26 are Democrats. Five House members—two Republicans and three Democrats—seek promotion to the state senate. Two former representatives—Walter Norblad of Astoria and Jack Wagner, Portland democrat, are candidates for Congress. Two House democrats, Clarence F. Hyde of Eugene and Paul E. Roth of Portland—would like to be state labor commissioners. One House member, O. Henry Olsen of St. Helens—is out after the Democratic nomination for governor.

Eight Republicans and five Democratic members of the state senate are candidates for re-election. One senator, Dellmore Lessard, Portland democrat—is a candidate for the Multnomah county district attorneyship. Senator U. S. Balentine whose term does not expire until 1941, is a candidate for congress from the second district.

Oregon's own Agricultural Adjustment Act is back on the statute books but it is hardly probable that it will ever be put into effect. The state supreme court reversed the decree of the circuit court holding the act to be unconstitutional but in doing so the higher tribunal refused to accept responsibility for passing upon the status of the law. In side stepping this question the court took refuge behind the argument that inasmuch as there was no bona fide controversy between the parties to the suit no relief could be had under the declaratory judgment act. Deciding hypothetical questions, the court held, is not a judicial function. Two members of the court, however, took issue with the majority members on this point. Justice Rossman, in a dissenting opinion, declared that the "very purpose of the declaratory judgments act is to enable the courts to step in before damage is inflicted." Justice Rand went even farther to declare that the act is unconstitutional for the same reasons as were set forth in the previous case in which the original state AAA was held to be unconstitutional. Solon T. White, director of agriculture, refused to comment upon the court's opinion but indicated that he has no present intention of attempting to enforce the act which constitutes him a virtual dictator over the agricultural industry with power to regulate prices, production and agricultural products.

Governor Martin's special committee on probation, parole and sentencing of prisoners, meeting here this week, recommended that work camps be established for the employment of trustees and parolees in forestry, conservation and other public works projects. Men employed in these camps would be paid a small compensation "to enable them to make a start when released into society."

Only one third of the checks being written by the Unemployment Compensation Commission are for the maximum amount of \$15 a week. Forty per cent of the compensation checks going out to unemployed workers are for the sums under \$12 a week.

Residents of Linn county who go to the polls at the primary election will also have an opportunity to vote on the question of organizing a peoples' utility district. The Hydro-electric commission has called a utility district election for May 20. At a previous election in November, 1936, the proposal was rejected.

Ninety seven law school graduates have signed up for the bar examination to be held in Salem July 12, according to Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the supreme court.

Apparently reversing a previous opinion Attorney General Van Winkle this week advised the Cap-

## Registration Shows Minor Changes

Registration of voters for the May primaries was completed last week in this county and the totals are very much the same as they have been in the past. Republicans number 843 and Democrats 538. This indicates a slight gain for the party in power.

New registrations were 33 for the Republicans and 38 for the Democrats. Of those cancelled 19 were Republican and 15 were Democratic. This last item indicates the changes that were made possible for the purposes of voting for certain candidates in this primary. While much talk has been heard about the possible change little has come of it here.

By precincts the registration is as follows:

|            | Repub. | Demo. | Non |
|------------|--------|-------|-----|
| Rufus      | 92     | 74    | 3   |
| Loc. Grove | 59     | 54    |     |
| Klondike   | 41     | 53    |     |
| Monkland   | 75     | 27    | 2   |
| Rutledge   | 40     | 14    |     |
| Kent       | 98     | 39    |     |
| G. Valley  | 121    | 89    | 1   |
| Moro       | 181    | 111   | 4   |
| Wasco      | 127    | 77    | 4   |
| TOTAL      | 834    | 538   | 14  |

## Mothers-Daughters Banquet Announced

The Moro Woman's Club will hold its annual Mother's and Daughters' meeting on Monday evening May 9th at 6:30 in the basement of the Presbyterian church with a pot luck supper. Each member will please let the chairman, Mrs. O. L. Belche, know whether you are coming or not, and how many daughter's you are bringing, not later than Sunday May 8th.

## Endeavorers Going To State Convention

Carl Preetz, Ardis Truitt and Rev. L. H. Mitchellmore are attending the Oregon State Christian Endeavor convention at Oregon City this week end in company with more than 1500 other young people and youth leaders. The three are representing the Moro High School society. Sessions will be held in the First Congregational church and the high school auditorium.

With the opening meeting scheduled for this evening, the convention is continuing through Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The final session Sunday night will be addressed by Dr. Luther Stein, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Glendale, California. Other speakers include Howard Cole, Salem, state president; Dr. C. P. Gates and Dr. D. W. McClellan of Portland; Dr. Paul Doltz, former missionary to the Philippines; and Albert Arends, Spokane. Mr. Mitchellmore is leading a three hour seminar on "Recreation," one of 12 groups for study of C. E. activities.

## Summer Course Given At E.O.N.S.

One of the seven Oregon institutions of higher learning to hold 1938 summer schools, the Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande will hold a double session, from June 6 to July 15, and from July 18 to August 19.

Under the supervision of C. A. Howard, president of the institution and director of the summer session, courses offered will be in art, education, English, geography, health education, history, mathematics, music, physical education, psychology and sociology.

## McKean Funeral Large One

The funeral of J. C. McKean was held last Friday in the Moro Legion hall and was attended by friends who filled the hall to overflowing. Many from out of the county came to pay their last respects to one whom they had hailed as friend. Rev. W. L. Eck, of The Dalles gave the sermon assisted by Rev. Lawrence Mitchellmore. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton sang a duet and Tom Fraser a solo. Interment was made in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

## Wade Crawford Speaks To Club At Wasco

Candidate For Congress  
Tells of Experiences and  
Criticizes Aged Opponent

Wade Crawford, candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative in congress from the second Oregon district, spoke before the Wasco Civic Club Monday night in behalf of his candidacy. Mr. Crawford, in telling of his life and experiences, said that he was 42 years old and had lived through a period of great development of the southern part of the district.

### Life Recalled

He recalled that when a boy going to Chemawa he had to travel by wagon and narrow gauge railroad to get to his destination and that now two roads the reservation of his people. For four years he was administrator of the Klamath Indian reservation and in that capacity handled up to a million and a half dollars each year.

He asked that the voters send back to Washington a man who is active and able to do those things for his constituency that they require. He told of his travels over the nation and said that he had been in every state but four and knew the country intimately.

He explained the method used in congress of getting bills passed and in so doing stated that the many speeches sent out by congressmen to their constituents were merely dressing to impress the voters and were of no value for or against the legislation on which they were about. The work of congress is done in committees and before the various administrative boards, he said.

### Scotch Blood Held Needed

Mr. Crawford said that he was descended from Scotch, Irish and Indian parentage and commented on the need for some Scotch thrift in congress as well as some Irish ability to fight for the needs of the district. He is not running, he said, on a platform of 100% for Roosevelt and he is not a politician or an adept campaigner, but would, if elected, be an active legislator.

He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and was returning to Klamath from the young Democrats meeting in Pendleton.

On the program for the club were Evelyn Scott who played two clarinet solos accompanied by Wm. Clothier; the two little McIntyre girls who gave a Scotch song; a duet by June Wilde and Beryl Sheets and some readings by Mrs. C. L. Poley of Moro.

## Red Cross Unit Located At Rufus

In order to keep in line with the national program, The Dalles Chapter will install a First Aid Station at Rufus, Oregon. The credit for this station goes largely to Curtis Tom, former State Legislator and extensive North Sherman county wheat grower.

Mr. Tom is a graduate from the American National Red Cross Aquatic School held at Olympia, Washington, for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and has trained and instructed a class to manage the station. Mr. Tom has the Junior, Standard, Advanced, Special, and Blue First Aid Cards and holds a National Red Cross Certificate qualifying in first aid, boating, canoeing, water front activities, and swimming.

Opal and Arnold Brady are in charge of the new station.

## Congressional Candidate Here

Rennie A. Tull, of LaGrange, accompanied by George E. Walker, was here last Thursday night while touring this part of the state. He is a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in congress. Mr. Tull was a candidate in 1936 being eliminated in the primary. He is chief mechanic in the UP shops in LaGrande and therefore expects the support of many of the laboring men in the coming election.

## Jurymen Chosen For May Term Of Circuit Court

Following is the list of names who have been chosen for the jury for the May term of court which will meet May 16. It is understood that three cases will be ready for trial at that time.

Ernest Eslinger, Grass Valley, farmer; S. A. Wilson, Rufus, farmer; C. F. Kuypers, Rufus, farmer; Fred Cole, Moro, farmer; W. B. Rice, Moro, farmer; E. E. Barcoe, Moro, farmer; Leland Medler, Wasco, farmer; Vernon Miller, Moro, farmer; Richard Dingle, Rufus, farmer; L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco, farmer; H. A. Van Gilder, Wasco, farmer; Glen Thompson, Rufus, farmer; W. D. Watkins, Wasco, farmer; Roy Powell, Moro, farmer; J. H. Wilson, Kent, farmer; E. M. Helyer, Kent, farmer; Emil Anderson, Wasco, farmer; Alva Bakin, Grass Valley, farmer; James C. Wilson, Kent, farmer; Claude Coats, Rufus, farmer; Robert W. Belche, Moro, farmer; John K. Wilson, Kent, farmer; F. H. Amidon, Moro, farmer; A. H. Barnum, Moro, farmer; W. S. Powell, Moro, farmer; L. V. Moore, Moro, farmer; Walter Carlisle, Miller, Service Station Operator; D. H. Wright, Moro, farmer; Truman Strong, Moro, farmer; S. L. Stark, Grass Valley, farmer.

## Candidate Here

Charles A. Sprague, accompanied by Bob Jackson, was here Tuesday afternoon for a few minutes in behalf of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor. Mr. Sprague is editor and publisher of the Salem Statesman.

## Report Deals With Farm Conditions

Favorable crop prospects in Oregon are not unlike conditions generally in the country as a whole, according to the monthly review of the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the Oregon State college extension service.

The season is starting off with prospects for crops, ranges and pastures moderately better than in any of the past several years, which is pretty good considering that crop production last year turned out 13 per cent above the average. Some parts of the Great Plains area are still lacking in sub-soil moisture; so that crop yields in such districts will depend upon adequate rainfall during the rest of the growing season.

The abundance of production now in prospect is evidenced some what by the April 1 government estimate of winter wheat production—726 million bushels. This compares with 685 million last year and 546 million as the 1927-1936 average. Allowing 200 million for spring wheat, the crop could be large enough to care for all domestic and export requirements and a very substantial increase in surplus stocks.

Feed grain production prospects are below average, but the supply will be ample considering the near record carry-over and the some what reduced (but increasing) numbers of livestock on hand.

Conditions are favorable for heavy milk production, and surveys show increases in young chickens and turkeys, owing to favorable feed conditions and better prices for animal products relatively than for crop products, statistics show.

The report contains various index figures of farm prices, costs and demand conditions, which indicate that the economic position of agriculture is somewhat less favorable than a month ago and materially below the situation a year ago. The Oregon farm price index is given at 65 per cent of the 1929-1930 average level, two points lower than in February and 27 points below March 1937. The farm cost index shows a decline of six points compared with a year ago.

## County Agent Speaks

L. E. Wright, county agent, was on business connected with the agricultural welfare of the county. He appeared over station KOAC Tuesday evening at 6:30 giving a talk on prevention of smut in wheat in the mid-Columbia wheat district.

## Wasco Beats Grass Valley In Opening Game

Few Hits, Few Runs,  
Few Errors Make Game  
Odd One for Opener

The first game of the baseball season between Grass Valley and Wasco was played Sunday on the Wasco diamond with the home team winning by a score of 5 to 1. Pitching and general team play were much closer than the score. Miller for Grass Valley struck out 14 men and Jensen, Wasco hurler, fanned 12 batsmen for what must be some sort of a combined strike-out record. Miller gave five hits, two of them being of a very scratch variety, and Jensen allowed four hits during the game.

Line-up for the game indicates that Wasco will be much stronger this year than last because of the addition of Jensen as nitcher and Rice as catcher and Vinton, who played in his outfield position. The two latter players were with Grass Valley last year.

Grass Valley has Miller, a dependable pitcher and the Roth boys of last year's team as well as Phifer, an experienced player who is field captain. Wallace Stark played a nice game at first, but did little with the willow. It is a younger team and one that should develop into something if they practice and play together. Schilling had difficulty holding Miller for the first game but has much ability as a hitter.

Wasco has plenty of players and has been strengthened by the two above mentioned and Roth and Jensen, a cool, young pitcher.

### Lineups:

| Wasco     |    |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|----|---|---|---|---|
|           | AB | R | H | E |   |
| Roth      | 3  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Rice      | c  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Watkins   | 1  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| McKean    | 2  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Vinton    | m  | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilde     | 1  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Morehouse | r  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kruger    | c  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jensen    | p  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams  | s  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

  

| Grass Valley |    |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|---|
|              | AB | R | H | E |   |
| B. Roth      | 2  | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| H. Roth      | 1  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schilling    | c  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Phifer       | s  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Roth      | 3  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dunlap       | m  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stark        | 1  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O. Stark     | r  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miller       | p  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B. Rolfe     | r  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Report Shows Business Off 23.8 Percent

The report of the United States department of commerce shows that business in Oregon has dropped off an average of 23.8 per cent in March of 1938 compared to March of 1937. Greatest loss was sustained by motor vehicles which dropped 41.3 per cent. Filling stations showed the smallest loss with 3.2. Business in cities of the state showed a decline of from 20.6 to 37.4 per cent. The report was made up from 435 independent retailers who gave confidential information.

## Civil Service Exams Announced

The United States Civil Service has announced an open competitive examination for the following positions:

Farm manager, \$2,900 a year; assistant farm manager (dairying), \$2,300 a year, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

## T. B. Tests Given In Grass Valley

The tuberculosis tests were given to the children and adults of Grass Valley Tuesday morning, 96 taking the test. Other parts of the county were given the test earlier but small pox prevented giving it to Grass Valley people. Dr. Poley assisted by Mrs. Poley and Cassie Holmes gave the test.

## Lamb Show To Be Sponsored By Wasco Civic Club

The Wasco Civic Club voted Monday night to sponsor the annual lamb show this year and committee members were appointed to handle the details of that event. May 21 was chosen as the date.

The show has been held in Moro the two previous years and the change is being made to interest other sheep raisers in the show. As usual prizes will be given for best individual lambs and for pens of three lambs. Fleeces will also be awarded prizes in two or three classes. A shepherd's ball will be given in the Opera House at the close of the day and the lamb that is used as a demonstration in meat cutting will be given as door prizes.

The dance committee will be Owen Barnett, Walter Blau and Steve McMillan. The general committee which will handle the work of putting on the show will be made up of L. P. Haven, L. E. Wright, George Drinkard, Clyde Fridley, H. J. Dixon and O. G. Hilderbrand.

## Community Plays Being Exchanged

The Moro community play, "Aunt Tillie Goes To Town" will be given at Grass Valley Friday night, the same cast that presented it here last week. Wasco had an opportunity to see the play Wednesday night. The Wasco community play "Through the Keyhole" will be given in Moro under the auspices of the Legion, Library and Woman's club next Wednesday night.

## Morrow County Farmers Study Erosion

Gullies through summer fallow or in wheat fields used to be that of as some thing that just happened, but now they are considered a reflection on the type of farming a man is doing, says Joe Balanger, county agent of Morrow county, in discussing the progress that is being made in the control of both wind and water erosion.

For the past three years farmers in this county have been holding their own erosion control meetings without any outside speakers to tell them what to do. Instead they talk over their own experiences and trade ideas on how best to keep their good top soil from blowing or washing away. The first year there were about 60 attended this meeting. The next year there were 80, while this winter about 150 turned out for it, says Balanger.

### Strip Farming Tried

This spring farmers are watching with great interest a plan started by Frank Anderson on his 2000-acre ranch. He has planted his fall grain in strips about 10 rods wide along the contour of his land. There is as much as 40 acres in each strip, so harvesting costs need not be increased.

In order to take up the "slack" between the wheat and fallow strips, Anderson has planted a narrow strip of crested wheat grass between them averaging about a rod in width. This makes it possible to keep the strips of wheat and fallow an even width throughout the length regardless of the slope of land, thereby facilitating harvesting and other farming operations. These grass strips account for just about the normal diversion needed under the AAA program.

R. A. Thompson is making plans to go even farther in changing his old farming practices. He is seriously considering an 18-year rotation in which crested wheat grass will be kept on one third of his wheat land for six-year periods affording good spring and fall pasture for his livestock as well as making considerable seed yields.

## Charles Harper Suffers Stroke

Charles Harper, old time resident of Wasco and a farmer there, suffered a stroke Sunday and was taken to The Dalles where he has been since. His left side is paralyzed and it is not known at this time whether or not he will survive.

## Music Festival Contestants Coming Saturday

School Children of County  
To Show Result of  
Musical Instruction

The annual Sherman County Musical Festival will be held next Saturday with Moro being the host town this year. This event in all counties of the state has been recognized and approved by the state department of education which urges all counties to add music to the school curriculum.

School bands will meet at the school house and march at 9:45 to the band stand which will be placed on First Street. First street between Main and Scott will be closed to traffic and parking will be permitted there.

After opening ceremonies the bands will give concerts with Kent being first, followed by Rufus, Grass Valley, Wasco and Moro in that order.

The nearness of May 1, which is child health day is the reason for having physical education features included in the program. Frank Thomas' pupils from Wasco will give an exhibition at 11:30, after which there will be a period for lunch.

### All Schools On Program

In the afternoon the program will be given in the Legion hall where the Rhythm band of Wasco under the direction of Evelyn Scott, the Moro primary chorus directed by Margaret Turnbull, an intermediate chorus, directed by Nan Smith, an older chorus with Jeanette Huddlestone, directing and a Harmonica band from Grass Valley will be presented. In addition there will be other numbers interspersed.

The boys high school chorus from Wasco and the Wasco girls chorus will sing at the end of the program. The Moro band will give a concert at 6:45 at the band stand.

An educational show, will be presented at the school house at 8:00 and after that a dance will be given in the American Legion hall.

Nearly every child in the county has a part in this program and it is expected to bring a large crowd to see the youngsters perform and display the musical knowledge they have gained during the year.

## Wheat Stocks Summarized

The department of agriculture report shows that on April 1 there were 197,958,000 bushels of wheat in interior mills and elevators and warehouses compared to 110,472,000 bushels on hand on the same date last year. The total visible supply in the United States is given as 254,170,000 bushels compared to 147,322,000 bushels last year. In Washington and Oregon there are 25,551,000 bushels, whereas there were 19,184,000 bushels in 1937.

## Winter Wheat Makes Rapid Recovery

Winter wheat in the United States made rapid recovery from the recent setback aided by warmer weather and beneficial moisture but some permanent injury resulted from early April frosts in Oklahoma, Texas and Southern sections of Kansas where the crop was well advanced. Rain was still needed in portions of the northern Great Plains but elsewhere in the West winter wheat was generally reported in excellent condition. The crop made excellent growth in most of the Ohio valley although occasional yellow spots were reported in low wet land. Seeding of Spring wheat was near completion in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, with early sown grain up to good stands in South Dakota. Seeding in Canada was extending gradually from Manitoba to the west and north, with surface moisture favorable to germination over most of the prairie provinces. Large areas of Western Saskatchewan and Eastern Alberta, however, are still deficient in moisture reserves.

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