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## Of Oregon— Its Government and People

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With the primary election only two weeks away the political pot has already reached the boiling point. Especially is this true of the gubernatorial campaign on the Democratic ticket. With the Hess forces training their big guns on Governor Martin, calling into question his New Dealism as well as his Democracy, the governor attacking Hess as a self seeking demagogue and Henry Olesen showing no partiality in his attacks on both his opponents this particular sector of the campaign front is practically monopolizing the attention of the Oregon public.

Competent observers of the situation who have contacted voters in various sections of the state are inclined to agree that just at this stage of the campaign Governor Martin has the democratic nomination "in the bag" although qualifying this prognostication by the explanation that he will not receive a majority of the democratic votes. In a two way race between Martin and Hess, these observers declare, the La Grande man would have better than a 50-50 chance for the nomination but with Olesen in the field to divide the anti-Martin support the governor is comparatively safe. Heavy gains in democratic registrations, especially in industrial centers, are believed to reflect a round-up of anti-Martin voters in the drive of organized labor to defeat the governor. Democratic gains have been especially heavy in Clackamas, Clatsop, Coos, Deschutes, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Washington counties.

So far the Republican gubernatorial aspirants have failed to evoke any considerable enthusiasm among the rank and file of their party. With a field of eight candidates to choose from the names of Sam Brown, the Gervais farmer, and Charles A. Sorague, Salem publisher, stand out from the group as the favorites for the nomination and it is doubtful if the average republican voter could name more than two of the remaining six candidates without consulting a sample ballot. Clarence Waggoner of Portland is expected to poll a heavy vote among Townsend followers in Multnomah county but is not regarded as a serious contender for the nomination. Neither is Charles L. Paine of Eugene believed to command enough support to win the race in spite of the surprising strength he developed in the campaign for republican national committeeman two years ago.

Taking a page from the experience of Nebraska the State Grange is sponsoring a proposed constitutional amendment for a unicameral legislature for Oregon. Under the Grange proposal the legislature would consist of 60 members elected to two-year terms. Regular legislative sessions would be limited to 50 days and special sessions to 20 days with the members drawing \$8 a day for their services. The Grange program would also authorize special sessions upon a call signed by two-thirds of the membership as well as upon call by the governor.

Oregon will concentrate its appeal to the tourist trade in a display at the San Francisco Worlds Fair. Definite decision to withdraw from the New York exposition was announced following a meeting of the Oregon World's Fair commission here this week. In a formal statement the commission explained that withdrawal from the New York fair was due to the "cold and indifferent attitude" of the New York fair officials to the Oregon exhibit.

Resumption of the federal pump priming program has revived hope for PWA aid in financing construction of a new tuberculosis hospital to be located in Multnomah county. The Board of Control has announced its intention to press Oregon's claim for a \$30,000 grant to supplement a state appropriation of \$110,000 for the new institution.

While, naturally, there is no considerable enthusiasm among state employees over President Roosevelt's proposal to tax their salaries in his effort to balance the federal

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## Old Record Shows Spirit of 35 Years Ago

H. W. Champneys, bank liquidator, in cleaning up a bundle of papers in his charge came across a document that will bring back memories to many an old timer whose mind can revert back to 1903 and the ball team of that year.

The Moro Baseball Association was in debt to the tune of \$1032.04 with the foreword, and prosperous and influential citizens subscribed themselves to various amounts to relieve this unfortunate situation. No information is given as to how a baseball team contracted such an indebtedness, but it might have bet on itself once too often. J. O. Elford and L. K. Moore took the lead in obtaining the subscriptions and each put themselves down for \$80 as did W. H. Moore, H. A. Moore, R. J. Ginn and E. H. Moore. Others giving \$40 were S. S. Hayes and L. Barnum while Miles Biggerstaff donated \$50 to the cause. Others gave according to their means that the principal athletic venture of the city be put on a sound basis. And the younger generation, for whose teams \$100 would be munificence bordering on economic royalism, wonder why old timers so longingly refer to the good old days.

## City Officers Attend Convention

The annual convention of officers of Oregon cities as members of the League of Oregon Cities was held in The Dalles the first two days of the week. Many subjects that give worry to municipal officers were discussed and new information about them given out by Oregon men who have solved their problems and by men in the employ of the national association for municipalities.

Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette University spoke at a noon luncheon, Monday and Donald Erb, new president of the University of Oregon, addressed the annual banquet that night. Attending from Sherman county were Mrs. Naomi Van Gilder, county treasurer, Roy J. Baker, Grass Valley mayor, and Giles French.

## Fifty Words Best In Typing Contest

The typing contest for pupils of Sherman county schools was held in Moro last Friday afternoon with about fifteen taking part. Winner of the contest was Doris Stradley of Grass Valley who made a record of 50.6 words per minute in the second year group. She was crowded for first honors by Beryl Sheets of Wasco, who made 50.5 words per minute. Ramona Spoor of Grass Valley was third with 43.7 words.

For the first year students Geraldine Norton of Kent was first with a record of 38.4 words per minute average. Bobbie Fortner of Grass Valley made 38.1 to place second and Lois Melzer of Moro was third with 34.9 words.

## Unemployment Checks Average \$11.92

Oregon unemployment compensation checks averaged \$11.92, placing this state within a few cents of the top spot held by Arizona, as the commission passed the two and a quarter million dollar total distribution mark.

Figures for all the 23 states paying benefits have not been released but Oregon's average is far above most. West Virginia checks are averaging \$9.78, Pennsylvania's figure is \$11.34, while the far south North Carolina's average is \$5.75 and Alabama's is \$6.75.

More than 600 hundred workers now have received their 14th check and check No. 250,000 will be issued next week. Claim determination continues at an even pace, however. Commission records show that due to continued unemployment many claimants are now receiving their initial benefit checks.

"This indicates constant registration and filing of new claims," declared Administrator D. A. Bulmore, "although those first on the list are being paid out at a rate to approach an offset, tending to stabilize check production."

## Music Festival Shows Progress of School Bands

Day of Music and  
Physical Training Gives  
Patrons View of Program

The Sherman County Music Festival was held in Moro last Saturday with nearly all the school children of the county being present to give a part of the program. The school bands marched from the school house to the band stand which was erected on First street just off from Main and officially opened the days ceremonies by playing the national anthem.

The bands played three pieces each the oldest bands playing last. Kent, Rufus, Grass Valley, Wasco and Moro was the order of their appearance. Considerable improvement was indicated by nearly all the bands over last year.

After lunch the crowd gathered at the Legion hall where the main part of the program was given. It included rhythm bands of all the schools, a chorus of primary children and songs by the intermediate group and a high school group. Special numbers by pupils of the various schools were interspersed throughout the program which lasted for approximately three hours.

The Wasco school gave a demonstration of the physical education features that have been taught there for the past year to take a part of the time normally given to athletics of a competitive sort. This tumbling and gymnastic feats found favor with the audience.

The day was ended with a dance held at the hall in the evening and a show for children and adults was presented at the school house at eight o'clock.

## Lamb Show Prizes Set for Exhibition

The Sherman county lamb show that will be held in Wasco this year on May 21 will have much the same divisions for entries as has prevailed at the two former shows according to LeRoy Wright, county agent who manages the show.

For market lamb, a single entry there will be five prizes ranging from five dollars for first to one dollar for fourth and fifth. For a pen of three market lambs there will be five prizes ranging from ten to one dollar. Lambs weighing from sixty to 100 pounds are desired.

Prizes for fine wool and medium wool fleeces will be three, two and one dollar for each. Entries must be made by ten o'clock a. m., on the day of the show.

Committees were appointed at the Wasco Civic Club meeting last week to handle local details of the show. A dance committee is lining up an orchestra for the annual shepherders ball that is the fitting climax to the show.

## Kent May Get SCS Project

A proposed SCS project for Kent is now planned by the conservation unit organized there some years ago with Frank von Borstel as president. A total of 27,500 acres has been signed up and more is expected. Art King, state coordinator for the SCS, will be here soon to go over the project and approve or reject it. It is probable that if it is approved a spike camp will be established at Kent by the local company of OOC.

## Grass Valley Wins From Wasco 12-11

Grass Valley defeated Wasco at Grass Valley last Sunday to even the score between these teams for the year. The score was 12 to 11. The day was cold and windy but the game was warm enough for the lead changes several times during the game. Jensen who held Grass Valley the Sunday before succumbed to the onslaught of hits and left the box.

Wasco will play in The Dalles Sunday and Grass Valley is trying to line up a game for that day.

## "Oregon, Here We Come" Cries California



Thousands of tourists from California soon will be sweeping northward in a record crop, was the cheering message brought to Governor Charles H. Martin, left, by Chester Arthur, right, San Francisco, northwest commissioner of the Redwood Empire association. Arthur told of a program to send San Francisco's Eastern visitors north to Oregon over the \$55,000,000 Redwood Empire highway

## American Legion Officials Coming Next Sunday

The good will tour of the commander of the State American Legion and a group of officials will begin Sunday with a noon meeting in The Dalles. At four o'clock they will come to Moro where they will hold a conference with members of the Wasco, Moro, Kent and Antelope posts before going to Arlington, the first night's stop for the party.

Those making the trip are O. E. Palmiter, state commander, Carl Moser, state adjutant, George Rauch, head of the Boys State camp that was inaugurated last year, Al Greenwalt, who is in charge of the "On to Los Angeles" campaign; Bob Robinson, chairman for the junior baseball program; and Buck Knight, state vice-commander.

## May Danerous Month For Pedestrians

If last May's traffic experiences are repeated this month, pedestrians will find it worth while to keep an especially sharp lookout. Secretary of State Earl Snell warned today.

Of 36 persons killed in Oregon traffic accidents in May, 1937, more than half, or a total of 19, were on foot at the time of the accident, Snell said.

"While it is hard to account for the exceptionally large number of pedestrians who met death last May, we find that many of them were guilty of careless acts which contribute almost daily to the traffic toll," Snell commented. "Thus, three of them were struck while crossing intersections diagonally; three while walking on the highway in the same direction as automobile traffic; two while crossing the streets between intersections, and another while coming from behind a parked vehicle.

"Carelessness such as this seldom results in the saving of time, and may have the most serious consequences. Anyone who stopped to weigh the advantages of a careless act against the disadvantages would realize how foolish it is to walk in traffic without respect for its established rules, and without paying strict attention to the movement of vehicles."

About half of the pedestrians killed last May were either children under 14 years of age, Snell said, indicating that every occasion should be taken to warn people in these groups against the perils of traffic, and give them the proper consideration and protection.

## Declamatory Contest

The annual declamatory contest will be held at Kent Friday night with entries from five schools competing for the three first and three second places. Divisions are primary, intermediate and upper grade. Local tryouts have been held during the past week and contestants in the final chosen by the five schools.

## County Court To Co-operate In Erosion Control

Agreement Made With  
SCS Permitting Sloping  
And Seeding in Roads

Sherman county's court in regular meeting for May decided to sign an agreement with officials of the SCS service permitting erosion control work on county roads and promising co-operation by furnishing some machinery and seed toward the work. The SCS was represented by William Hill, J. S. Chenault and R. B. Elms.

It was explained by the government men that it would be impossible for the service to do any work unless the roads were adjoining fields whose owner had a signed contract for erosion work but that often it was advisable and necessary to control run-off in the roads to preserve the work in the fields. Similar contracts are in force with the state highway commission.

Winter Work Wanted

It is contemplated that the work will be done in the winter time when county machinery is not in use on the roads and when it is not possible to work crews of men in the fields. Grading, sloping of banks and seeding of perennial grasses are planned.

Other work of the court was of a normal nature and consisted of passing on a list of bills and reviewing the road work for the past month. John DeMoss asked permission to install an underpass on the road running to his place so he could move sheep from one field to another.

## Community Plays Please Audiences

The Wasco community group giving a play for the Wasco Garden Club appeared on the boards at the Legion hall Wednesday night with "Through the Keyhole" and pleased the local audience. Lois Hilderbrand as Grandma Tierney had some excellent lines as the wise, sarcastic and peeping old lady who looked out for the matrimonial welfare of her grandchildren Frances McKean (Mary) and Jess Leonard (Jim) who nearly fell into the arms of two adventurers Desmie Neasham and Max Williams (Genevieve and Archie Van Camp) but finally married their butler Arthur Spencer and fetching French maid, Margie-Jee Kaseberg, who were not the persons they pretended to be either.

The Moro players went to Grass Valley last Friday night and presented "Aunt Tilly Goes To Town" there. Helen Sayra as Aunt Tilly became less scornful of men. Naomi Van Gilder, her maid, persisted in her search for one; Edwin Peters as Merwin Tucker was explained in and out of trouble by Dean Pinkerton as Ronald Howland throughout the involved plot until all were happily engaged at the end, even Aunt Tilly. Wendall Balsiger, Marjorie Kunsman, Gayle Goddard, Robert Gillmor, Sally Douma and Rose Amidon added to the confusion by appearing on the stage when least wanted.

## Moro School Holds Open House Tuesday

The local declamatory contest and school open house were held Tuesday evening at the school house. Walls of all school rooms were covered with maps, charts and written work of the children to show the visiting parents the quality of work being done and the scope of it as well.

Twenty contestants appeared in the primary division with Sharon Hennagin winning first, Muriel McKean second and Dickie Oveson third. Several honorable mentions were given by the judge who explained reasons for her decisions. Eleven appeared to try for the honor of representing Moro in the intermediate division. Annajean Knighton won first, Patty French, second and Wayne Melzer, third. No one entered the upper grade division.

## Weed Study on 4-H Program of Kent Group

A group of 4-H club boys of Kent have organized a weed survey project as part of their work for this year. They expect to have a chemical plot on which to use chemicals to kill weeds. They will also gather specimens of all noxious weeds and mount them on boards. These specimens will include leaves, roots, blossoms and seeds of the various noxious weeds common to the county. The boys making the best display and having the best record in the project will be given a scholarship to summer school by the Pomona Grange. Other similar groups are now organizing in other towns of the county.

## Eastern Oregon Raises Grass Seed

Eastern Oregon counties are becoming known throughout all western states as a source of created wheat grass seed, reports E. R. Jackman, extension crops specialist at Oregon State college.

Frequent inquiries are received as to sources of this seed, and in response to these and other orders, Oregon growers have shipped seed to nearly every state west of the Mississippi river. All eastern Oregon counties produce some created wheat grass seed, but leading counties in out-of-state shipments are Union, Malheur and Gilliam, Jackman reports.

Eastern Oregon has about 50,000 acres of created wheat grass, most of which is sown on wheat land retired from production for the time being. Even so, every eastern Oregon county is expected to increase its production in 1938. Stockmen would like to use the grass for improving the carrying capacity of ranges, but so far seedlings on range land have not been as successful as on cultivated land, Jackman points out. Several of the eastern Oregon county agents are experimenting, however, with plantings on sagebrush lands in an effort to work out suitable seeding methods.

Among the methods being tried are seeding in furrows, burning the native wild grass and weeds and seeding in the ashes, dragging a railroad rail to kill weeds and brush, and seeding behind it, seeding broadcast and covering with a brush drag, pasturing the ground closely and seeding on virtually bare ground, and broadcasting and tramping in by driving sheep across the seeded area. To date, the furrow method has given the best results on unplowed lands.

## Rebekahs To Meet

Rebekahs of this district will hold their annual convention here next Monday with state noble grand in attendance. Lodges from Antelope, Kent, Grass Valley and Wasco will be guests of the Moro lodge for an afternoon and evening session.

## Farm Quotas Not Definitely Set By Government

The work of measuring the fields of Sherman county farmers on the aerial maps made last year is nearing completion and three quarters of the farmers have visited the court house and given the required information. This does not mean that all have agreed to co-operate with the present government program for it is probable that only two thirds or three quarters of them will do so.

The state committee is now working on the quotas for the counties of Oregon. The state quota of 867,000 acres for the year is to be divided to counties and later divided individual farmers by the local committees. Until this is done the exact amount of reduction will not be known. Sherman county has asked for a quota of 135,000 acres and will know soon how much it will receive.

It is understood that acreage allotment for 1939 has been set at a figure much below the 62,500,000 acres allowed this year but this will not be confirmed until a later date.

## Boy Scouts Ready For Annual Circus

"The greatest show on earth" is the way Field Executive Paul H. Yearout terms the 1938 Boy Scout circus, sponsored by Portland Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, which will be held in the Multnomah Civic stadium in Portland next Saturday night, May 7.

Ten gigantic acts beginning with the colorful grand entry parade starting at 8 p. m., are on the program and 6000 Scouts and Cubs from 10 Oregon counties and five Washington counties will participate in the event.

There will be spectacular features during the more than two hours of program and those who attend are urged to be in their seats by 8 p. m. when the starting signal is given. There will be accommodations for 30,000 spectators so there should be plenty of room to take care of the monster audience.

## Moro CE Wins Place at Meet

Moro's High School Christian Endeavor society was one of several to receive the rating of "excellent" at the state convention in Oregon City April 28 to May 1, according to delegates who attended and returned with a ribbon of award. This rating came as the result of reaching certain goals set within the society during the last year. Ardis Truitt, Carl Peetz and L. H. Mitchellmore represented the local church group at Oregon City.