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Multnomah county republicans will not be satisfied with the selection of P. J. Stadelman as state treasurer if appointment of Rufus C. Holman's successor is postponed until after the inauguration of Governor Charles A. Sprague. This from no less an authority than Floyd Cook, one of the four horse-men of the Republican organization. Not that the Multnomah county political leaders have anything against Stadelman. They admit that he would be an excellent choice except for one thing—he does not live in Multnomah county and that district with one-third of the state's population, they insist, is entitled to representation on the State Board of Control of which the treasurer is a member.

In this insistence upon the appointment of a Multnomah county man to the treasurership the Multnomah county politicians apparently overlook the fact that for the past eight years that particular section of the state has had complete control or the Board of Control—if that counts for anything—with two representatives in its membership of three, first with Governor Meier and Treasurer Holman and more recently with Governor Martin and Holman whereas the first Congressional district has had no member on the board since the death of Treasurer T. B. Kay early in the Meier administration.

All this of course, is assuming that Governor Sprague will appoint the new state treasurer, an assumption which now appears to be rather far fetched. While Holman refuses to give any indication of his plans it is understood through sources supposed to be in the know that Oregon's new senator plans to leave for the national capitol shortly after Christmas in order to qualify for his new job when Congress convenes. That means he must resign his state job while the Democrats are still in the saddle in Oregon in which event his successor will probably be some deservingly Democrat about whose selection Governor Martin will probably not bother about even consulting the Multnomah county politicians.

Labor leaders have turned to the federal social security board in their efforts to compel repeal of Oregon's recently adopted anti-picketing law. Charges filed by Leo Pressman, CIO attorney, that the Oregon law conflicts with the unemployment compensation section of the social security act has taken three Oregon officials to Washington this week to defend the anti-picketing act before the federal board. Should the Social Security Board uphold the contention of the CIO attorney, it is pointed out, Oregon will be cut off from participation in federal compensation and industries in this state would be penalized through continued assessment of its payroll for support of unemployment compensation with none of its benefits accruing to workmen in this state.

Workmen are this week placing the eight murals in the rotunda of the new capitol. The murals for the House and Senate chambers, it is announced, will not be ready for delivery until next June.

More than 20,000 sets of new automobile license plates were placed in the mails this week addressed to motorists in all sections of Oregon. According to Secretary of State Snell the new black and yellow tags may be substituted for the old black and white plates as soon as received.

The city of Salem will sponsor the inaugural ball to be given in honor of Governor and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague the night of January 9. Admittance to the ball will be by invitation only. Prior to the ball Governor and Mrs. Sprague will hold a public reception at the new capitol.

If the legislators accept the recommendations of Secretary of State Snell top speed limits will be established for the regulation of motorists on Oregon highways. Snell points to the fact that ex-

## Seal Sale Does Well In Sherman County

The Christmas seal sale in Sherman county is getting along very well to date, reports Mrs. Mae Moore, county chairman, but those who still have not sent in their contributions are asked to do so before the holidays are over. More residents have raised \$95 to date and more than \$40 has been reported from Grass Valley. One town has not reported. Last year Sherman county won the cup for state honors with a sale of 12 seals per capita and if returns are forthcoming it will do so again.

## Weather Man Turns Off Heat This Week

The first weather that was called really wintry by Sherman Countians occurred the first of the week when the thermometer dropped to ten above at the airport station. A mild east wind accompanied the cold snap to add to the discomfort of those who had to be outside.

Wednesday clouds covered the sky and brought a little relief from the cold but it was not expected that the mercury would climb much above the freezing mark for a few days yet. So far there appears to be no prospect of snow and the frost is going down in the ground with the continued cold so that a few days of warmer weather would be desirable before a snow storm.

## Local Legion Post To Improve Hall

Chris Schultz, post, American Legion, met with Percy Thompson Wednesday night and discussed matters pertaining to the order. It was decided to put a single door in the street side of the hall before the first of the year and to make some other improvements on the assembly place soon. It was reported that 24 ex-service men are now members of the local post indicating a higher percentage of possibilities than normal. Distribution of reconditioned toys will be finished before Christmas. A policy of resoling children's shoes was adopted and families having outgrown shoes can give them to the post with assurance that they will be put to good use.

## Snell Recommends Speed Limit Laws

Establishment of definite top speed limits zones on all Oregon highways will be recommended to the forthcoming session of the Legislature by Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Convinced after careful study and investigation that such action is essential toward further reduction of traffic deaths and the only way in which an immediate and substantial reduction in accidents and injuries can be secured, Mr. Snell stated that he is now preparing a tentative bill for submission next month that will carry such a provision.

"This is no experiment," Mr. Snell stated today. "There may be some argument as to what causes accidents, but there can be no argument as to what causes the fatal accidents. Uncontrolled speed is present in such a tremendous majority that it is clear that speed must be lowered. Experience gained in other states throughout the nation bears out this statement."

Under the proposed act all highways in the state will be zoned and top speed limits established by the state highway commission. The basic rule, at present the only provision of the law that limits speed, would still be applicable as a regulatory measure in regard to all speeds within the top limit.

"It is true that there has been a substantial reduction in accidents, and a saving in lives during both 1937 and 1938, as compared with previous years," Mr. Snell said. "But this saving in lives this reduction of highway traffic toll, is not coming nearly fast enough. It is a life and death matter to the people of Oregon. Education is well under way, engineering is progressing rapidly and any effective program of enforcement must be backed with a suitable speed law."

## HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISTS ELECT OFFICERS



The fourteenth annual high school press conference, in session at the school of journalism, University of Oregon, elected James Thayer editor of Carlton high school "Hi-Life" as president. He is shown above, second from left. Others in the photo are Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, left; Dorothy Myers, Vernonia, vice-president, and Andra Haffenden, Lincoln high school, Portland, secretary.

## Wheat League Like, Dislikes Farm Program

Support in principle, but improvement as to detail, will be the policy of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league towards the agricultural adjustment program of the federal government during the coming year as the result of action taken at the eleventh annual convention in The Dalles.

The statement adopted called attention to the fact that the adjustment act of 1938 is in practical accord with legislation recommended by the League at its 1937 convention in La Grande.

Features of the act specifically endorsed included voluntary production control, crop insurance, the ever-normal granary principle, wheat loans, surplus purchases, parity payments, possible marketing quotas, and provision for the intervention by the secretary of agriculture in hearings on freight rate increases.

## Commercial Acreage Asked

Changes asked by the league include the establishment of commercial and non-commercial wheat areas; removal of the top limit on benefit payments; alteration of the crop insurance plan to permit payment for partial loss, the use of a processing tax to finance parity payments, and permission for the secretary of agriculture to initiate freight rate adjustments rather than wait until hearings are held for other reasons.

Changes advocated in the present public utilities district law would require these districts to pay taxes on the same basis as private utilities now do, would permit the issuance of revenue bonds upon the vote of the people would allow districts to be dissolved upon the vote of the people, and would make all PUD elections coincide with general elections. The convention also unanimously endorsed the action of its officers in support of the initiative bill regulating picketing and other activities in labor disputes.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with C. M. Bentley on Monday, December 19, at the Court house between one p. m. and four p. m. o'clock.

## AT OREGON



Lawrence Hartwig, for the past year assistant in law at the University of Michigan, has been named professor of law at the University of Oregon replacing Claude E. Brown, resigned. Mr. Hartwig was formerly a member of the law firm of Mudge, Stern, Williams & Tucker of New York.

## Odd Fellows Hold Party And Banquet

Odd-Fellows and Rebekahs had a homecoming party Wednesday night at the hall when a bountiful dinner, a program and dancing all attracted members and former members. Over 120 were present for the evening including five charter members of the order. They were Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnum of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin and A. H. Barnum of Moro.

Former state officers Frank Scott, past grand master and Doris Seyton, past president, were present, as was B. W. Rice, grand marshal.

The tables were arranged in the main hall and the diners disposed of four 20 pound turkeys and trimmings before the program began. After that was over the company danced to lively old tunes until a late hour.

## Public Welfare Woman Club Program

A program of public welfare will be undertaken by the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs according to the plan outlined in the federation, which is off the press this week and being received by the member clubs of this district.

The plan as announced by Miss Olive Whitlock, chairman of the department of public welfare of the federation, embraces housing, health service, child welfare service, child guidance clinics, study of jails and probation and the conservation of natural resources.

Miss Whitlock also announces the advisory committee to this department which includes the names of many leading professional men and women of the state. A "Handbook of Information" has been prepared for local clubs to aid them in surveying their local aspects of this state wide program.

## World Wheat Market Firmer

Some strengthening was apparent in the general wheat situation and this was reflected in higher quotations on foreign wheats at Liverpool. Offerings of new wheat from the Southern Hemisphere were light with sales in Argentina practically all to Government agencies at the fixed minimum prices which are above present world levels. Argentine shipments for the week totaled less than 600,000 bushels while Australian exports were only 1,644,000 bushels. The Australian law establishing a price equivalent of approximately 96 cents for wheat for domestic consumption became effective December 5. Germany and Italy purchased several million bushels of wheat from the Danubian countries, according to trade reports and this was a further strengthening factor. France imposed a tax equivalent to 1-8 cent in addition to the regular customs duty on durum wheat imported for home consumption. India also imposed an import duty equivalent to about 21 1-2 cents per bushel on wheat and flour which will tend to restrict further imports of Australian and Canadian wheat purchases of which have totaled around 10,000,000 bushels, according to trade estimates.

## County Wheat Yield Estimated Near 3,000,000

Nearly Million Dollars  
Received From Government  
Wheat Loan Plan

The number of bushels of wheat produced in Sherman county in 1938 is still a matter of some conjecture even though the reports of the warehousing agencies have been made and the crop loans taken on nearly 2,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The estimate made earlier in the year that the county produced 3,000,000 bushels of wheat is probably nearly correct but, because so much wheat was kept on the farms on account of low prices and because some was sold direct to feeders and some hauled to water shipping points it is difficult to prove that this amount of wheat was grown and harvested.

## 2,523,390 Bushel Harvest

Warehoused in the elevators and houses of the three companies were 2,523,397 bushels of which 995,447 bushels were put in charge of the Sherman Co-operative Grain Growers at Wasco; 750,000 bushels were estimated to be in the Moro Grain Growers houses and 787,950 in the houses and elevators of the Grass Valley Grain Growers. In addition to this loans have been made on 46,000 bushels in the Sandon and Thornberry houses, to bring the known total up to 2,523,397 bushels.

## Farm Storage Thought High

How much was kept on the farms is not known but certainly 1000 bushels per farm is a low estimate of the amount retained for feed and seed and as 100,000 was and will be needed for seed it is probable that the 250 farms in the county still have nearly 400,000 bushels on them in farm storage to be used for feed, seed or to sell as there is financial demand on the part of the farmer.

These amounts when added to the wheat hauled out of the county for storage or to be available for water transportation will bring the total up to the 3,000,000 mark in all probability. In fact one estimate is higher than that figure and it is based on good information.

## Crop Loan Period Ends Soon

Crop loans may be made up to December 31 at which time government loaning on wheat will stop according to Dewey Thompson, county administrator, who also adds that the loans must be returned to the local bank by that date.

To date the farmers of this county have received \$998,000 from the government loans. A number of farmers have hesitated to apply for the loan because they wanted it to mature late in 1939 and these men will now have to apply or sell their wheat on the open market.

## Sunday School Rally Held In Wasco

The Sunday school rally held at Wasco December 5, was attended by 125 persons who partook of the basket dinner and several others came in for the program. Considerable interest was shown and the audience was larger than expected. Mr. Landies, music teacher, led the congregation in his interesting way in pep songs and with instruments. Type or more numbers were furnished by each Sunday school. It is thought that another rally will be held in February and the annual one in June is a certainty.

At the rally in December there were several talks and discussions interspersed with the various numbers the whole program about two hours. People were present from Rufus, Kent, Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco.

## WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

| DATE               | 8  | MAX. | MIN. | 00 |
|--------------------|----|------|------|----|
| Dec. 8             | 54 | 53   | 30   |    |
| " 9                | 48 | 35   | 30   |    |
| " 10               | 48 | 30   | 30   |    |
| " 11               | 38 | 23   | 30   |    |
| " 12               | 37 | 14   | 30   |    |
| " 13               | 30 | 10   | 30   |    |
| " 14               | 27 | 11   | 30   |    |
| Total for the week |    |      | 30   |    |

## Agricultural Men Meeting In Corvallis

Federal employees in the agricultural department are convening in Corvallis this week and experiment station men, soil conservationists are talking over matters of policy with county agents and with the leaders of the extension work in the state. Attending from here are LeRoy Wright, county agent, Joe Belanger, soil conservation experimentalist, M. M. Oveson, director of the experiment station, and Bob Henderson assistant at the station.

## Press Conference To Meet in January

The press and its relation to state government, cooperation between newspapers and law enforcement agencies, up to the minute news photography, libel, circulation problems, and national and local advertising will all find a place on the program of the 21st Annual Oregon Press Conference, to be held at the University of Oregon January 19, 20 and 21, it was announced here today by Eric W. Allen, dean of the school. The preliminary program for the event was drawn up recently by a committee headed by Hugh G. Ball, publisher of the Hood River News, who is president of the conference.

Charles A. Sprague, who in January will step from the editorial chair of the Salem Statesman to the governorship, will head the list of speakers. He will deliver the address at the annual banquet January 20. Entertainment for this event will be in the hands of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

## Bonneville Project To Purchase Land

To put thousands of men to work and speed Bonneville electricity to Northwest districts, Administrator J. D. Ross has launched a widespread program for immediate acquisition of six hundred miles of land in Oregon and Washington.

The chief of the Bonneville Project today put into operation his plan for hastening purchase of thousands of acres of rural right-of-way for the transmission lines that will radiate from the damsite. To permit prompt construction of the high voltage circuits, John C. Fischer, general counsel of the project, has requested the United States Attorney's office to begin at once blanket condemnation suits in the federal courts at Tacoma, Portland and Spokane. This procedure will enable landowners to receive payment at the earlier date.

## Route Chosen

After several months of preliminary negotiations, Administrator Ross has approved a program of condemnation proceedings to facilitate transfer of easements and land for the fourteen-million-dollar construction project. Difficulties in finding property owners, complex title problems, and protracted delays led to institution of the federal court action.

The Public Works allotment to the Bonneville Project requires completion of the power network by 1940. Mr. Ross pointed out in announcing the new procedure. "Nearly eleven million dollars have been allocated by Administrator Iches to give constructive jobs to men who need them," he said. "In every community there are hundreds of men who have been looking for work for a long time. Erection of these power lines will be the first employment opportunity many have had for a long time. For that reason I am adding the cooperative assistance of the property owners in both states."

## Local Men Employed

Local residents along the routes will be employed by the Works Progress Administration for similar clearing work on the Oregon lines from the dam to Hood River and from Portland to Eugene. Other lines for which property will be acquired and clearing started are the 220,000-volt intertie to Grand Coulee and the circuit from Vancouver to Kelso, Centralia and Aberdeen.

## Teachers Dine And Discuss School Matters

Local OSTA To Be  
More Active During  
Remainder of Year

School teachers of Sherman county, almost without exception, met at the Woman's Club building in Moro Tuesday night at the call of county OSTA president, R. J. Conliff. The meeting was both social and for business purposes.

## Many New Teachers Introduced

After all teachers had been introduced by the principals and had made their bow to their mates, school superintendent Wiley Knight made some suggestions for the welfare of the schools present, urging better cooperation between teacher and parent.

Dr. Dan V. Poling, now of the state department of higher education, and one time minister at The Dalles where he made the acquaintance of many Sherman countians, spoke of the olden days recalling one of the early field meets at which he was a judge. He told teachers not to be apologetic for their positions in this world for they were doing one of the most important of the world's jobs and one that would soon be considered more highly. He praised the plan of the state to raise the standards of teaching by requiring more training for teachers.

## School Discussion Long

A discussion of schools, what is the matter with them and why, was next started and it continued until the lights went out, the room grew chilly and teachers in the role of listeners grew sleepy. Result was a motion to hold further meetings of the county's teachers with the last Saturday in February chosen as the date, the place to be Moro. The meeting will be held at ten in the morning and continue throughout the day or as long as interest is held.

Introduced were Miss Olive Whitlock, district nurse, and Miss Morris who may be the resident nurse for this county after the first of the year. Ladies of the women's club served dinner to the teachers.

## Kent Auxiliaries Make Gifts

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary met Wednesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Nell Justesen. Ten feather pillows were finished and sent to the veteran's hospital, with 16 gay colored pillow covers and 10 sewing kits. On December 10, ten gifts were mailed into the Center, in Portland for child welfare. Plans were made for the second, in a series of card parties to be given at the Kent Legion hall on Saturday evening, December 17. The supper for the New Year's dance was discussed. It was decided to serve a choice of chicken pie or buns and ham. The next meeting will be held at the Dunlap home in Grass Valley, January 12, 1939.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Albert C. Sly Dies In Stevenson

Albert C. Sly died in Stevenson, Washington, November 28th. The Skamania County Pioneer has this to say, in an account of his life given to the local editor shortly before his death: "I was offered the principalship at Grass Valley at sixty dollars a month, and accepted. The next summer (about 1901) I landed a job as clerk with the Grass Valley Trading company."

"I was re-elected teacher at Grass Valley at seventy dollars a month. Charlie Moore, one of the proprietors of the Grass Valley Trading company, said 'Why do you fool with teaching at seventy five dollars a month?' So I gave up the school and worked the next year in the store. I got word that Fred Krebs, a timber operator, was interested in my homestead, so I returned to Stevenson."