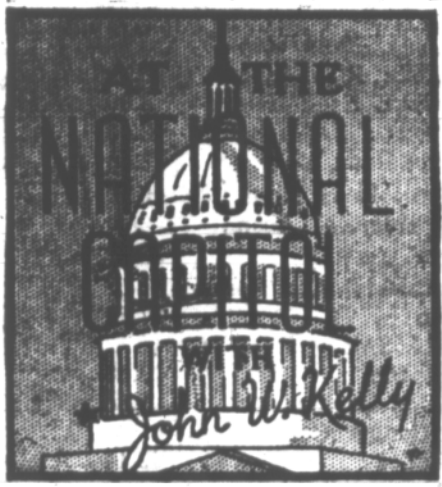


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If the method of determining proportional representation followed in 1930 is adopted for the 1940 census, it is believed Oregon will be entitled to four representatives in congress instead of three. In 1940 the basic figure for congressional representation was 297,712 with an additional representative for a major fraction of that number. Consequently, if it is shown that Oregon has in excess of one million population the state will be entitled to another representative. Until redistricting legislation has been passed by the state legislature, this additional member would be rated as congressman-at-large and elected by vote of the entire state.

The 1930 census gave Oregon a population of 953,786, which was a gain of 170,397 over the figure for 1920. It is believed the increase in the past ten years has been at least as great as during the previous decade.

No public mention has been made yet, but Federal Surplus Commodity corporation plans purchase of a variety of commodities of Oregon and Washington this year to be used in relief channels. Items and the estimated sum for each include: Apples, \$8,000,000, fluid milk \$2,500,000, fresh pears \$1,600,000, fresh peaches \$1,900,000, dried prunes \$2,225,000, fish \$300,000.

Also planned is \$90,000 for fresh fruits and \$80,000 for butter to be used as subsidies to encourage exports. Export subsidy for wheat and flour will be \$15,000,000, compared to \$27,690,000 last year.

For the past two years a study has been in progress as to what to do in the settlement of Grand Coulee. A report has been completed showing how many people can be planted on the project and how and where communities should be started to serve as trading centers. This blue print of the future of the greatest reclamation project on earth is under lock and key until the president is prepared to bring it out.

As part of the soil conservation program farmers of the Pacific northwest are guaranteed 7.5 cents a pound for hairy vetch seed and 3 cents a pound for Austrian winter peas by the government. Not all soil is suitable to growing these crops but it will substantially increase the acreage in Washington and Oregon this year, the estimate being made of 50,000 additional acres in Willamette valley alone. Market for the seed will be southern states, where the farmers will pay 9.5 cents a pound for vetch and 5 cents a pound for Austrian peas.

For every dollar of internal revenue collected in Oregon the federal government gave in grants and expenditures within the state \$3.30. Each Washington state dollar brought back \$2.10, and each Idaho dollar returned \$8.50. Figures are for the fiscal year 1939. Per capita collections in Oregon were \$13.63 while government expenditures per capita were \$43. Collection per capita in Washington were \$19.70 and government expenditures per capita \$44. Into Oregon in fiscal year 1939 the government distributed, one way or another, \$44,179,000; into Washington \$74,420,000.

An Ohio congressman is making the most vigorous opposition to appropriation for Bonneville hydro electric project. A lawmaker from New York state is the principal opponent of Grand Coulee, and a Mississippi house member objects to Bonneville rates being lower than those of TVA. Western members think they have enough to do in looking after the affairs of their own district.

Seed (red clover, alfalfa) is the major crop in Malheur county, and in 1937 Malheur produced more red clover seed than any other county in the United States. But a farm co-op which buys seeds for New

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Loading Lead Death on British Fighting Plane



Mechanics load thousands of rounds of machine gun ammunition in the magazines of a Spitfire pursuit plane somewhere in England. The picture was made at a fighter station where the command is responsible for the defense of the country. Right: A radio operator watches the ship take off. Draped around his neck is a "necklace" of bullets intended for enemy airplanes.

County Court Proceedings February Term

February 7, 1940 being the time for the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Courtroom at Moro, Oregon at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; David Reid, County Commissioner; J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner; Joe Truitt, County Clerk. The following proceedings were had at said term:

In the matter of the payment of the claims against the General Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of the claims against the Road Fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

Re: Cancellation of delinquent taxes on lands acquired by the State of Oregon. Cancellation of taxes ordered.

Re: Contract of the National Hospital Association for the year 1940. Signed and renewed for 1940.

Re: Clerk's annual report of fees collected and disbursements of the same. Report accepted and filed.

Re: Clerk's annual report of disbursements made against the road funds for the period Jan. 1, 1939 to Dec. 31, 1939. Report accepted and filed.

Re: Clerk's annual report of disbursements for the period Jan. 1, 1939 to Dec. 31, 1939. Report accepted and filed.

Re: Clerk's report of overdrafts under budget expenditures, etc., for 1939. Clerk instructed to make transfer from emergency fund \$4078.39 to cover budgeted overdrafts.

Re: County Treasurer's monthly report for January, 1940. Report accepted and ordered filed.

Sheriff's report of tax collections and delinquencies, as of December 31, 1939. Report accepted and ordered filed.

Court adjourned subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, FEB. TERM 1940.	
Claimant	Amount
Sherman County Fair Ass'n 1940 Fair Fund	\$500.00
Earl Snell, Sec. of State, Biological survey, 1940	200.00
Association of Ore. Counties 1940 dues	50.00
Oregon State Agricultural College, Agricultural Agent-First Half, 1940	925.00
First National Bank, General Assistance	107.69
First National Bank, Blind Assistance	4.40
First National Bank, Aid to Dependent children	23.40
T. Lester Johnson, Investigation re: Burrell murder	100.00
Otis Baker, Janitor Salary	75.00
Geo. A. Potter, County Judges Salary	75.00
David Reid, Com'r's fees	16.50

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Senator McNary's Name Filed In Oregon Republican Primary

By A. L. Lindbeck

(State Capital News Bureau) Salem, Or.—Added impetus was given to Oregon's political campaign this week as supporters of Chas. L. McNary for president filed petitions with Secretary of State Snell assuring their candidate a place on the Republican ballot and former Governor Chas. A. Martin returned from Washington with the go-ahead signal from John Nance Garner who will enter the Oregon arena in his fight for the Democratic nomination for president.

In the state treasurer's race prospective candidates continued to send up trial balloons in their effort to determine just which way the political winds are blowing before making their decisions to run or not to run as the case might be.

The week brought at least one new rumor which, however, still lacks official confirmation. That was a report that Bruce Spalding, democratic district attorney of Polk county, is seriously considering entering the lists as a contender for the position of attorney general against the Republican incumbent, I. H. Van Winkle.

But it is a bit early yet to expect many actual filings. Even among those who have pretty well made up their minds to run there is always a tendency to procrastinate, a tendency prompted in a large part by a desire to delay parting with the requisite filing fee until the last minute.

While Oregon does not elect a governor this year, nor a secretary of state nor a U. S. senator there are plenty of other political places open to those with ambitions in that direction. In addition to balloting on presidential and vice presidential candidates at the May primary, the state will elect a full complement of presidential electors, three congressmen, a state treasurer, two justices of the supreme court, an attorney general, 14 circuit court judges, 26 district attorneys, 15 state senators and 60 state representatives.

A warning that the state's title to its school lands might be clouded was sounded by an attorney for the Standard Oil company who appeared before the State Land Board this week to urge that Oregon join California in a petition to the United States supreme court in an appeal involving title to certain school lands in that state. According to the oil company attorney Secretary of the Interior Ickes has claimed for the federal government title to some school lands on which oil has been discovered in paying quantities. Attorney General VanWinkle was instructed by the Land Board to take such steps as he might regard as necessary to protect this state's interest in the school lands.

A number of changes in the accounting system of the Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission were recommended in the

report by state auditors released this week. The auditors recommended the establishment of a central accounting officer to prevent overlapping and duplication of records. Except for a few minor discrepancies, traceable to errors on the part of commission employees, funds of the department were found to be in excellent condition.

The State Land Board has instructed Attorney General Van Winkle to bring suit against the Port of Portland in an effort to collect royalties on sand and gravel which the Port commission is alleged to have taken from the bed of the Willamette river for a fill. It is estimated that the royalties involved, which go into the common school fund, amount to between \$1600 and \$2400.

Meeting here in conference with the State Land Board a group of educators and stockmen comprised

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Crop Year Moisture Totals 5.81 Inches

Last week the crop year moisture totaled 5.56 inches or a little over two inches under the total for last year which was 7.67. With .25 inch added to it this week the total is now 5.81.

The weather:			
Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 8	49	33	
9	53	39	
10	52	35	.13
11	44	29	
12	44	32	
13	46	34	.12
14	42	29	

William Froebe Buried in Portland

William Froebe, one of the homesteaders of this county, died at his home near Oswego Monday and funeral services were held in Portland Wednesday. He farmed in the Biglow country in early days and has been a frequent visitor here in late years. He leaves a wife, Elizabeth, two daughters, Elizabeth and Mrs. Fred Eaffel, and a grand daughter, Jean Eaffel.

Store Scales Condemned

Fifty-three scales in Oregon stores were condemned by the state department of agriculture last month and three weights were ordered thrown away. During the month, 2148 scales used in weighing consumer purchases were inspected, which means that less than 2 1/2 per cent were defective.

Plain Wraps Won't Do

Sixteen of the 186 bakeries inspected in January were found to be selling bread in plain wrappers in violation of the Oregon bakery law, reports the state department of agriculture.

Vote On County School Law Held Sure

Petitions Rapidly Signed To Put School Law On Special Ballot

Petitions are being signed requesting the county court to call a special election some time before April 16 to permit voters to pass judgment on the provisions of the county school law. Nearly enough voters have signed already to assure the election.

The vote is not to be taken on school consolidation. Under the county school law five directors, elected from five zones within the county, serve as a school board in charge of school affairs. This board hires the school superintendent and on his advice hires teachers and buys supplies. The boards of present school districts remain in office and act as advisors of the county board in matters that apply to their districts.

School taxes under the county school law are equalized all over the county and each piece of property pays the same millage each year. Rural districts will not have the special non-high school district tax and town districts will not have a higher tax. The exception to this is that indebtedness is paid by the district incurring it.

If the county school law is approved in this county and there is a demand for school consolidation it may be accomplished by the board's action. There are many plans for school consolidation as there are crowds discussing the subject. None is being voted on now.

It is necessary to hold the election sixty days before the annual school elections, which accounts for the date before April 16.

Voters who are not registered must do so earlier this year than usual for the books must close thirty days before an election and it will be impossible to open them again before the primary in May.

Action To Aid Experimental Station Taken

A telegram was sent to Senator Charles McNary by the committee detailed to handle the matter of cutting the federal appropriation for the local experimental station and more complete information has been sent previously. The Wasco Civic club and the grain growers' organizations have also requested aid from the Oregon delegation in the upper house in saving the station from loss.

Work of the station for the past thirty years has put the growing of wheat in this area on a basis that enables it to compete with grain growers anywhere and cutting the federal appropriation will be serious. The county and the state bought and financed the station under the assumption that federal aid would be continued.

County Agent Notes

A meeting of the fruit growers of the Rufus area was held Tuesday with O. T. McWhorter of OSC present to give information to those interested in the production of fruit. Pictures were shown and discussion held about spraying, pruning, fertilizing and trends and outlook for the market this year.

A meeting will be held at the court house March 6 for a discussion of erosion problems. On the program will be Art King and Joe Belanger who will talk on erosion problems and Mr. Belanger will show graphs of his experimental work. Lawrence Jenkins will talk on weed control at the same meeting.

The home economics conference at Corvallis will have as attendants several Sherman county women this year as they have already expressed a desire to go. The conference will be held February 27 to March 1.

The fair board and county court are working on the job of obtaining some pumping equipment for the fair grounds well.

Snow in Mountains Less Than Last Year

Snow reports gathered around February 1 showed that at that time the water content of snow on 94 per cent of all the snow courses in Oregon is less than at this time in 1939. All but 20 of 117 locations where comparisons are possible show substantially less snow water than in the corresponding time in either 1938 or 1937. A state-wide rain and snow storm has occurred since February 1, which has doubtless changed conditions somewhat since the measurements were made, although it will require unusually heavy late snowfall to bring prospective water supplies up to normal, R. A. Work, investigator, believes.

At elevations of 5000 feet or above snow water content throughout the state averaged 56 per cent of that on February 1 a year ago. At elevations from 300 to 5000 feet, only 36 per cent as much water as a year ago is present.

Watershed soil moisture conditions are as favorable this year as for the past several years, the report shows. This is particularly true on southern Oregon watersheds, where heavy rains have fallen between November 8, 1939, and February 9, 1940. Actual soil moisture determinations on the various watersheds have revealed higher moisture content than had been estimated.

Reservoir storage throughout the state on February 1 was somewhat spotted, although, in general, the amount stored was materially below that of a year ago, with the exception of the Gerber reservoir in the Klamath watershed, Crane Prairie in the Deschutes, and Agency Valley in Malheur.

TRAINS FEWER

Beginning February 17 trains will be run on the Shaniko branch but twice a week instead of three times as has been the rule for several months. Trains will go up Tuesdays and Fridays and go down Wednesdays and Saturdays. Little wheat is being shipped now.

Co-op Directors Vote Continuation of Elevator Plans

Incorporation Started By Group Interested In Building Terminal Elevator

Meeting of the directors of the three grain growers' co-operatives of Sherman county and the Wasco county grain growers on Monday at Wasco served to further the plans for a terminal elevator in The Dalles.

Plans have progressed to the stage of incorporation of the company and a delegation representing each co-operative went to Portland Wednesday to confer with Arthur A. Goldsmith, who was asked to draw the papers for incorporation.

Delegation Chosen

The delegation consisted of A. C. Kaseberg, Harry Pinkerton, W. T. Balsiger, Joe Peters, Clarence Sparling, A. A. Dunlap, Roy J. Baker, of Sherman county; Charles Harth, Nick Fax and L. J. Kelly of Wasco county, and E. B. Schulz, of the Spokane Bank for Co-operatives who is advising the local men.

Name for the proposed elevator company will be the Mid-Columbia Terminals.

Meets With Railroad Men

A meeting was also arranged between the local men and the officials of the Union Pacific railroad. Inasmuch as it is feared that the erection of the elevator and terminal at The Dalles will reduce the bushelage of grain shipped by rail from this county it is possible that the railroad will find it possible to reduce rates in an attempt to retain the bulk of the business.

Reduction in rates, if enough to be attractive to shippers, would probably, in the opinion of local directors, serve to prevent the erection of as large an elevator as at first contemplated and keep storage in this county.

F. L. Kee Dies Of Stroke In Salem

Frank L. Kee died at a Salem hospital just before noon as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered Saturday while he was a passenger on a stage south of Salem. He was returning from his annual winter trip to California.

Mr. Kee was born in Trimble county, Ohio, August 10, 1859. He came to this county in 1905 after living for some years in Missouri, and remained here for his last 35 years. He first farmed near Wasco, later moving to a place north of Grass Valley which he purchased and improved. He planted and cared for an orchard and many small fruits.

Surviving are five children. Mrs. Jerry Derrick of Tacoma, Mrs. Loy Cochran of Portland, Mrs. Fletcher Milton of Portland, Bruce of Lakeview and Eben of Grass Valley.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church in Grass Valley with Rev. F. L. Cannell officiating. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Gas Price May Rise Motor Magazine Says

The fear that the American motorist may be called upon to bear an additional load due to costs of foreign wars is voiced in an editorial in the current issue of the Oregon Motorist, official publication of the Oregon State Motor Association. The editorial points out that the loss of foreign markets to the petroleum industry as a result of blockades, ocean losses by sinking, and neutrality legislation, means that the domestic petroleum market is going to have to bear a larger and larger share of the costs of "being in business." The editorial says, "The domestic market today is carrying an ever-larger load—one so heavy that despite every effort being put forth by producing oil companies to keep prices down it may demand increased gasoline and oil prices."