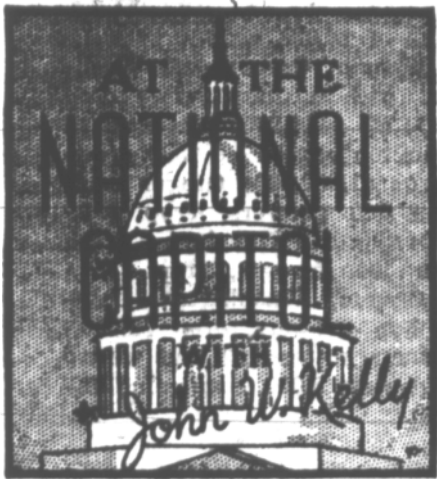


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Washington, D. C., February 23. Unless the senate restores funds eliminated by the house in department of agriculture appropriation bill a number of activities in the Pacific northwest will be curtailed. For example, take the weather: Most severe storms come out of the Pacific northwest, sweeping in from the ocean. Vessel weather reporting service is "out." In addition to its aid to agriculture this service is a safety aid for aviation from Seattle to San Francisco; from Portland to Salt Lake city—on all airways carrying mail and passengers.

There will be elimination of river and flood forecasts on the Columbia. No funds are available for checking epidemic diseases of Douglas fir and larch; all co-operation with states for control of insects affecting men and animals ceases and very limited will be the scouting to detect infestations of forest insects. No funds are available to develop small ponds and reservoirs.

No more money for loans to tenant farmers. In Oregon loans have been made in Linn, Lane, Clackamas, Lincoln, Malheur and Wasco counties total \$283,000. In Washington a greater sum has been loaned. Nothing in the bill for parity payments (estimated 1940 obligations, Washington 2,000,000; Oregon \$1,300,000.)

Without ballyhoo a conference was held in Chicago a few days ago at which the issue involved was whether a heavy new industry would be justified in being launched in the Columbia valley area. The conference continued for two days, was attended by specialists and technical advisors, and when and if the decision is favorable all the money necessary will be furnished by one of the major financial houses of the country. There has been no indication as to when the jury will come in with a verdict. It will mean a big payroll if all goes well.

Commercial interests of the Pacific northwest may be credited with having defeated any move in Congress to place an embargo on exports to Japan. The bill proposed by Senator Schwelmbach of Washington would have embargoed everything except agricultural items; Senator Pittman's bill would stop all shipments to Japan. Willingness of their colleagues to save face of the two senators prevented the foreign relations committee from summarily rejecting both proposals, and nothing will be done now until the state department gives the word. It is felt that relations between the United States and Japan are sufficiently delicate without inviting further irritation by an embargo, and action on the bills has been indefinitely postponed.

Senator Holman of Oregon is still waiting for the senate to act on his resolution authorizing an investigation of the immigration service. Although the resolution is on ice it has received publicity and letters have come from many parts of the country making suggestions. Several from California are proposing that the inquiry delve into the reasons why Secretary of Labor Perkins has for years refused to approve of starting deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, CIO west coast leader. The administration does not look with favor on Holman's intended probe.

If anyone thinks there is gas or oil in Oregon, Washington or Idaho on the public domain, the general land office will make a lease permitting prospecting, and if deposits are discovered the finders will be permitted to develop the property. Casual prospects have been made in the past without making a commercial strike, and the government is now willing to encourage the curious.

The market agreement program is more popular on the Pacific coast than elsewhere. Leading group

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State Treasurer?



Earl Hill, State Representative Seeks State Job

Earl Hill, Lane county legislator and business man, Saturday announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state treasurer.

Mr. Hill is a native Oregonian, born and reared in Lane county. He received his early education in the public schools of Portland and Lane county. He is 49 years of age, married and has one son who is an interne in Portland.

In his younger days Mr. Hill was employed in various capacities in lumber mills and camps. In 1910 he entered the general merchandise business at Cushman, Oregon, in which business he is still engaged.

Long active in civic, state and community affairs, Mr. Hill has served as treasurer of the Port of Siuslaw, is at present director of the Union high school district, the local school board, and a member of the house of Representatives. He has served in the 1931, 1933, 1935 and 1939 sessions.

Rain and Snow Keep Ground Wet

Continued increase in the supply of moisture has raised hopes for a good crop of wheat this harvest and despite the fact that the first three months of the crop year were short of the normal the last three months have been so far above normal that the total moisture to date is almost as much as usually falls. Very little of it has been lost by run-off.

At last week's reporting there was 5.81 of moisture since the first of September and as .66 inch fell this week up to Wednesday night the total is now 6.47 inches, more than we received during the entire calendar year of 1939. The snowfall of Wednesday night and Thursday morning is not included in the above total.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 15	48	31	.05
16	44	31	.31
17	42	35	.30
18	46	33	
19	50	31	
20	47	29	
21	44	32	
Total			.66

State Treasurership Present Interest of Ambitious Office Seekers of Both Political Parties

By A. L. Lindbeck

(Salem, Ore. Feb. 22.—Rumors and speculation of the past two weeks as to possible candidates for state treasurer in the forthcoming campaign materialized into at least one definite announcement when Earl Hill, Cushman merchant, let it be known that he is in the race for the Republican nomination.

With the ice thus broken it is expected that other possibilities will soon make public their intentions toward this particular office. Fred Paulus, deputy state treasurer, is still considering the possibility of entering the race but indications are that he will forego a chance at the honor to remain at the post which he has so ably filled for the past 14 years. P. J. Stadlerman of The Dalles is also regarded as definitely out of the picture so far as the treasury race is concerned as also is Dean Walker of Polk county. Stadlerman will probably yield to the demand of his friends in Wasco and Hood River coun-

Political Activity Begins For County Offices

Announcement of Joe Truitt For Clerk Starts Speculation; Five Offices To Be Filled

The circulation of petitions in behalf of Joe Truitt county clerk who is asking for signatures of Republican voters in order that his name may be placed on the primary ballot in May, is the first definite move in this county toward the campaign.

Mr. Truitt is serving his first term as county clerk, having been elected in 1936 after receiving the nomination at the hands of the county central committee when the nominee resigned.

There has been little talk of politics so far this spring although another possible candidate for this office has been suggested and may file before the dead line of April first.

The announcement of Charles Wilson for another term as sheriff and of Mrs. Margaret W. Peetz as county assessor is expected any time. Mr. Wilson is a democrat and Mrs. Peetz a republican.

Whether these offices will hold sufficient attraction to others who want them to cause them to run is not known at this time. The salary of both is \$1800 per year. The clerkship pays \$1500.

One commissioner must be filled this year also, the term of David Reid being in its last year. He has not decided as yet whether or not he will stand for the office again. The office of county judge and of commissioner for the other place will not be open until 1942.

The county school superintendent's office will be filled again at the 1940 election but this is a non-partisan ballot and has no part in party politics.

Eleven precinct committeemen must be elected by each party. While this is usually done by the write-in method party officials prefer that those who have the desire or willingness to serve file for the office in the regular way.

EXAMINER TO BE HERE

A traveling examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Moro, Wednesday, February 28, 1940, and will be on duty at the court house between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. according to a recent announcement released from the office of the Secretary of State.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

WHEAT GOING OUT

Edgar Ludwick, while in town Wednesday, stated that there had been a normal liquidation of crop wheat in the Columbia basin and that less than half of it still remained in local warehouses. The percentage varies in different towns but over half has been shipped out throughout the district.

The Odd-Fellows and their wives had a party Tuesday night at the hall.

Red Cross Chapter Meets; Hears Reports

The Sherman county chapter, American Red Cross, met Tuesday night at the council room and heard the reports of committees that handled the roll call and production during the fall and winter.

Two hundred sixty five persons in his county are members this year and a half of their dues remains in this county to be used for such needs as may arise, reported Mrs. Darwin VanGilder, roll call chairman. Mr. V. B. Haufelt reported that six women's dresses and eight girl's dresses were made last fall at a total cost of \$23.36 and sent to the relief of Poland.

Mrs. Poley reported on her trip to Portland where she heard the state meeting of Red Cross workers. She brought back their suggestions for improving the work.

Miss Cassie Holmes was named by Chairman M. M. Oveson as disaster relief chairman for the county and Mr. Haufelt and Mr. Oveson were selected to make up the annual budget and with Mrs. Poley to write by-laws, for the chapter.

Use of Electricity Grows Yearly

Average residential consumption of electricity in the territory served by Pacific Power & Light company increased 56 kilowatt hours during 1939 to a new high of 1606, according to R. V. Lockhart, agent for the company.

This is one of the highest system averages for any utility in the nation. Average annual residential use of electricity for the rest of the United States is 900 kilowatt hours.

Average price received by the Pacific company per kilowatt-hour for residential service was 2.54 cents, 38% less than the national average price of 4.07 cents.

Pacific customers purchased approximately \$3,846,000 worth of electrical appliances during 1939, according to reports from dealers throughout the system, indicating the large amount of equipment which must be put to work to cause such an increase in residential use of electricity.

Included were 6055 refrigerators, 5705 washers, 1936 ranges, 1295 water heaters, 13,624 radios and 15,614 L.E.S. lamps.

Bank Papers Sent To Salem

The books, papers, notes and accounts of the Moro State Bank were packed last week and shipped to Salem, from where the remaining business will be handled. Those still owing the bank have been notified to make payment to George Updegraff, who is acting as attorney for the liquidation. H. W. Champneys, who has been collector here for the past two years, has severed that connection and left last Saturday for a week's vacation at his home near Seattle. He will return to carry on his private business.

Klamath School Head To Talk at Wasco, Kent

County School Law Vote Assured; Misunderstanding General On Provisions of Law

Next Friday evening, March 1 Fred Peterson will speak in the auditorium of the Wasco high school. Mr. Peterson is the school superintendent of Klamath county where the county school law has been in effect for some years and the operation of the law in that county will be the topic of his address.

Saturday, March 2, he will speak to the Pomona grange at Kent on the same subject. It is announced that he will speak after the lunch hour.

The visit of Mr. Peterson to this county is the latest development in the campaign for the county school law here although petitions are being signed in several places in the county.

Chief difficulty encountered by petition circulators is the general belief that the special election is being taken on some sort of school consolidation. This is not the case. The county school law will equalize taxes throughout the county and place the management of schools under a hired school superintendent named by a county board chosen from five zones.

Fishing Season To Open April 13

The opening day for the general trout season in Oregon was set for April 13 by the state game commission when it met last week to establish the 1940 angling regulations. The closing date is October 15.

The general limit for lakes and streams will be 14 pounds and 1 fish but not to exceed 15 fish in any one day, or 30 pounds and 1 fish but not to exceed 30 fish in any seven consecutive days or in possession at any one time.

A complete tabulation of the open and closed waters will be issued by the game commission in printed form within the next few weeks, but following is a partial list of changes affecting local waters:

Deschutes and Jefferson counties All lakes closed in 1939, with the exception of Little Lava lake, will be open to angling during 1940. Big and Square lakes will be open the year around. That part of the Deschutes river from the Gilchrist Avenue foot bridge in Bend south to Sheep bridge, will be open from May 1, to October 31.

Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler and Crook counties: No change from last year.

Moro Womans Club Hears of Industries

An interesting meeting was held by the Moro Woman's club Friday afternoon. During the brief business meeting committee reports were heard and short articles on Oregon industries were given at roll call.

The director, Mrs. James Kenny, had arranged the program as follows: Club singing, followed by a talk on wool and the Basque people, of whom very little is known. Harry Ragsdale presented this subject.

He told of the origin of wool and the processes through which it must go before being made into clothing. He also told of the sheep breeding to obtain the best fine and coarse wools.

Mrs. Orval Thompson gave a paper on the development of flax and of the greater possibilities for it in Oregon.

Our salmon industry, which has grown to be very great, was the subject handled by Mrs. Stanley Celesch, who also told of the romance of King Salmon.

Mrs. Alex McLeod gave an interesting talk on the quicksilver mines of Oregon. The members sang "Sweet Oregon," a song written by Henry De Moss.

The husbands will be entertained at a banquet at the hotel March 8th. The next regular meeting will be the Children's Farm Home tea on March 15. Each member is to bring a guest if they so wish.

Crop Insurance Wheat To Be Stored Here

The federal crop insurance corporation will buy wheat in storage in Sherman county to pay crop insurance losses incurred in this county, said Joe Peters, chairman of the local AAA board today. The announcement came after Charles Johnson of Spokane and Edgar L. Ludwick, state crop loan administrator, had visited the county and made arrangements for the storage of this wheat.

This means that wheat will be on hand in local warehouses for the payment of losses incurred by the farmer on wheat insured with the government.

Wheat is on hand in most of the co-operative houses in the county now and is owned by the crop insurance administration and is sufficient to pay some losses. Similar arrangements have been made with the grain growers' organizations in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

New Health Nurse Checked In To Job

Miss Rosanna Winter, of the state public health association, was here this week to check the new county health nurse, Miss Lucille Vale, into the job of caring for the health of residents of this county and Morrow county. Last year Miss Morse, county nurse, divided her time between this county and Crook county. A change has been made putting this county with Morrow. The time will be divided as before and Miss Vale will be here from now until April 5 and alternate six weeks periods for the remainder of the year.

Breakfast Club Hears Haldeman

Moro Breakfast clubbers heard a different sort of program Wednesday morning when Dr. J. C. Haldeman of the public health service of Wasco county came up to talk on his experiences in Alaska.

Geographically, the speaker said Alaska is about a quarter the size of the United States but it is so extended that if its map were placed on the map of the United States it would reach all borders. It has only 60,000 inhabitants. Juneau is in the same latitude as London.

It has been one of the good investments of this country as its original cost was but \$7,200,000 and two additional million have been spent in development. It has yielded over two and a half billion.

There is much good agricultural land in Alaska and the climate along the coast is pleasant because of the warm current. Some land is open for homestead entry but is not being taken up very rapidly.

Mr. Haldeman told many stories of Alaskan life and experiences in living among the Eskimos whom he referred to as very fine people who feel themselves superior to the whites.

Reports of several committees were given by committee chairmen.

Crop Insurance Closes February 29

The final date on which crop insurance application can be taken by Dewey Thompson, county administrator, is February 29 and those who wish to have their fields insured against the several hazards covered by the federal insurance must make application before that date. Mr. Thompson says that about 60 percent of the county's acreage has been insured to date and applications are coming in every day.

Gus Schilling's House Destroyed By Fire

Complete destruction of the home of Gus Schilling—a mile northeast of Kent occurred Tuesday morning. Mrs. Schilling had walked a short distance from home and when she returned found the entire kitchen ablaze. She was alone and unable to put out the flames. Only a small part of the household goods were saved. It is thought that the fire started from a washing machine.

Union Pacific Asks Freight Rate Cut Here

New Tariff Being Printed; Will Make Saving of Over \$20,000 To Grain Growers

The Sherman County Journal was informed Wednesday that Union Pacific officials in Oregon now had authority from headquarters in Omaha to reduce the freight rate on wheat on the Shaniko branch by three cents a hundred and the rate on the Condon line by two cents per hundred. Comparative reductions are also possible on the main line.

The company has ordered the new tariffs to be printed which is the first step toward asking the Oregon public utility commissioner to approve the cuts. When the tariffs are made public and the commissioner has given his approval the new rates will be in effect.

Harvey E. Lounsbury, who announced these new freight rates, has recently been elevated to general traffic manager for the Union Pacific lines in the northwest after having served for many years as assistant manager for this territory.

This is the greatest reduction in freight rates, in percentage at least, that has been offered wheat shippers in this county and it is the general hope that nothing will occur to prevent its early inauguration. The cut will average nearly 25 percent on wheat shipped from the branch and should in a normal year make a saving to farmers of between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per year.

4-H Clubbers Start Feeding Calves

Children in 4-H club work who are taking up the beef project for 1940 have their calves and have begun feeding with perhaps one or two exceptions. Those having calves on feed are Phyllis and Elton Medler, one Angus each John Hilderbrand, an Angus; Gordon Hilderbrand, a Hereford; Henry Richelderfer an Angus and a Hereford; Bob King, 4 Herefords, 1 Angus, 2 Shorthorns; Don King, an Angus and a Hereford; Shelton Fritts, a Hereford and a Shorthorn; Lee and Leland Barnett, a Hereford and a Shorthorn apiece; Lloyd Kelly, 2 Shorthorns Frank and Jack von Borstel, a Hereford and a Shorthorn apiece; Dick Wilson, a Shorthorn; Jerry Wilson, an Angus.

Rufus Boy Joins U. S. Army

Lawrence A. Henderson, formerly of Rufus high school, with the class of 1938, enlisted in the United States Army on February 14 for service with the Medical Department with station at Fort Francis E. Warren, near Cheyenne, Wyoming, it was announced today by Col. Aubrey Lippincott, recruiting officer.

Henderson made application for enlistment through the San Francisco, Cal. recruiting office on February 6 and was tentatively accepted on that date. Col. Lippincott reported. He was formally enlisted at Fort McArthur, Cal. and sent to his chosen station. A native of Oregon, Henderson is born in Portland and reared in Rufus.

H. W. Derry To Speak At Wasco Civic Club

H. W. Derry, now of the Pacific Power and Light company, but recently from the Tennessee Valley authority, will speak before the Wasco Civic club next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. T. Lester Johnson, president of the organization announces.

Mr. Derry is expected to tell of the work done by the government in Tennessee and to make some comparison between private development of power with similar public works. The meeting will be open to those who wish to attend.