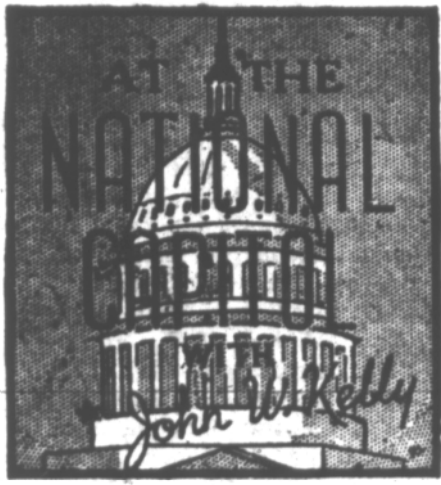


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Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—This week end Senator Charles L. McNary will fly to Oregon for his notification ceremonies as a republican nominee for vice-president. It will be the first time that the senator has been in a plane for more than 20 years, when he flew in an open crate over the national capital with other congressmen. The following day the plane cracked up with several fatalities. The evolution of the plane in 20 years is comparable to the advance from the Model T to the V-8.

Being a dirt farmer and champion of agricultural relief, Senator McNary has selected the Oregon state fair grounds as the location for the notification. The fair grounds of any county or state is the rallying point of farmers; it is not a magnet for city folks; the county or state fair is essentially for the farmers, where they meet, talk and view the exhibits. It is a perfect background for a candidate selected because of his knowledge of agriculture and his identification with farm legislation.

Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, picked by Mr. Roosevelt to off-set McNary's popularity in the farm belt, will have his notification in his native Iowa following the republican ceremonies at Salem, Oregon. Despite Wallace's connection with the tall corn state, surveys indicate that Iowa will be in the republican column in November. Only explanation is that "people are voting different this year." Iowa went democratic in 1932 and in 1936. Mr. Wallace, as every one knows, was a republican until shortly before his appointment to the cabinet by Mr. Roosevelt.

In the coming election the new deal and the republicans are fighting for the farm vote. On the fact of the returns in 1936 Mr. Roosevelt swept everything but Vermont and Maine, but analysis of the vote in that contest discloses that a few thousand votes properly distributed would have told a different story as to the number of states carried by Mr. Roosevelt. In 1896 Bryan was defeated by McKinley, yet a handful of popular votes scattered suitably would have given Bryan the election. The year Cleveland ran and was defeated he carried the popular vote. It was the big city vote that gave the result to Mr. Roosevelt four years ago, and this year the powerfully organized political machines in the large cities will be in the new deal camp once more. There are no republican machines, as they expired for lack of patronage.

With the city machines for Mr. Roosevelt, the republicans are striving to increase their strength in the rural areas in the hope of overcoming the metropolitan majorities.

Political observers in the national capital are unanimous in agreeing that events in Europe between now and the end of October will have an important influence in determining the issue between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie. They do not particularize, but state it as a fact. These observers intimate, however, that invasion and seizure of England by Herr Hitler will make Mr. Roosevelt's election for a third term inevitable.

Industrialists in Oregon and Washington employing mechanics are alarmed at the flight of skilled labor to California and Puget Sound, where national defense contracts require mechanics. The increasing shortage as mechanics are tempted away from their present jobs cause plant managers to wonder where they can obtain replacements. They vision in a few months only the older mechanics remaining, and while these are competent their years slow them down and they require more time in which to perform a task; and this, of course, increases the cost of production.

It is a situation which may prove (Continued on Page two)

School Electors Vote To Sell Block 27

The school meeting held last Saturday resulted in a victory for those who desired to permit the school district to sell the block in Moore's addition to the county. The vote was five to nothing.

With this formality out of the way deeds are being obtained from all who were concerned in the dealings for the property some years ago including Dick Morgan and Ray Hansel. The county is prepared to go ahead with the erection of a machine shed on the property and it is expected that the job will begin soon. The block will be graded before the job is done and made into a suitable headquarters for county equipment.

The old Jim Stewart house on the block is being torn down and hauled away by Percy Thompson and Joe Ruit.

New Board Meets To Make Report

The Sherman county school re-districting board established by an act of the 1939 legislature for the purpose of redistricting school districts in each of the counties, held its final meeting Monday morning at the court house and adopted a resolution informing the state board that because of the lack of authority given in the law it had found it impossible to make any recommendation about district consolidation in Sherman county that would be considered valuable.

Present were Chairman W. W. Knighten, Secretary Mrs. Margaret Pretz, Judge George A. Potter, Melvin Schadewitz, Dean Reynolds. Absent were Alex Macnab and Harry Pinkerton.

New Farm Tool To Be Tried

A demonstration of the new Caeney soilavator will be given next week on the Schilling farm near town where morning glory is the weed to be killed. The exact day and date may be obtained from Foss and company the first of the week.

Property Tax Held Still To High

The serious implications of rural property tax delinquency in Oregon are emphasized in a new bulletin just issued by the O.S.C. agricultural experiment station, entitled "Rural Tax Delinquency, Study of the State of Oregon." The bulletin, by Dr. W. H. Dreesen, agricultural economist, summarizes the information obtained from extensive studies made of the degree of delinquency during the worst years of the depression period. Counties both east and west of the mountains were studied.

Data included cover the years 1928-1935, hence do not embrace the recovery period. Local rather than state government depends on property taxes in Oregon, the bulletin points out.

"The burdensomeness of the general property tax is evident from the fact that the total delinquency in the state exceeded \$46,000,000 in 1935, and that the counties are now holding in excess of 1,780,000 acres of tax-reverted lands, and 154,000 city and suburban lots," Dr. Dreesen points out in drawing conclusions from the study.

"If an institution like the general property tax system virtually breaks down during a period of additional stress, it is highly probable that there is no appreciable factor of safety during normal times. To the degree that the taxpayers are on the verge of letting their property revert to the county in lieu of unpaid taxes, the institution of private property loses its value as a stabilizing force in society."

While some relationship was found between tax delinquency and types of land and types of farming this relationship was not marked enough to warrant any recommendations as to altering present assessment methods, the author points out. Such changes might, on the contrary, work a hardship on the man able and willing to meet his public obligations promptly, according to Dr. Dreesen.

More Details of Fair Program Made Known

Judges Picked; Plans made For Entrance Drill; Many Two Year Olds

More details of the county fair were learned this week. It is now definite that George Gochour will be here to judge the horses. This means that he will not only judge the draft classes, grade and purebred, but will also pick the winners in the ladies and gentlemen's saddle class, the stock saddle class and the other groups including the six horse team classes. In addition to this Mr. Gochour will start the races in the afternoons.

Miss Louise Sneider will be the judge of the home economics department and Harry Avery is expected to come as judge of the livestock classes except horses. He will judge the 4-H classes as well as the open.

Permission has been granted the fair board to use several of the buildings at the CCC camp and they will be needed to house race horses, as a larger number of horses will be at the fair than ever before. Fourteen two year olds are expected and the futurity may be run in two sections.

In fact, it is likely that word will soon be received that the army has abandoned the grounds and will turn the entire group of buildings over to the county.

Del Wright, who has been put in charge of the entrance drill, has picked out a group of about twenty riders who will appear in that event and more may be added before the fair if they apply to Mr. Wright.

Horses are now being worked at the grounds every day, the track is being watered every night, the interior of the barns are being painted and general readiness for the fair on September 13-14-15 is the order of the board and its assistants.

Breakfast Club To Meet Aug. 28

The Moro Breakfast club will hold its first meeting of the fall next Wednesday morning at the hotel. Dr. Poley, in charge of the program, has obtained the services of Dr. Edwin C. Drescher of the state board of health who will give a talk accompanied by moving pictures about the problem of eradicating venereal disease in the United States, a project the federal authorities have made a major work in the past three or four years.

In addition to this there will be some business connected with the coming fair and other civic matters to come before the club.

Canadian Farmers To Have Tax

The Canadian government has just adopted a processing tax on wheat similar to that formerly used in this country, and has also adopted a wheat loan program somewhat comparable to the one in force here. A processing tax of 15 cents a bushel will be collected on all wheat used for flour or other products for human consumption, but will not apply to wheat products sold for export, according to word received by the O.S.C. extension service.

The amount collected will be used by the Canadian wheat board to supplement its funds available for the wheat program. The wheat loan plan will be used to encourage the holding of wheat on farms as Canada is faced with insufficient elevator storage to handle this year's crop. The 1940 crop is estimated at between 350 and 400 million bushels, while elevator storage is available for only about 160 million bushels, in view of the heavy hold-over from last year.

WEDDING AT GLENDALE

Announcement was made in Wednesday's Oregonian that Elaine Beckett, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Beckett of Glendale, Cal., will be married Sunday to Gordon Fraser of Moro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser. Both attended Oregon State college.

Sherman County To Have Stamp Plan of Relief

Announcement was made Wednesday that Sherman county was one of the thirteen counties in Oregon that would be added to the list of those in which food stamps are available.

It is not known how much food will be distributed in this manner but in Multnomah county the relief recipients and old age pensioners receive \$6 per month in a requisition from the welfare head. At the bank or other designated place they receive \$6 in orange stamps and \$3 in blue stamps. They may purchase anything desired with the orange stamps and any of certain specified surplus commodities with the blue stamps. The list is changed each month. This gives the poor a purchasing power of one and a half times that of others.

It is estimated that 55 families in this county will be eligible. The definition of a family is one or more persons living by themselves. The total number of persons made eligible for this type of relief is estimated at 75.

Paul D. Ross, director of this stamp project will be here Friday, today, to meet with the local committee.

Court House Sidewalk Being Built

W. A. Raymond has the contract and is doing the work of putting a retaining wall and sidewalk in front of the court house. The forms are in place for the pouring of the concrete. The new wall will hold the dirt remaining since the grading job in place and leave room for a four foot sidewalk between the fence and the parking place. The job will be poured by the end of the week.

Pedestrians Often Make Accidents

The two accident types which cause the greater proportion of the traffic accident deaths in Oregon are the auto-pedestrian collision and the non-collision mishap, according to a survey of accidents which occurred during the first six months of 1940, results of which were released today by Earl Snell, secretary of state. Sixty seven per cent of the 161 traffic fatalities during the first half of the year resulted from crashes of these two types, Snell's survey indicated. Pedestrian accidents accounted for 42 per cent of the deaths and the non-collision mishaps accounted for 25 per cent. Crashes between two or more cars, the type of accident generally considered in the public mind as the cause of most traffic deaths, accounted for only 20 per cent of the deaths reported during the period.

Since 70 per cent of the pedestrians involved in fatal accidents were committing some unsafe action at the time they were struck and since most of the non-collision accidents involve cars which go off the highway on curves or at other places due to speed too great for conditions, elimination of these two factors—carelessness on the part of the pedestrian and speed on highways—should be the primary goal of the traffic safety work conducted in this state, Snell said.

FARMERS MUST GET INSURANCE BY AUGUST 31

Closing date for winter wheat growers to make application for all-risk insurance on their 1941 crop is August 31 this year, hence little time remains for Oregon wheat growers to obtain this protection, warns N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive officer. The August 31 closing date is uniform throughout the country this year and no applications or premium payments will be accepted after that date even though the crop may not be planted at that time.

Federal wheat crop insurance has been gaining in popularity throughout the eastern Oregon wheat growing section, and is this year being taken by more western Oregon growers, according to reports received at the state office. Applications may be made at any county office, where the transaction can be completed promptly.

It's The Old Rope Trick



The Hindu rope trick has never been performed in the open in America to the knowledge of any living person. But here it is, folks, done by three choruses at the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island, in broad daylight, too. You see Lois on top of the rope, Mary Lou at the right and Eleanor on the left. They're lovelies from the New Folles Bergere at the fair and the trick isn't done with mirrors, either.

State Officials Have Case Of Indiscreet Administrator To Solve

By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Or., Aug. 22.—If state liquor administrator J. J. Hague is discharged for alleged violation of the law by commenting on the liquor initiative to be on the ballot this November he won't be out of a job long.

Governor Charles A. Sprague was quick to announce that he "would immediately re-hire" Hague in the event the liquor commission were forced to discharge him.

Hague's discharge was demanded in a letter from Mel P. Brown of Portland, representing Common Sense, Inc., who claimed that Hague's remarks at Hood River on the initiative which would take control of liquor from the state and put it in private hands were in violation of the law.

Under Oregon law the liquor commission is required to discharge any employee who endorses or denounces any legislation dealing with liquor control or the liquor sentiments of any political candidate.

The Governor not only indicated his faith in Hague by announcing that he would rehire him and that he knew of no law that would prevent the rehiring but denounced the Common Sense measure as a direct path to the breakdown of control in the state and "a return to the old style saloon."

"My prime objection to the measure is from the control basis," the Governor said. "The main object of the Knox plan (the present liquor control setup) is that of social control of the liquor traffic. This proposal merely restores the old saloon system and so breaks down the control principle worked out in the Knox plan."

Speaking of the public welfare program which is now financed with profits of the state-store system and for which some provision is made under the proposed law, the Governor said:

"If the measure passed public welfare would simply go broke, that's all. The financing feature of the substitute measure are simply not adequate."

Meanwhile in Portland Brown threatened to circulate petitions for the recall of Governor Sprague. However, the Governor isn't very worried about the recall threat. He branded the threat an effort to get some "cheap publicity" and said that it reminded him of the "ancient story of the three tailors of Titlow street in London who sent a petition to the king that opened with: 'We the people of England.'"

If Brown does start the recall movement he will have to get the signatures of 79,782 registered voters before a special election is called.

The state police will provide the primary protection on the home front when the national guard is mobilized even though a "home guard" of World War veterans may be formed, Governor Charles A. Sprague said here.

The announcement came after a visit from national commander of the American Legion, Raymond J. Kelly, who told the Governor that the Legion's entire membership of 1,060,000 men was willing and anxious to aid the regular law enforcement agencies in home guard work when the national guard is called into active service.

Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, commander of the Oregon department of the Legion and several other state Legion leaders pledged the support of the Oregon veterans if they are needed.

Both the Governor and the Legionnaires agreed there was no immediate emergency and if a home guard is created it will merely serve as an auxiliary force to the state police and local law officers.

The state department of agriculture issued a warning here against deceptive packs of peaches particularly the open top bushel boxes.

The department said all such packs must have the name and address of the grower, the grade and the net weight of the contents stamped on the box before the peaches can be sold.

Boxes should be filled as full as possible without injuring the fruit the department said.

Secretary of States Earl Snell's county traffic safety contest ended the first half of the year with Clackamas, Hood River and Deschutes counties leading their divisions.

This annual contest is intended to stimulate interest in highway safety. Standings are based on the traffic safety improvement shown over the record of the preceding year.

Standings in the three divisions: 1—Clackamas first; Polk second; Washington third; Yamhill fourth; Columbia and Marion tied for fifth; Benton and Clatsop tied for sixth; and Multnomah last.

2—Hood River first; Linn second; Coos and Lane tied for third; Lincoln fourth; Tillamook fifth; and Jackson sixth. 3—Deschutes first; Union second; Baker and Wasco tied for third; Umatilla fourth; Josephine fifth; and Douglas and Klamath tied for last place.

A drive to secure for Eastern Oregon the new air base which the federal government plans to build in the Northwest "somewhere east

New Girl Leads Queen Contest For Third Week

Claudine Thompson At Top With Two More Weeks To Go; Interest Increasing

A new leader came to the top of the list when the counting of votes in the queen contest was concluded Wednesday. Claudine Thompson of Moro forged into the lead with 265,800 votes to pass June Wilde, the leader for the first part of the contest. Miss Wilde turned in but 2200 votes for the past week.

Miss Virginia Helyer also passed the former leader and gained a good hold on second place with 231,100 votes.

The vote as totaled:
Claudine Thompson 265,800
Virginia Helyer 231,100
June Wilde 204,800
Catherine Fridley 79,300
Marjory Rieh 60,300
Vivian Fuller 35,600

It is understood that not all the votes have been cast as many are still being held by the purchasers and that contestants did not file all votes on hand. A certain amount of this may be expected, but it remembered by contestants and admirers that there are only two weeks remaining of the contest which closes with the vote count the first Wednesday in September, which is the fourth. The boxes will be gathered promptly at noon on that day.

In the meantime the plans for the queen's court during the fair are being made. They will ride in the grand entry and drill, will head the parade and probably come down town to ride the streets before the show starts. Seats will be provided for them in the grand stand.

Republicans Plan Trip To Salem

Quite a number of Sherman county Republicans are planning a trip to Salem next Tuesday afternoon to witness the notification ceremonies of Charles McNary, Oregon's senior senator, who has been nominated for vice president.

Seats have been provided on the state fair grounds for 20,000 people. The program will consist of the notification speech of Joe Martin, national chairman and house leader, the acceptance speech of McNary and songs by the Eugene Gleemen, 80 strong. Governor Stassen of Minnesota will also be present as will officials of Oregon.

This will be one of the few occasions when men of the far west have been notified of their selection for as high a national honor as the vice presidency and it is expected that pride will cause Oregonians to attend in large numbers.

MARYHILL MUSEUM HAS MANY VISITORS

The directors of the Maryhill museum report that during the first ninety days it has been open 30,042 visitors have visited the castle. This evidences a curiosity about it that has surprised many persons of this section of the state. Of this number 169 have been from Moro and 168 from Wasco up to August 5.

Farmers Can Get Loan From F.S.A.

Sherman county farmers unable to secure sufficient operating credit from local banks or other credit agencies can now apply for Farm Security Administration loans as funds for the new fiscal year, beginning July 1, have been allotted to the county and should be sufficient to take care of local needs, announces M. A. Stout, county FSA supervisor, 8 Hall Building, Hood River.

Applications for FSA loans by bona fide farmers, unable to secure adequate credit from other sources, and have satisfactory tenure of a family-sized farm on an ownership, purchase contract, rent, lease or share crop agreement.

Farmers may apply for loans at the county FSA office, 8 Hall Building Hood River, between 8:30-4:30 o'clock on every day except Saturday when the hours are from 8:30 to 12:30 o'clock. Information may be obtained by written request also.

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