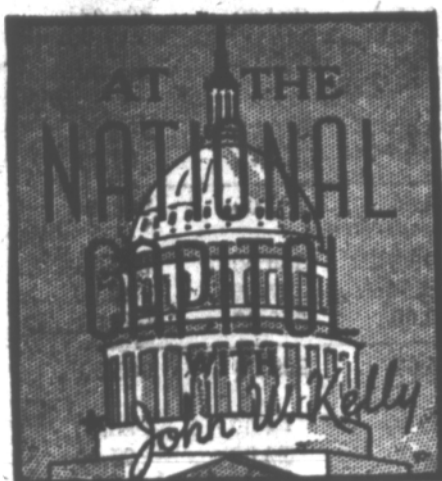


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Washington D. C., Oct. 17.—Despite all the claims and assertions and propaganda issued by the new dealers and the Republicans, the cold truth is that neither side is confident of the outcome. It is known, however, that Mr. Roosevelt has slipped deeply from his high point of 1936 and that Mr. Willkie, whose campaign has bogged down after a spectacular start, is now making substantial progress. Mr. Roosevelt, who stated he was too busy with state affairs to make a campaign, is now making a regular political tour under the guise of "inspecting" national defense, but making speeches which are palpably political. Mr. Roosevelt was forced to abandon his pose of indifference when his advisers realized that Mr. Willkie was making a real race.

The situation, at this stage of the campaign, has the managers puzzled and somewhat worried. The various polls are not in harmony, and Mr. Roosevelt is assured of victory or doomed to defeat depending upon the poll. The poll sponsors are in sharp disagreement in their asserted sampling of public opinion.

Because of the popularity of Senator Charles McNary, Republican candidate for vice president, the new deal administration is exerting itself to prevent him from carrying Oregon. The new dealers are obsessed with the idea that the Pacific northwest (Oregon and Washington) are concerned only with power from Grand Coulee and Bonneville and they are herping on this one string. The loss of markets for fruits, wheat, lumber and other products of the northwestern states caused by the trade agreements of Secretary of State Cordell Hull, are ignored by new deal speakers. These losses which hit the pocketbook of practically every resident of those states, directly or indirectly, have reduced the buying power of the people.

On account of the belief in White House circles that the cost of a light bill is more important in Oregon and Washington than jobs or selling farmers down the river, Henry A. Wallace, candidate for vice president, talked nothing else in his tour of the northwest, and Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior, planned discussing the same subject in Portland and Seattle. Owing to the unpopularity of Ickes in the northwest he was compelled to cancel his contemplated trip by friendly administration advisers. Nebraska's Senator Norris, once a great crusader, has been booked for the Columbia basin area to talk government power and denounce Willkie for being a former utilities executive.

None of the speakers for the administration are discussing the prospect of the United States being dragged into war within a short time; the opinion being that in the northwest government ownership overshadows the threat of war, or anything else. Senator Norris' position on war has changed. He voted against it in 1917. Also when Coolidge was president he voted for a senate resolution which denounced any attempt by anyone to seek a third term in the presidency. Now, in his old age, Norris is supporting the third term, the presumption being that Mr. Roosevelt named a dam and hamlet after Norris in TVA, giving the aged politician a monument in concrete.

Comparatively few of the men who registered for selective military service this week will ever be called to the colors. The quota for Oregon and Washington is comparatively insignificant with the number of registrants between 21 and 31 years in those states. In a few southern states the quota is almost nil because of the number of voluntary enlistments in the army before the conscription bill became law. All those who enlisted had the privilege of selecting their service; those who are con-

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Local Draft Board Members Announced

Information has been given that Willy Knighten, county school superintendent, Ryland O. (Cap) Scott, of Wasco and George Wilcox of Grass Valley will compose the draft board for Sherman county on appointment by Governor Sprague this week.

All appointees have service records, Mr. Scott having been a captain in the army during the world war serving at northwest posts. Mr. Knighten was in the ordnance service spending much of the war period at Hoboken, New Jersey and Mr. Wilcox serving with the Oregon National Guard until it was inducted into federal service and being in the SATC at Eugene later in the war.

Willy Knighten and Geo. Wilcox went to Salem to attend the meeting held there Tuesday for all members of the draft boards for instructions.

Woman's Club Holds District Meeting

Saturday of last week was a red letter day on the calendar of the Moro Women's club when they entertained members of all the Federated clubs in the fourth district, which is composed of Wheeler, Gilliam, Wasco and Sherman counties. About 100 club members were in attendance.

Highlights of the day were the addresses by Hon. E. R. Fatland of Condon and Mrs. Harold Peterson of Dallas, State President of Oregon Federated clubs. Other outstanding numbers were the honoring of the pioneer women, the initiation of the Kinzua club into the Federation and the memorial service in memory of Mrs. Gansney, a past member of Fossil Welfare club.

In the late afternoon following the official program the local club was host with a birthday tea at their club house in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Federation.

Two Local Silver Weddings Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Melzer celebrated their silver wedding anniversary October 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson entertained in their honor with a party Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Melzer donned their wedding garments of twenty-five years ago, slightly snug now, to attend the function. Among the gifts received was a plate containing twenty-five new shiny silver dollars, given to Mrs. Melzer by her husband.

Another Moro couple to celebrate their silver anniversary was Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brisbane, when they were entertained Sunday evening by the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows members. The happy couple were presented with a woolen blanket.

Pinkerton Accident Case Closed

The case of the State of Oregon versus Dean Pinkerton, recently indicted by the grand jury for alleged failure to stop at the scene of a highway accident, resulting in the death of Horace Stricklin, was tried in the circuit court of Wasco county last week. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, asking for leniency.

Judge Wilson fined Pinkerton \$350, which was computed on the basis of the state for the trial and was paid immediately by his father.

The attorneys for the state were T. Leland Brown, district attorney for Wasco county and Sam Van Vactor, deputy. Galloway & Krier were counsel for the defense.

Compliance Checking Starts Saturday

Roscoe Moore, Willard Barnett, Vernon Miller and Gordon Harper will start checking the farms for compliance records Saturday, according to LeRoy Wright, county agent. This work is to be finished by December 1.

Ballot Measures For Coming Election Discussed

Nine Measures on Ballot To Be Voted in November Should Be Considered

Last week the first three of the nine measures on the ballot for November were briefly discussed. We continue this week with others. The fourth measure, numbers 206, yes; 307, no; is another bill to raise the pay of legislators in Oregon.

Under the constitution as written in 1857 legislators of Oregon receive \$3 per day for 40 days or a maximum of \$120 for a regular session. In addition they receive \$3 for every 20 miles traveled.

Under this bill, if enacted they will receive \$8 per day for a maximum of 50 days and ten cents per mile.

Legislators are unable to make ends meet on their pay at the present time and service in the Oregon legislature is a "public service" that costs money. Voters have come closer to passing this measure each time it has come before them and this time they may give it their OK.

Primary Date Change

The fifth measure on the ballot would change the date of the primary election from May to September. This is a referendum measure which has been referred to the people by the Grange and Federation of Labor.

Under this bill there would be no presidential primary and delegates to the national convention would be selected by the state central committee.

Opponents of the bill claim that it handicaps a poor man in running for office by restricting his time in which to campaign. They also contend that the presidential primary is of value to the average voter.

Advocates hold that a campaign of eight months is too long for any candidate or for the state itself and that a poor man can run cheaper in three months than in eight. Most of the states that have a primary hold it in late summer or early autumn. Oregon delegations have been forced to vote for some peculiar candidates because of the present law.

Candidates now run on issues in the spring that are dead in the fall and are nominated thereon.

The sixth measure is another referendum. It is a bill passed by the 1939 legislature to give control of night clubs to the liquor commission.

Adherents of the bill claim that it gives the man who cannot or does not belong to a private club a chance to get a drink at night. The liquor commission wanted the bill in order to close up some clubs in Portland which they considered of bad repute.

Time of Community Drawing Changed

The drawing Saturday afternoon at the Moro Grain Growers office resulted in Mrs. N. W. Thompson receiving an electric iron and Mrs. E. R. Barzee an electric mixer, which was exchanged for one she can use with a delco system. The drawing Saturday will be held at the S. W. Searcy Hardware store where a steam iron, a lamp, a silex and pliers and a screwdriver will be given to the lucky persons.

Since the days are growing shorter, and it will soon be dark at four o'clock, the present time set for the drawing, the advertisers have decided to set the time of the drawing up to 3 o'clock on Saturday, October 26. The drawing for this Saturday will still be at 4 o'clock.

Wasco Nominating Caucus Held

Wasco held a caucus Monday evening nominating the following for the various offices: Mayor, T. Lester Johnson; Councilman, E. D. McKee, V. B. Haufelt, F. S. Lamborn, W. A. Nisbet, R. O. Scott, Lewis J. Hastings; Treasurer, B. E. Hailey and Recorder, E. F. Feldman.

Outstanding Boy, Girl Honored



Jack von Borstel and Claudine Thompson, selected this year as First National Bank of Portland Sherman county's outstanding 4-H club members, who were guests of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition last week.

Breakfast Club Holds Meeting

The Moro Breakfast club held its regular meeting Wednesday morning with a lighter attendance than usual attributed to the open season on birds and perhaps seedling.

A committee of four was appointed, Bob Henderson, chairman, Willy Knighten, Dewey Thompson and T. Lester Johnson to approach organizations within the county, with the idea of stimulating the public mind with respect to measures to be voted upon in the coming election.

Carrel Bennett resigned as secretary-treasurer and Bob Henderson was elected in short order. Carrel is leaving soon for his new position in Washington.

J. B. Adams spoke briefly on wheat and LeRoy Wright on livestock at the Pacific International.

Local Horses Win At Pacific International

The Fraser and Rolfe string of horses at the P. I. won several prizes. Fraser 1st on his four horse team, 2nd on the two horse, 2nd on the 6 horse team and fourth in driving. The Rolfe string won 4th on the 2-horse team, 4th on the 4-horse team, 3rd on the six horse team and third in driving.

Governor Sprague's Views On Ballot Measures Discussed

—By A. L. Lindbeck

Salem, Or., Oct. 17.—Governor Sprague took his trusty typewriter in hand this week to express his views on three of the measures upon which the voters of Oregon are being asked to pass judgment next month.

Only one of the three measures singled out by the governor for special attention met with his approval. That was the one designated on the ballot as a "Bill to further regulate the sale and use of alcoholic liquor." This measure, passed by the last legislature and referred to the voters through petitions sponsored by Common Sense, Inc., is designed to strengthen in an important particular the liquor control act now in force.

"The purpose of the bill," according to the governor, "it's to do away with the evils of unregulated and unlicensed drinking 'clubs.' Fake clubs have sprung up and operate as resorts for the drinking of hard liquor. The liquor commission has no authority over them."

Declaring that "the opposition to this bill comes almost exclusively from the small group of operators of these so-called 'clubs' who hope to reap continued profits if they can defeat this badly needed legislation," the governor urged the voters to support this bill by voting "yes" on this measure.

The two measures to meet with the governor's emphatic disapproval were the measure seeking repeal of the Knox liquor control act

and the proposal to legalize marble boards, pin balls and other similar devices.

Of the first of these the governor declares that its adoption would "utterly destroy the present plan of liquor control in Oregon and turn the sale of hard liquor over to private dealers."

"This," the governor believes, "would simply mean the restoration of the open saloon."

Of the other measure which has met with his disapproval the governor declared "the very title is enough to condemn the bill." Referring to its sponsors as "a self-styled 'Oregon Tax Reduction and Old Age Pension League,'" the governor points out that the measure is the longest constitutional amendment ever submitted to the voters of Oregon when he urges not to be deceived by the bait of tax reduction and contributions to old age pensions.

Ernest Fatland of Condon, speaker of the Oregon's House of Representatives, became governor of Oregon again for a short time Sunday when Governor Charles A. Sprague left the state on a two-weeks speaking tour in the interest of the presidential candidacy of Wendell L. Willkie. The governor's itinerary will take him through eastern Washington, Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma and Utah.

Men in the Oregon national guard now in the army at Camp

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309 Men From Sherman County Registered

Wednesday, October 16, at 9:00 P.M. marked the end of the first registration day for the first ballot time draft.

Report from County Clerk Joe Truitt, shows 309 young men between the ages of 21 to 35, inclusive registered in Sherman county Wednesday of this week.

The local draft board, composed of Willy Knighten, George Wilcox, and R. O. Scott held an organization meeting at one o'clock Thursday. The registration cards filled out by the 309 boys were sent to the local draft board, shuffled, numbered from the top and assigned serial numbers. The numbers to be used by national headquarters in the lottery.

Willkie To Speak Over Network

Wendell Willkie is scheduled to speak Monday, October 21, from 10:00 to 10:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, N.B.C. Blue Network, and on Tuesday, October 22, from 10:30 to 11:00 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, N.B.C. Red Network.

The Dunn survey believes Willkie certain of 334 electoral votes, Colorado 6, Connecticut 8, Delaware 3, Illinois 20, Indiana 14, Iowa 11, Kansas 9, Maine 5, Maryland 8, Massachusetts 17, Michigan 19, Minnesota 11, Missouri 15, Nebraska 7, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 16, New York 47, North Dakota 4, Ohio 26, Oregon 5, Pennsylvania 36, Rhode Island 4, South Dakota 4, Vermont 3, Wisconsin 3, West Virginia 8.

Party Searches For Club Calves

County Agent LeRoy Wright, accompanied by Ormand Hilderbrand and Bob King, drove to Pineville and Paulina Wednesday, to visit the Stearns, Keystone and Breese ranches in search of about 20 head of calves for 4-H club purposes.

Absent Editor Sends Impressions of Trip

Certainly impressions of this trip are numerous enough and sufficiently varied to make it difficult to relay them without leaving out some that seem, or did seem, important.

Let the matter be approached from a narrative style beginning, at the start of the trip which, from the point of view of visual observation was someplace in Idaho when the sun arose enough to make the barren sage covered flat visible to the eye of one recently courting steep and strange and difficult surroundings.

With minor exceptions around some towns the first day was spent in looking at sage covered flats with hardly enough edible grass on them to feed a spare stand of jack rabbits. A bit of coal and an oil refinery were the only sign of industry.

Down the Platte river it was dark again and we were well into Iowa before we could again see the country. That looks like a great state, all farms, with good buildings, clumps of trees, good roads and prosperous towns. Very little of the land was out of production, at least along the railroad. Some patches, looked like they were growing weeds, that being the way of telling the probable rural adherence to the farm program.

Chicago citizens—or those who are here now, whether they come from Wisconsin, Kentucky or some other place to see the town—are wearing more different kinds of political buttons than ever before in the history of this button wearing race of people. Variations exist as to size, color and pride of wearer.

Chicagoans seem to have no expectancy of having honest government. When asked, the answer is that there is no honesty in government. Perhaps they are right and there isn't or hasn't been within their memories or range of information.

By sheerest accident there was provided a trip in Chicago's new

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County Budget Committee Meets Tuesday

Proposed Amount To Be Raised By Taxation Is \$2,000 Less Than Last Year

The county budget committee composed of three county court members, assisted by Fred Henning, P. C. Axtell, and T. W. Alley met Tuesday and made up the appropriations for 1941. P. C. Axtell was elected to serve as chairman and David Reid secretary.

The estimated amounts proposed and submitted to the taxpayers for consideration are printed in the budget to be found in this and next weeks issues.

Friday, November 8, 1940 is set as the day when such estimates may be discussed with the tax levying board.

The amount proposed for taxation for 1941, less the estimated receipts of \$16,770 is \$67,405.30, which is \$2,027.70 lower than the amount raised by taxation for 1940, if the budget is not changed at the November 8th meeting.

The appropriation for the circuit court witness and juror fees was reduced from \$2000 to \$1250, the same as in 1939. The amount was upped last year in anticipation of a murder trial resulting from the Dewey Burrell case which yet remains unsolved.

The next item on the budget slowing any change is for office help in the assessor's office. A raise of \$285 is asked for and a new item is added for appraisal travel expense amounting to \$50, making a total raise of \$335 for this office.

The clerk's office shows a decrease of \$50 in incidental expenses and a \$50 decrease for books and blanks. The sheriff's office is asking for an additional \$186 traveling expense listed for travel outside county. The superintendent's office is asking for only \$250 travel expense as compared to \$300 last year.

There being no general election next year a saving of \$500 was made under elections. A decrease is shown in county schools which is accounted for by decrease in the number of children in the county schools.

Two items were added to the Miscellaneous; one for \$75 for Association of Oregon County Dues and one for \$375, for six sets of the new 1940 Oregon Code. The appropriation for the DeMoss Memorial Park was upped to \$350 in order to furnish materials, etc. required under a WPA project which has been accepted for the improvement of the park.

In the roads and highway department \$500 has been asked for weed control and \$200 for insurance on road equipment which are new items on the budget this year.

Livestock Market Gains Slightly

The livestock market at the Portland Union Stock Yards, North Portland, for the week ending October 12, showed some improvement in the demand and sales of hogs, especially past the middle of the week. Cattle trading was on a generally 25c lower basis for short-feds, better grass steers, beef cows, and heifers. Good bulls and vealer calves were steady. The sheep market was steady and active throughout the week at unchanged prices. There were 2,300 cattle, 335 calves, 4,050 hogs, and 2,455 sheep sold in open market trading the past week.

This week's trading opened on Monday with 1,275 cattle, 120 calves, 2,150 hogs and 1,450 sheep for sale on the open market.

Early Monday sales were generally 25c higher for cattle, but this advance was difficult to hold in the late trading. A load of good light grain fed steers brought \$10.35. Grass fat steers sold around \$8.50 to \$9.35, with common grades downward to \$7.00, and plain dairy steers up from \$5.50, with cutters down to \$5.00. Common to medium grass heifers sold \$6.00 to \$8.50. Canners to common cows sold around \$3.50 to \$5.00, with a few dairy cows up to \$5.50 or slightly above. Good beef cows moved around \$6.75 to \$7.25. Medium to good bulls sold \$6.50 to

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