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on the Northwest

The director of publicity for the Democratic National committee, Mr. Sam O'Neal, plus Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, vice-chairman and Mrs. Richard Nacy, executive vice-chairman, are now in the northwest, checking up on the political situation, holding numerous huddles, breaking bread with the big shots and the faithful. The cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and then south to California, is the itinerary of Mr. O'Neal and his entourage. Sam O'Neal, succeeded Charlie Michelson, who retired after the last presidential election in 1944.

Charlie Michelson was the chief propaganda expert for the Bourbons for many years and bigwigs of both parties acknowledged him as the peer of them all, in his profession. The coming national elections will be O'Neal's first in which he will be chief of the propaganda mill. However, he worked under Michelson for several years as his first assistant so at least, he knows something about Charlie's methods of operations and etc.

Mr. O'Neal, et al, definitely know that they have a real battle on their hands if the incoming Congress is to remain under the leadership of the Democrats. If the Republicans can hold the number of seats they now have, and win twenty-six more seats, they will take control of the House, some next January. However, it is almost a certainty, the GOP will lose some of its present numbers, so to be safe, they will have to win more than the twenty-six new seats in order to give them a bare majority, which they believe can be done.

At the present writing, impartial observers give the GOP a good 50-50 chance to win the House. However, these same prognosticators are of the opinion the real drift in public sentiment can not be accurately detected until the first part of October—about a month before election day. The high command of the GOP, after making a recent survey of the Pacific Coast, believe they can pick up at least one seat in Washington, and three in California. Oregon's congressional delegation is solid Republican and has been for years, hence they see no chance for the Democrats to dent that wall of concrete.

However, the Demo's, as to be expected, sized up the situation in the northwest somewhat differently. They believe they can hold all of their seats in Washington state, including Mr. Coffey's, and stand a good chance to gain one. In Oregon, they see the political weather vane pointing to the capture of at least one seat for the disciples of Andrew Jackson. The said crystal gazers "pooh-pooh" the silly idea of the GOP gaining three seats in California. So all in all, this column believes it is best to wait until the votes are counted this November. Then we will know for sure.

While there hasn't been too much publicity on the subject of prohibition as yet, the Drys are gaining by leaps and bounds. Scores upon scores of counties throughout the nation have the issue of voting wet or dry on the ballot this November. In the recent primary elections held in many different counties, eight new counties went dry, and drys are certain many more will follow suit this fall. Few people seem to realize that out of the 3070 counties in the United States, 952 are dry, which is more than 25 percent and well over 200 of these counties have gone dry in the past seven years. The political wise men who keep their ears to the ground believe it is high time for the wets to take stock of the present trend—or else. If old John Barleycorn should again be buried by the nations voters, which is improbable, but just the same could happen, it would cost the

School Opening Due September 9 If Teachers Here

School Boards Still Want Six More Instructors Before Stated Opening Day

Schools in Sherman county are scheduled to start September 9 with the possible exception of Wasco where the pupils may not be called in until September 16. There is one hitch in the plan; too few teachers are signed on the dotted line to meet the demand on the school boards. Different arrangements may need to be made unless more teachers can be hired or ex-teachers living in the communities can be induced to start teaching again.

At Rufus four teachers are under contract, two for the grades and two for high school. This is a normal supply for Rufus.

High Schools Handicapped
Wasco has two high school teachers and three grade teachers and needs two more to start school under the previous arrangements of classes.

Moro now has four grade teachers and three high school teachers and would like to have another high school instructor if one could be found to teach the proper subjects.

At Grass Valley only one teacher has been secured and two or three more would be hired if they could be found. Paul Goddard is to be principal.

Kent has a full complement of teachers with three for the grade school there. The total teachers for the county is 20 and at least six more teachers could find jobs if they could be found.

The full list of instructors is not certain, therefore, and some changes and, perhaps, additions may be forthcoming before September 9.

Clyde Smith Buried At Grass Valley

Clyde Smith, resident of Sherman county for 60 years, died at The Dalles hospital Friday night following a stroke and fall that day at his farm home southeast of Grass Valley.

Emmett Clyde Smith was born January 9, 1875 at Richland, Iowa and came to Sherman county in 1886. This has been his home since that time. He had farmed most of his life in the Rutledge community where he had built a comfortable farm home 30 years ago.

Surviving are his widow, Marie, a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wells of Buena Vista, and four brothers, W. L. (Brick) of Dufur, Ross of Riverside, Wash., Hubert of Wenatchee, Wash., and Arthur of The Dalles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Baptist church in Grass Valley with Rev. Howard Schilling giving the sermon. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery there.

Grass Valley Party Honors Junior Miss

Mrs. John Rust gave a party Sunday evening in honor of her daughter, Geraldine, who celebrated her 13th birthday anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert, Robert Kerrell, Judy Smith, Barbara Alley, Karen Kelly and Karen Goddard.

Pfc. Gene Summerfield arrived Saturday from Fort Lewis to spend a ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Al Fox.

Cecil Fields Killed In Truck Accident

Cecil Fields was fatally injured last Thursday evening when he drove his loaded wheat truck off the grade that comes into the Sherman highway about a mile south of Dinty's station. He was accompanied by John Fulton who was not seriously injured.

Observers of the scene of the wreck found that the truck gradually bore to the right and off the grade in a little draw indicating that the driver's attention had been attracted from the road.

Fields suffered a crushed chest and died before he reached the hospital.

John Cecil Fields had been a resident of Sherman county for 48 of his 51 years, being one of an old time family of the north end of the county. He has farmed since he was a young man, usually on land belonging to the Fulton family.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Wasco Legion hall with Rev. F. L. Cannell giving the service. The body was taken to Portland for cremation following committal services by the Elks lodge of which the deceased was a member.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Norman E., Sherman county sheriff and Damon, farming with his father, three brothers, Earl and Tracy of Wasco and Charles of Grass Valley.

Bill Axtell Marries Amity Girl

The wedding of Miss Donna Schuchardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schuchardt of Amity, Oregon and Billie F. Axtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clara R. Axtell of Moro, was an event of Sunday August 18 at 4 p. m. at the Church of Christ in Amity. Rev. Clifford Snyder officiating.

The bride was attended by her sister, Geraldine of Salem, and the groom by his brother, Bob.

A reception, attended by relatives and friends, was held at the church immediately after the ceremony. The cake being cut by Miss Zora Morgan cousin of the groom. Guests attending from out of town were the brides grand mother, Mrs. Schuchardt and aunt Mrs. Surweshy of Omaha, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Clare Axtell and Bob of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. L. Alton Axtell, Mrs. Vie Race and Miss Zora Morgan of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morgan of Carlton and Leonard Peterson of Rufus.

After a short honeymoon the young couple will return to Amity where they are in business.

Oregon Has More Automobiles Now

Record motor car registrations marked the first half of this year in Oregon. 43,000 vehicles were licensed with fees adding to 3 1/4 million, it has been announced by Robert S. Farrell Jr., Secretary of State.

The number of vehicles has swelled seven per cent over last year. The great bulk—336,000—are passenger cars, with trucks and light deliveries totaling 90,000. Of the rest 3,000 were motorcycles and 1300 buses. Every classification showed gains.

License Examiner Coming Oftener

Better driver's license service for residents of Moro and vicinity has been slated by Secretary Robert S. Farrell Jr.

An examiner will be on duty in the court house at Moro from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. every second Thursday, beginning September 12. There was formerly monthly service only. The more frequent examining schedule is part of a general program to improve licensing service to this part of the state.



PROPOSED PEACE TERMS . . . Area affected by the proposed treaties being considered at the Paris peace conference are shown on this map in black. Slices of territory on Italian-French border to France. Greece gets the Dodecanese islands from Italy, which also loses Libya. Pantelleria would be demilitarized. Albania would be recognized. Yugoslavia gets most of Venezia Giulia and Zara from Italy, and Trieste becomes a free territory. Rumania gets Transylvania from Hungary, but it loses Bessarabia and N. Bukovina to Russia. S. Dobruja to Bulgaria. Finland loses Petsamo to Russia, but will get back Hangoe.

Sample Veteran Applications for Leave Pay Soon Available

A sample copy of the application form and instructions to enlisted men of World War II in applying for their unused terminal leave or furlough pay was received this week by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

An accompanying letter to Director George E. Sandy said that all community advisory centers and county veterans' service offices would receive the sample forms shortly.

Although postoffices will receive supplies soon for veterans sample forms will enable service officers to study the instructions and be ready to help veterans make their applications when the time comes, Sandy said.

Earlier doubt as to whether photostatic copies of discharges would be accepted as proof of military service was clarified, as follows:

"We know you were glad to hear that the armed forces acted favorably on the recommendation that photostatic copies of discharge papers, as well as originals, will be accepted."

"Pass," "liberty," or periods of temporary duty are not chargeable as leave or furlough, nor are sick, convalescent, or rehabilitation leave, but "delay en route" will be, the instructions indicate.

In addition to the pay the veteran will receive in his last pay grade before discharge, he'll get 70 cents subsistence for each day of unused leave. Also, those in the top three pay grades who had dependents will receive an additional \$1.25 a day for quarters. In the army and marines this includes master, tech and staff sergeants. In the navy and coast guard it means chiefs and

Rev. MacFarlane Chosen To Preach

The congregation of the Moro Community church voted to call Rev. James K. MacFarlane to the Moro pulpit at its meeting Sunday. It is considered certain that he will accept and he is expected to come here in October to begin his pastorate in this community. He has a wife and son in Florence, Wisconsin to move to Oregon before he can be settled here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farra were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Art Barnum last week end, coming from Mt. Vernon.

Elevators Filling Purebred Cattle As Crop Crowds Sale Plans Moved Along Further

Saturday night the public elevators of Sherman county held 2,436,000 bushels of wheat and barley. That fact signifies a crop of two and three quarters million bushels when all the grain is in and the smaller elevators have been counted.

The Sherman Grain Growers at Wasco had 933,000 bushels in their elevators, at Moro there was 729,952 and at Grass Valley 710,000 bushels. No information is available about the bushelage in the Eakin elevator or in the other private elevators and farm storage in the county.

Crop Still Coming In
Harvest is well along in the county but is not finished by a long way and many combines will be running most of next week. This is particularly true around Kent where the crop is very good.

It appears certain that Wasco elevators will get over a million bushels and that Moro and Grass Valley will have about 900,000 each, or perhaps more.

Jay Price Writes Of Early Trees

The following letter has been received from Jay Price, one of the oldest old timers of the county whose memory often clarifies controversies about events of early days.

I am very much interested in the article in the Journal in regard to tree planting in Sherman county in pioneer times. Perhaps I can tell some things along that line that will be of interest to people who reside in Sherman county at the present time.

First Trees Bought
Some time in the early sixties, my father had a freighter bring him a lot of Lombardy Popular slips from Walla Walla for which he paid ten dollars. We also got some Silver Populars. It was from these slips that the lovely grove came to be admired, and enjoyed by so many in early days. It was from the cuttings from these trees that all trees of that kind in that country got their start.

A Fourth of July celebration was held in the grove in 1881. Everybody between the John Day and the Deschutes were there that day. Owen Scott was President of the day. Ed Van Patten delivered the oration. But the most interesting thing was the long tables piled high with the best things to eat that the country could afford.

Wasco Items of Those Who Come and Go
Mrs. Belle Clothier is moving back into her own home in town. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Doris are moving to Idaho soon. Lloyd Roysie is in The Dalles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Diebert Johnson and children visited at the home of Mrs. Augusta Huckin over the weekend.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Fridley, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barnett and two children of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConaughy left Monday morning for a months visit at the homes of friends and relatives in the mid-west and Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Meara are moving into the Mrs. E. A. Medler house, soon.

Ann Clothier of Portland visited friends in Wasco over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grady of Portland were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Cecil Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kenyon of Perry, New York, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent. Mrs. Kenyon, who was a sister of Mrs. Sargent's father, is also an aunt of Harry, Darwin and Vernon Van Gilder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg and children left Tuesday for a vacation in Portland and the Oregon coast.

Miss Vivian Trounce of Moro was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Edwards arrived Sunday night from Salem for a visit with Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Cannell before moving to Gresham where Mr. Edwards will teach in the high school.

Barbara McConaughy spent a few days this week visiting friends in Portland. Jerry Barnett and Mrs. Walt Blau and Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blau returned Thursday from Spokane and Seattle, Wash., where they flew Tuesday in their Cessna.

Earns, Seats, Clerk, Judge, Entertainment Planned In Director's Meeting

The visit of Bob Teale, field representative for the Western Livestock Journal, and manager of the Midco Purebred Breeders sale of stock to be held here the evening of September 28, was the occasion for some additional planning on the part of the directors of the association.

The old horse barn at the fair grounds has been remodeled for cattle and more advantageous display of them and this change met with the approval of stockmen.

Consignors agreed to have the lot number animals branded on the back of the left horn for positive identification of the animal. After the judging is complete which will be Friday night or Saturday morning, Teale will make up the sale list—the order in which animals will be offered to the buyers.

Judging will be done by C. W. Hickman, head of the University of Idaho livestock department, who will also judge the fair. Merle Becket will act as sale clerk.

Every effort is to be made to obtain sleeping quarters for the many prospective buyers who are expected. Hotel accommodations have been reserved for as many as possible homeowners are to be asked to make rooms available, and some may be housed in the harness room and remaining CCC building on the fair grounds.

Bleachers have been rented from The Dalles Breakfast Club to seat the crowd that attends the stock sale.

A banquet for the visiting stockmen is planned for Friday night at 6:30. It will be cooked and served by Lloyd Johnson and held in the old Legion hall. Possibility of a Buckaroo breakfast for Saturday morning is under discussion with no decision reached to date.

Hunters Restricted To Ordinary Guns

Gun regulations for the 1946 hunting season have been made by the Oregon State Game Commission to safeguard both hunters and game.

Shortages of ammunition and firearms were considered so that regulations are as liberal as feasible to avoid excessive crippling loss of game.

General regulations state that the use of machine guns, M 1 military carbines, Garand (M 1) rifles, and Johnson rifles are illegal for hunting all game. The carbine is too light a weapon for big game. The Garand and Johnson are the only clip-fed semi-automatic rifles available, and at rapid fire they are difficult to control. Sportsmen should remember that these guns can kill a man two miles away. The use of .22 caliber rimfire shells is also prohibited for hunting any game birds, deer or elk.

The use of all rifles and of shot guns larger than ten gauge is prohibited for hunting game birds. In addition, shot guns must not be capable of holding more than three shells. BB size shot is the largest allowed for hunting waterfowl.

Shot guns loaded with bird or buck shot cannot be used to hunt big game. Elk gun regulations require that rifles must use caliber or larger, or must use bullets weighing at least 150 grains or generating at least 1400 foot pounds of energy at 100 yards range.

TWO FINED
Justice Wallan has had occasion to levy fines on two speeders within the last few days.

Harry Harlow of Van Nuys, Cal., paid a \$25.00 fine for speeding after being halted by state police and Leo Matthew of Dexter, Ore., was fined \$5.00 after being stopped and charged with violation of the basic rule by Sheriff Fields.