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With the exception of the White House, the Republicans are thoroughly entrenched. They are in the complete control of the legislative branch, but the Democrats have control of the executive. That is the way the government operates: executive, legislative and judiciary. The legislative branch can be compared to the board of directors, and the executive branch's duty is to carry out what the legislative branch proposes. During the past 14 years, it has not worked out that way for the executive branch has told the legislative branch what to do—or else. The executive branch dominated the judicial branch as well as the legislative through the overwhelming new deal, majority in Congress and by the President appointing Democrats to the United States Supreme Court, men who would lean toward the new deal policies.

Washington observers are convinced that there will be harmony and little antagonism between the White House and the lawmakers on the hill. Harry S. Truman although a veteran of World War No. 1, is not a fighting man in his present residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. While he was a member of the Senate, he made many friends, Republican as well as Democrats, and not all of his buddies have been swept out of office in the Republican landslide this year. He can still talk to his former colleagues, regardless of party affiliations, and it is believed Republicans will continue to find "welcome" on the White House doorstep.

President Truman is not vindictive, generally speaking, although on occasion he has bared his teeth. It would not surprise many legislators if the President co-operated on many measures. But it would surprise almost everyone if he drew himself into his shell and lashed out with vetoes regardless of their merits and effect upon the American people. Mr. Truman is not ruthless as was his predecessor, nor is he expected to hold a party whip over the Democratic minority to force them to oppose everything that the Republican organization proposes.

However, President Truman is in a tough spot. There is little he can do to please the discredited new dealers and he remembers that he is the titular head of the Democratic party. He is more the common man than the cunning politician. He believes in machine politics, but does not wish to head his own personal machine, as was he practice of Mr. Roosevelt.

While Mr. Truman is President he will have under him the innumerable agencies, bureaus and departments, all staffed by party-workers. The Republicans in Senate and House can do little to oust these office-holders, for they hold jobs directly and indirectly from the President. The resentment of the voters, who swung Republican, was not against Mr. Truman, but it was against agencies in existence before he inherited the White House. These subordinates in government issue the directives, shove the people around, and actually form the policies which only the White House can break. The longer a party is in power, the more arrogant it becomes. Eventually the voters take matters into their own hands, and demand a change. This has taken place before, and undoubtedly will in the future, if one party or the other entrenches itself too deeply and stays in office too long.

Thus, there is not much can be expected (aside from congressional action) from the millions of Democrats and new dealers on the federal payroll until such time as the Republicans capture the White House, and according to past history, that will be in 1948. Then will come a general house cleaning and deserving Republicans will replace deserving Democrats. The patronage of the White House is almost unlimited, and during the Roosevelt regime, it was worked to the 11th degree. Mr. Roosevelt frankly stated that

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Wasco Auxiliary Provides Gifts For Disabled Veterans In Hospitals

The American Legion Auxiliary met with Mrs. Earl Richelderfer Monday November 4th for the regular monthly meeting. Twelve members were present, gifts to an estimated value of \$30.00 were brought. These articles are Christmas gifts and will be sent to the Veterans hospital.

Mr and Mrs Harold Dutton accompanied by Mr and Mrs Norman Daniels, all of LaGrande were weekend guests at the home of Mr Dutton's parents, Mr and Mrs Harley Dutton.

Mrs Hal Shelton and daughter, Nancy, of Seaside accompanied by Gordon McKee of Portland were weekend visitors of Mrs Shelton's parents, Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee.

Mr and Mrs Fred Hammond of Portland were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs E. D. McKee.

Mr and Mrs Virgil Brock and daughter of The Dalles were weekend guests of the former's parents, Mr and Mrs S. J. Brock. George B. Moon returned Tuesday from a business trip to Portland and Seattle.

Andy Shearer of The Dalles, where he is employed, spent several days visiting Mrs Shearer and family last week.

Mr and Mrs John Austin Foss attended the football game in Portland Saturday.

Mr and Mrs L. L. Funk were Armistice day weekend guests at the home of their daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs Bud Whipple of Multnomah.

Mr and Mrs Francis Watkins attended the football game in Portland Saturday.

Jerry Barnett returned from Portland Monday flying a new plane.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence Edwards of Gresham spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Rev and Mrs F. L. Cannell.

Miss Aileen Scott of Pendleton spent the weekend at the home of

Vernon Miller Rufus Grange Master

New officers were elected at Rufus Grange Thursday night. They include: Master, Vernon Miller; Secretary, Mrs Vernon Miller; Treasurer, Ross Guilford; Lecturer, Bernice Morris.

A baby girl, Mary Esther, was born to Mr and Mrs James Tate, Sunday morning, November 10, at the Mid-Columbia hospital. Mr and Mrs Worth Tate of The Dalles are the grand parents.

Mr and Mrs Grant Boice were Armistice day dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Dick Yocum.

Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams, Miss Bergliot Flaten, and Miss Phyllis Isachsen spent the week end in Portland. While there, they attended the U. of O. U.C.L.A. football game.

Mrs Alta Smith, Donna and Darlene Smith, and Clifford Trumbo went to Goldendale, Wn., Sunday. U.B. Trumbo accompanied home.

Mr and Mrs R. N. Guilford and Velda will leave for Portland Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week. While there, they will attend the National Grange convention which is being held this week and next.

Miss Phyllis Medler, who is attending OSC, came home to spend this week end.

The Home Economics club of Rufus Grange will meet at the home of Mrs Bob Byrd Thursday November 14.

Mr and Mrs Dan Mattovich and family of Kahlotus, Wn., were weekend visitors in Rufus. The Mattovichs formerly lived at Fleck Orchard and moved to Kahlotus last September.

Mr and Mrs Henry Fehrenbacher of Troutdale were weekend guests at the George Fox home.

The adult Sunday School class of the Rufus Nazarene church was held Friday night at the home of Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett. Those present were Mr and Mrs Ernie Engle, Mr and Mrs Wycliffe Rice, Mr and Mrs Vurl Blackburne, Mr and Mrs D. D. Williams, Mrs Joe Morris and Wally Joe, and Mr and Mrs Fay Brackett.

Mr and Mrs Clinton Deyo of Salem were visitors of Mr and Mrs Carl Thompson and Mrs Helen Deyo.

Mr and Mrs Les Bowers of St John, Washington visited with Mr and Mrs Wycliffe Rice and family over the weekend.

Edward Millard with some friends were here this weekend from Portland on a hunting trip

Moro Victorious Over Maupin By 18 Points

Maupin fell before the onslaught of the Moro footballers last Friday to a 24 to 6 score.

The Moro first team pushed over the first touchdown after a few minutes of play and the second string went into the game. Maupin crowded them back to the goal posts and the first team was substituted but too late to prevent a Maupin score.

Bayer and Foster made two touchdowns apiece but no conversions were successful, two kicks failed as did an attempted pass and a rushing try. Fritts, fullback, who has not been used much as a ball carrier of late, again was given the ball on several to make good yardage. Pinkerton caught a difficult pass for a 30 yard gain.

The second string boys played at least a quarter of the game and gained some valuable experience, some of them proving to be aggressive and willing.

Friday, November 15, the Heppner team will come to Moro to end the regular season. Heppner has a large and strong team that has won most of its games being defeated by Condon by two touchdowns. The local lads will probably have their hands full.

A post-season game for Thanksgiving is being considered and if Condon loses to Henley that team may be invited. The Dalles turned down the invitation.

NFLA Paying Stock Dividend To Owners

More than 300 farmers and ranchers in Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Wasco counties will share in a 6% dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. Victor Peterson, secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan association, with headquarters in The Dalles, announced yesterday.

This dividend, amounting to \$190,000, is payable to all stockholders of record Sept. 30, 1946, said Mr Peterson. "The Dalles NFLA and 76 similar associations in the northwest along with a few direct borrowers, own all the capital stock of the bank. Payment of the dividend, therefore, will enable our association to further strengthen its financial position and pass on to our member-borrowers that part of the dividend not needed to assure a long-time sound business operation and meet future contingencies."

A similar dividend was paid by the bank a year ago.

Farm Price Condition Good Despite Drop

Despite a slight loss in purchasing power of cash crops as a group, the general level of prices received by farmers in the United States registered a very sharp gain from mid-September to mid-October, an analysis of the data by OSC extension economists shows. The crop group advanced three percent in price while the parity index of farm costs rose 3 1/2 percent during the period.

Under decontrol conditions, the index of prices received by farmers for animal products rose 20 percent, carrying the overall farm price level up 12 percent above mid-September. Thus the overall index of the exchange value of farm products rose to 132 percent of parity. The highest previous "parity" level was 123 in July 1946.

Oregon's general farm price level rose 9 percent from mid-September to mid-October, following decontrol of prices for meat animals. The spread in costs is probably of greater significance to more farm families in Oregon, however. It is characteristic of postwar price trends that costs do not go down as fast or as far as prices for farm products.

Even before the 3 1/2 percent advance from mid-September to mid-October, the national index of prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest and taxes stood at 15 percent above a year previous. Thus the high cost of farming and of farm family living is becoming of considerable concern to many farm operators and associated industries, the extension service points out.



ALONZO STAGG RECEIVES PLAQUE . . . Tug Wilson, right, commissioner of the Big Nine, presents a plaque to Alonzo Stagg, one of the founding members of the Western conference. It was made prior to the game between Stagg's college of the Pacific and Northwestern university. Although defeated, Stagg's eleven made a good showing against the superior and larger college.

Early Surveys Show Old Roads, Have Brief Word About Country

From the land office in Washington D.C. copies of the original survey maps of two townships in Sherman county have been received. They give the latitude and longitude and little else having been made in 1871 and 1872.

That of Township 1 S, 16 EWM, the township just west of Moro, is described as follows: "the land in this township is all prairie. The eastern half is rolling soil first and second rate. The western half is in the Deschutes river canyon which is 2000 feet in depth and in many places has almost precipitous rock bluffs and is unfit for anything and not surveyed."

D. P. Thompson was in charge of the survey taking from September 14 to September 18th traveling 42 miles, 68 chains, and 34 links. W. H. Odell, surveyor general, of Eugene City approved the surveys and forwarded them to Washington.

The Dalles Military Wagon Road is shown as arising in Sec. 12, the Henn section and running southwest to go south through Peetz place, the Chas. Powell and Mary Schaeffer places, the Sayrs and Meloy land to leave the township near the south line of Sec. 35 about where the road from Erskine to the top of the hill is now located. It was about a quarter of a mile west of the old Erskine schoolhouse.

The survey of Township 3 South 16 EWM shows an area southwest of Grass Valley. The Dalles Military Wagon Road enters the township about a quarter mile west of the east side of Sec. 3, which is now owned by Fred Cox. It went through the Anna Schwartz and Dietrich Reckman places, across the west part of Sec. 15, rambled around the west line of Sec. 22, now owned by Roy J. Baker, and turned eastward again to cross Sec. 27, now Lemley's and Sec. 34, now Oscar Ruggles.

Travel on this road was not sufficiently heavy to make its course easily followed in these days of the plow. The Emigrant road, however, can still be found by those who plow late as it had more travel and was also used by early settlers as a freight road.

This old Emigrant road, marked on the original survey made by John B. David, surveyor between June 9th and 13th in 1871, came through the northwest corner of the Cox section, across the Lemley section 9 and just missed the present Michigan cemetery on Sec. 18. It crossed the Davis place and the Dr. Taylor place near the old Michigan school house. It left the township in Sec. 30 on the hill south of where Bud Brinkert now lives.

From there it went on south of the Buckley place, keeping to the hills and dropped into Buck-hollow down the Hollenbeck hill, just south of the canyon down which Shearer built his first grade.

This township Mr David remarked in his notes that it was of "first rate grazing quality". These early surveyors must

have traveled with a goodly crew to survey a township in four days considering the lack of camping sites and of roads, neither of which were available in 1871. They had no fences to bother, for one thing. This was before Dr. C. R. Rollins had settled at Grass Valley and the county was populated by few settlers.

The Eatons and Massikers lived north and west of Wasco, Leonard at the John Day crossing and Graham at the Deschutes river crossing. Henry Barnum had his homestead cabin in the flat at the location that became Moro and one Cornwall had already settled the place that became the Mackin ranch. With Finnigan and Shearer that about completed the county's residents.

For those who strive to learn were so practical. Brief state-ment that the surveyors of the history of early days is it ments of the kind of country, the miles traveled, the acres surveyed are all that decorate the edges of the maps.

Nothing of where the men camped, the supply of water, the game they shot, the troubles of transportation; not a word of the bunch grass of that June in 1871 except the note of "first rate grazing quality", nothing of the western mountains shedding their winter snow nor of the blue mountains coloring the eastern horizon. The rocks they planned may still be found, some buried, some in rock cribs; the impressions of the men who dug out the grass to plant them are gone or never written.

Parsonages On Tax Roll Here

Churches in Sherman county have received notice of taxes due on their parsonages this fall. This is because of a ruling by the state tax commission, according to Assessor Charles Ruggles, who says that although the new law carries the identical wording of the former law, the commission has ruled that church property not actually used for religious purposes shall be subject to a tax.

In Sherman county inclusion of church property not directly used for church work makes little difference in the total tax, but in some counties where more property is church owned and is used to produce income the need for the ruling is greater, says the assessor.

PP&I PAYS TAXES

Payment of \$4243.38 in Sherman county real and personal property taxes by Pacific Power & Light company was reported today by G. L. Corey, district manager. Total of taxes paid to 14 Oregon counties this week by Pacific was \$294,872.88, an increase of 29 percent over last year, he said. Most of the increase resulted from larger levies for school purposes, Corey reported.

New Wheats In Development Process Here

Around 800 baby wheats are on their way to development at the experiment station this winter. All are winter wheats and are planted in four foot head rows where the winds and snows can test them as will the heat and drought of summer.

All these are the results of seven crosses made last spring on the station to try and find a better wheat—a search that has been successfully going on since the first wheat experiment was tried.

Parents of these young wheats all have some characteristic that is desirable. Rio-Rex is resistant to all kinds of smut; Cheyenne is a steady producer, better than average among turkey type wheats; Blackhull always matures from five to ten days earlier than other wheats of its kind. Cheyenne also has the best root system of known turkey wheats. Athena is a cross between 40 Fold and Federation that is a high yielder.

After crossing was done in the field these heads were threshed and the seed kept until fall. All were heavily smutted.

Probably half of these will be found wanting the first year, some will not be able to resist smut, some will freeze out, some will have poor roots and others may fail for other reasons. If one goes on to eventually be crossed and recrossed until it has smut resistance, high yield, early maturing, high test, Merrill Oveson will be very happy. In any case he will go on next year trying to produce a better wheat.

The crosses of Rio-Rex on Cheyenne, Rio on Cheyenne, Blackhull-Oro on Rio, Hope-Cheyenne on Blackhull-Oro, Rio on Cheyenne-Tennmark (one of the high yielding wheat of the mid-west). All these are turkey type wheats. For the beardless wheat growers there is Rio-Rex on Athena and Rex on Federation. The Blackhull-Oro cross is of the best quality, weighing well and having a high test.

There were 24 head samples of the Rio-Rex dwarf wheats also sown to see what may come from them, and perhaps to develop a dwarf tendency in a type of wheat that may be used in crosses later.

CLUB WOMEN MEET IN CONVENTION

Women of the federated clubs of the fourth district in Oregon held their annual convention in Moro Tuesday. Represented were two clubs in Wasco, the Arlington club and the Moro club.

Mrs Gladys Zell of Wasco, district president, presided. Main address of the meeting was made by Mrs Ruth Chandler of Hillsboro, state president, who has recently returned from New York where she attended some of the United Nations meetings.

A memorial program was given in honor of Mrs Guy Andrews and Mrs Betty Thompson who had died during the year. In charge of this program were Mrs Louis Scholl of Wasco and Mrs H. E. Weatherford of Arlington.

About 70 women attended the meeting which was arranged locally by Mrs Lewis McKee, club president, and her committee.

Elected to offices were Mrs A. B. Clough of Arlington, vice president, Mrs Arch Gosson of Wasco, treasurer; Mrs Sadie Rich of Wasco, secretary; Mrs Howard Conlee of Moro director for two years.

A noon luncheon was served by Lloyd Johnson. The tables were decorated with the harvest motif.

CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM STUDIED

The suggestions of Oregon growers for improving the federal crop insurance program will be considered at a meeting of FCIC officials and western states' policy holders at Salt Lake City November 14-15, according to Muri E. Cummings, state director for the federal crop insurance corporation.

Insured Oregon growers will be represented at the meeting by Werner Reitmeyer of Ione, Morrow, county wheat grower, and John Shepard of Seilo, member of the state PMA committee. Coverage of spot losses and a premium rate plan based on individual farm risks are among the proposals to be presented by the Oregon man.