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**POLITICAL APPOINTMENT**

It appears that the question as to the authority to appoint a secretary of state to succeed Mr. Hatfield will not be decided until time to inaugurate the new governor which is evidence of poor political management or poor laws. Not that it is of major importance for we can get along without officers for a surprising long time.

Judging by the vote last November we think it would please more Oregonians if Mr. Hatfield was allowed to name his successor. The action of Gov. Holmes in attempting to name a man to fill Mr. Hatfield's old job was certainly a purely political move and not done to uphold any right or advance any program in the public good.

Who the new governor would appoint is not known to us but he would certainly be someone who would be willing to work with the governor without political wrangling. Dave O'Hara, who would be appointed by Gov. Holmes, has long served on the Salem city council where he made a record of extreme independence. He is an able man but as secretary of state would be representative of a repudiated administration.

The opinion of the attorney general is not binding and it is doubtful if the supreme court will act in time for orderly transference of gubernatorial duties. It looks as if the affairs of the state are—or have been—in the hands of emotionally immature persons without responsibility needed to govern a million and three quarters persons.

**CENTENNIAL**

The centennial commission is asking for something over two million dollars to finance the exposition and celebration of the state's first hundred years as a political unit. In the request are the budgets of the various committees. We find it rather amusing.

Much of the money is to go for improvement of the Pacific International cow barn where the exposition is to be held because Portland was so slow with its ER center. Certainly the legislature will see that some of these funds are spent in a reimbursable manner.

A little under a quarter of the total is for the cultural groups including \$189,000 for music, \$19,000 for photography, \$24,000 for drama, \$16,000 for literature, \$31,000 for painting and sculpture, \$75,000 for religion, \$24,000 for elementary education, \$30,000 for higher education and \$6,750 for history.

A centennial is an observance of 100 years of something. In this case it is the state of Oregon. It is all history. To appropriate so small an amount to history is to completely misunderstand the whole thing.

If some want to dance and some want to sing and some want to exhibit their wares it will be alright with us although it will have to be related to the state's history to be appropriate to the occasion. This should be a year for Oregonians to learn about the history and geography of the state and for communities and counties to make that learning as easy as possible.

Out of the total appropriation of three million dollars (including the \$800,000 from last session and county appropriations) there is no more than \$6,750 for history the whole business is sadly out of balance and the centennial commission has missed the point entirely.

**CHINOOK**

It has been years since we have written about the chinook and it is because it has been years since we have had a real chinook. Oh, sure, we know the wind blows from the southwest every now and then and it is a chinook after a fashion. But what we call a chinook is that steady wind that came whooping over the hills in early spring to pull the frost right out of the ground in one blustery night; that drove the cat-

away from the feed pen and onto the hills in search of grass which seemed to be promised by the wind; that sent the chickens scratching in the straw pile in a sudden interest in procreation. That is a chinook.

Then just a day or two ago, we turned a corner and there it was, mild and hesitant, and certainly not its old confident and buoyant self, but a chinook beyond doubt. We knew that the cold spell would need more recruiting from Canada or Alaska to maintain its hold on the country.

These winds of yesteryear were not liked by the men who farmed the county then. They dried out the soil and made standing on a plow through a long spring day a feat of endurance. They often brought rain and it seemed that almost as often it drove the clouds on over toward the far off Rocky mountains.

It was in the winter they were cherished for frost could not stand a chinook, nor snow which crumpled and faded into the soil at the approach of these winds from the southwest. There is a feel to a chinook, almost a smell, that an old timer can detect.

**AUTO INSURANCE**

The cost of insuring the family automobile is going up over most of Oregon and it will bring the usual protests. Some of them are justified.

The theory of insurance is that the losses of all will be lumped together so that none will have to pay the cost of a loss. When it comes a man's turn to have an accident he has it already paid for and no one is hurt very badly at one time.

But auto insurance has many facets not found in other kinds of insurance. A few persons cause most of the accidents. The careful driver is certainly the sort of man who would want insurance—and who has it. The careless driver has been forced to take out insurance by auto dealers, public demand and fear.

The assigned risk pools in theory take care of the careless driver by making him pay extra for his poor driving.

The insurance companies handle their finances pretty well, if we observe correctly. They make some money, but no excessive amount and in some cases lose money on auto insurance if there are many wrecks. Costs of repairing broken cars and the generosity of juries may make insurance companies a poor investment.

The problem isn't the companies of which there are enough to insure competition and reasonable rates.

The problem is the driver who takes chances. State laws that restrict the right of careless drivers to drive cars help. Still the rates go up and probably this latest boost will result in agitation for state insurance, a matter that has not worked well anyway.

**CITY PROBLEMS**

The recent threat of former Oregonian, Norris Poulson, mayor of Los Angeles to sell his mayoral Cadillac because of its presumable contribution to that city's repressing smog and the angry reply of the mayor of Detroit where the gas buggy was put together are an example of the problems of cities that are amusing to us country folks who live where the air is pure.

Cities engender their own problems. Milling sheep do the same thing or stampeding cattle. Mankind is more easily excited in groups, more unstable. A sheep herder living alone may go crazy and still be more tractable than a rabid bull in a crowd.

As cities grow they decrease in importance in comparison to the country. When cities grow it means that fewer people are engaged in raising the food for them to eat and therefore the position of the city dweller is more precarious. Now the production of food is a very important matter. In fact, it would be hard to find anything more important. Production of fiber for clothing is also important. And building material like lumber.

All of these are food and shelter which are the primary needs of man.

So when city mayors quarrel about smog and such matters we are amused. Cities and their millions are not very important. The important things are done in the country and every removal of people to the cities makes those who remain of greater stature and value.

**NORTH SHERMAN LIVESTOCK CLUB NEWS**

The second meeting of the North Sherman Livestock club was held at the basement of the Wasco Methodist church December 21, at 1:30 p.m. All members were to bring their record books to the next meeting.  
Mike Lane, reporter

**First National  
Tops Old Figures**

A new all-time record high deposit total was recorded by First National bank of Oregon, when the statewide bank reported its December 31, 1938 statement of condition figures to the controller of the currency.

Year-end deposits of \$849,167,094 were reported, eclipsing the old mark of \$821,125,576 set on December 31, 1935 at the previous peak of Oregon's post-war boom.

The Sherman county branch of First National reported year-end deposits of \$3,069,415 and loans totaling \$630,218, according to R. E. Ferrell, branch manager.

At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch for the December 31, 1937 call for bank statements. On that date, deposits were \$2,772,682 and loans were \$403,096.

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**FOR SALE:** 2600 A pasture, all under fence, fine summer pasture, two creeks, some timber. Call Elmer Helyer personally at Black's Realty, The Dalles or after 6 p. m. Call CY 6-9629. 9-10c

**RANGE BULL SALE:** 60 head - 35 horned Herefords, 15 polled Herefords, 10 Shorthorns. All service age coming 2 yr. olds. Sat., Jan. 17, 12:30 p. m., Redmond Livestock Auction Yards, Redmond, Oregon. These are big growthy bulls, all raised by established breeders of Washington and Oregon. Hall Cattle Co., Owner Rt. 2 Box 238 Tappanish, Wash., Ph. Townsend 5-2041, St. Williams, Auctioneer. 10-9c

Custom Slaughtering by appointment only. Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market, Grass Valley, Oregon. Call ED 3-2345 for appointment.

**STATE WIDE PAINT CO.** complete painting and decorating service, spray or brush. Phone CY 6-3977 or CY 6-5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campbell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Or. 38th

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**Ladies Night Meeting**  
Mid-Columbia Shrine Club  
**SATURDAY, JAN. 10**

**Social Hour at 6-30** followed by Dinner. Installation of Officers and Dancing at Recreation Room, Inland Navigation Co., The Dalles

**HIGHLANDVIEW GRANGE**  
Meets First and Third Mondays each month at 8:00 p. m.

**Helen Bruckert, Master**  
**Lois Bruckert, Secretary**  
Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore.  
Annabelle Kelso, W. M.  
Dorothy Heater, Secretary

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116**  
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.  
Ann Miller, N. G.  
Helen Martin, Secretary

**Moro LODGE No. 113 I.O.O.F.**  
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited.  
Floyd Haines, N. G.  
Leo Watkins, Secretary

**Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M.**  
Wasco, Oregon  
Meets each First and Third Tuesdays.  
Doug Shull, W. M.  
Carl Tuggles, Sec.

**Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F.&A.M.**  
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.  
Joe Heater, W. M.  
Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

**Sargent Golden Wedding Observed Agriculture Brings In \$200 Million**

On a bright, chilly day, Jan. 3, 1909, Miss Inez Van Gilder and George Arthur Sargent, boarded the train at Wasco, and traveled Biggs where they changed trains for The Dalles. On arrival they were met by Miss Anabelle Falmer and her sister, Ida. This little group gathered at the United Brethren church in The Dalles with The Rev. Herbert White attending to observe the marriage ceremony of Inez and Arthur. The couple returned to Wasco to make their home for the past fifty years.

Saturday, January 3, 1959 with fifty years gone by, on another cold day with some snow on the ground and an occasional brightness as the sun tried to brighten the day, Inez and Arthur were at the Methodist church in Wasco to extend a warm welcome to their many friends who braved the weather, to join them with greeting of congratulations on their golden anniversary.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Neville, son in law and daughter of the couple and their family were hosts for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle assisted.

The serving table was covered with a lovely cloth of white and gold net over white satin and appointed completely in a beautiful service of brass to carry out the gold theme. The centerpiece was of yellow rose buds, acacia, gold wheat, barley and greenery. Napkins were designed with sprays of gold barley on white and the first names of the golden weds were in the corner with the inscription 50 years.

The double heart cake was also inscribed with the names of the honored couple and was decorated with yellow roses and sprays of gold barley. The cake was cut and served by Mrs. Harry Van Gilder, a sister in law, Mrs. Hildred Zell and Mrs. W. A. Mills, cousins of Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Gordon N. Harper.

Presiding at the coffee and tea service was Mrs. Rena Sheppard, another cousin and Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder and Mrs. Darwin Van Gilder, sisters in law and Mrs. David Reid.

Serving at the punch bowl were Mrs. Arthur Olson, a cousin and

Mrs. Paul Patrick and Mrs. Larry Eddings.

All assisting wore gold rose corsages made by Mrs. Carl Tuggle.

Attending the guest book were the two grand daughters of the Sargents, Annette and Jane Neville. Assisting with cards and gifts were three great nieces, Linda, Susan and Debbie Van Gilder, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Van Gilder. The junior attendants wore yellow daisy wristlets.

Paul and Arthur Neville, grandsons, were in charge of coats and hats and assisted about the rooms. Music for the afternoon was two solos by Mrs. Tom Moore who sang "Always" and "My Best To You". Mrs. Larry Eddings was accompanist. A mixed quartet of Rev. and Mrs. Larry Eddings and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley graciously dedicated their number "Happy the Home When God is There" to the Sargents for this occasion. Miss Betty Haven was accompanist for this group.

Mrs. Neville, daughter of the Sargents played several piano numbers during the afternoon.

Hostess assistants were Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Lloyd Royse and Mrs. Jenni Hearing.

A shower of cards and telegrams were received by the celebrating couple and very much enjoyed by all as they were displayed during the afternoon. Telegrams as far away as Anchorage, Alaska arrived to bring messages of congratulations.

Guests present from out of the county were Mr. and Mrs. Art Olson of Kelso, Wn., Mrs. Rena Sheppard, Franklinville, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. David Reid, Mrs. Bessie Pound, Mrs. Minnie Macabee, Mrs. Ella Mae Hislop, Mrs. Casha Yates, Mrs. Etha Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kunsman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alley, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Walker, all from The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Parrott from Hood River, Mrs. Jean Mansfield and daughters, Christie and Carola of Palouse, Wn., Miss Patricia Evans of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schadowitz, Portland and Mrs. W. A. Mills of Warren, Oregon.

Agriculture, Oregon's second greatest natural resource, brings about \$200 million into the state each year from out-of-state markets, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Out of some \$400 million collected by farmers each year from the sales of their products, it is estimated that nearly half comes from sales outside the state's borders. This places agriculture second only to forestry as a natural resource, Mrs. Horrell said.

Total economic activity generated by Oregon farms has been measured at better than a half billion dollars, Mrs. Horrell found as she studied USDA and other agricultural reports. And this is considering only cash receipts to farmers from the sale of their products, plus the value of these products in the first step of marketing beyond the farm gate.

If Oregon's farm products were traced further—past the wholesaler, jobber, and retailer, up to the point of the actual user—considerably more value would be added, Mrs. Horrell figured. For instance, the national grocery bill last year for all foods produced on U. S. farms totaled \$50.4 billion; when these same foods left the farm, they were valued at \$19.5 billion.

Oregon farm people are also good buyers of equipment, fertilizer and other retail goods, Mrs. Horrell said. Based on figures from the 1954 census, the state's farmers spend about one out of every five dollars that cross retail counters in the state.

Numberwise, however, farm people are getting fewer and fewer. Only about 12 per cent of the nation's population now lives on farms, compared to 23 per cent just before World War II.

While farms are getting fewer and larger, they're also getting more efficient, Mrs. Horrell said. Before the war, one farm worker produced enough food and fiber for 11 people. Now, with increased mechanization and use of other

modern farming methods, one farm worker produces enough for 24 people.

Establishment of a zoning ordinance and a uniform building code for the Rufus area were recommended to the Sherman County Court this week. The Sherman County Planning commission made the recommendation in view of the impending influx of trailer houses and possible cheap housing construction anticipated by relocation of highway and railroad and construction of the John Day dam.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Oregon State Highway Commission and the U. S. Corps of Engineers are planning to reconstruct the Columbia River Highway (US 30) between Rufus and Arlington. The proposed plans call for a four-lane highway to be constructed to interstate highway standards and located generally on the southerly side of the existing highway.

This notice is given in compliance with federal laws pertaining to this type of project whereby it is required that public notice be given to enable interested parties to request a public hearing on the subject project. If any interested person desires such a hearing, a request for same should be directed to the Sherman County Court on or before January 13, 1959.

**OREGON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION**  
By Floyd Query, Secretary 9-10c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District will be held Tuesday, January 20, 1959, at 1:30 p. m., on the Union Pacific Car, Moro Depot. Annual report of the district will be presented and an election for expired term of one supervisor will be held during the business meeting. An educational program on Soil Conservation will also be presented.

John Shipley, Chairman  
T. W. Thompson, Secretary 10-11c

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