



Washington, D. C., June 1—An undisclosed fact is that President Roosevelt has not opposed the suggestion that his name be placed on the presidential primary ballot in Oregon. Friends of the president are now working, without publicity, to deliver the 10 delegates of that state to Mr. Roosevelt or anyone he may indicate. Back of this is a bit of psychology. Oregon is one of the early primary states and should he carry the democratic primaries it will have large advertising value.

Two other names will probably be filed to contest with Mr. Roosevelt; Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, a long-time progressive, and Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri. Buddies of Clark who served overseas with him are reportedly performing missionary work or him in both Oregon and Washington.

James A. Farley, immensely popular with organization democrats in the northwest (as elsewhere), will not permit his name to be used if he is convinced in time that Mr. Roosevelt's hat is in the ring. To Farley the third-term idea is distasteful, but if Mr. Roosevelt wants a third term—a suspicion growing stronger with each day—Farley will give his chief the same support he did in 1932 and 1936, for above all else Farley is loyal to the core.

Among the reasons why Mr. Roosevelt is expected to seek a third term is the general assumption that much of the new deal policies will be discarded if anyone else is installed in the White House. There is no new dealer in sight sufficiently strong and blessed with Roosevelt's personality who could hold the gains made by the present chief executive. It is argued, therefore, that to prevent the new deal policies from being wrecked, Mr. Roosevelt will head the 1940 ticket by permitting himself to be conscripted.

Power end of Bonneville Dam is on the verge of a thorough shake-up for Secretary of the Interior Ickes is far from satisfied with the way that government-owned project is being operated. The pruning knife will be applied to the personnel, Ickes being satisfied that there are more people on the payroll than necessary. Too much overhead for the amount of business; too much out-go and not enough income because of the delay in selling power. The secretary is now instituting an inquiry as to why only 200 kw have been sold.

Although appointment of a permanent administrator is expected in two or three months at the latest, the ideal man for the position has not been found. He must be a man "power minded" and with a nationally known name.

Undercover agents are now working in certain navy yards and military reservations to locate the Communist missionaries who have created a disciplinary problem in these places. In the yards they are also watching for evidences of sabotage, for the navy high command knows that several costly "accidents" to the machinery of vessels did not just happen. These are matters told in strict confidence to members of a congressional committee—but, like most confidential testimony, leaks out. If the suspicions of the officers are verified and the culprits found a sensational chapter will be written.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace says that sugar beet acreage in Oregon could be increased 14,000 acres and in Washington 10,000 acres. On the Owyhee project

(there is a factory at Nyssa), the allotment for 1939 is 16,322 acres. The irrigable area of the project will be 100,000 acres and with the adjoining Vale project, brings the total to 130,000 acres, "which could well support two additional factories with an initial development of 7,000 acres each, or 14,000 acres." On Yakima project, there is a factory at Toppenish with an allotment of 14,310 acres for 1939. "Success of the Yakima project," says Wallace, "warrants further expansion of the area which could well support a second factory with an initial allotment of 10,000 acres."

Such a close guard will be placed around the White House when the King and Queen visit that even the secretaries of President Roosevelt must display cards of identification. This goes for the cooks. Only ones exempt are members of the Roosevelt family. . . . Survey of 2416 families who received rehabilitation relief in Oregon increased their net worth by the end of the crop year, 1938, an average of \$508.88, compared with a national average of \$265 and average for all western states of \$187.07. Last year alone their average net worth increased \$334.19 per family. Statistics for Washington have not been released.

U. O. Commencement To be Held June 4

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 23—Seniors and graduate students of the University of Oregon, who in record numbers will receive degrees this year, will observe baccalaureate and commencement exercises as a "double bill" this year, for both will be held Sunday, June 4, it was announced by Dr. James H. Gilbert, dean of the college of social sciences and chairman for the dual event.

The baccalaureate service, for which the university has obtained Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, Los Angeles, noted educator and minister, will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The commencement exercises, at which time approximately 700 degrees will be conferred, will be in the evening at eight o'clock. Both events will be in McArthur court.

Taking as his topic, "The Debt We Owe," the university's own president, Dr. Donald M. Erb, will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Erb, who is regarded as a foremost economist as well as administrator, is now completing his first year as president of the institution.

All alumni events will be held on Saturday, June 3. These will include the annual breakfast meeting of the state association of University of Oregon women, the semi-annual meeting of the alumni association at 10:30 a. m., the university luncheon, president reception at 3:30, class reunion dinners at 5:30, and the flower and fern procession at 7:30. The annual Failing-Beekman oratorical contest, for which seniors compete for prizes of \$150 and \$100 will be held on alumni day this year, Saturday at 8 p. m.

Classes that will hold reunions include that of 1889, the 50 year class; 1899 the 40 year class, and 1914, the 25 year class. Members will meet both at luncheon and at their own private dinners in the evening.

"Reflect on defects, they cause accidents," warns Earl Snell, secretary of state. Figures compiled by the safety division of Mr. Snell's office revealed seven deaths were caused by traffic accidents in which cars involved reported mechanical defects during the first three months of 1939. Cars should be subjected to regular inspections because a car with a serious mechanical defect cannot be operated safely, Snell declared.

"Have you learned to walk yet?" asks Secretary of State Earl Snell. In the year 1938, 47 per cent of pedestrians involved in accidents were at fault indicating that many persons have not yet learned to walk in traffic with safety, the official said. Pedestrians were urged to observe all traffic rules, signs and common sense as they start across streets and highways or walk along a road that is heavily traveled.

Report on Fence Post Treatment Issued by OSC

Chemical salt preservatives for fence posts are among the most practical treatments found for extending the life of fences, according to a progress report on a "post farm" maintained by the school of forestry at Oregon State college.

The report by T. J. Starker has just been published as No. 9 in the bulletin series of the engineering experiment station. It is entitled "Preservation Treatments of Fence Posts."

Information in the bulletin is obtained from a "post farm" established here in 1927 in connection with the Peavy arboretum. On a plot of ground uniform in character 47 series of posts were established on which data have been kept ever since.

Several series of untreated posts have been removed 100 per cent. Cottonwood, alder, madrone, big-leaf maple and Douglas fir, untreated, failed in that order. Charred Douglas fir had an average life of 70 months, compared with 84 for the untreated Douglas fir, indicating the futility of charring as a preservative treatment.

None of the salt-treated posts has failed since these were set in 1928, and other records are available where up to 15 years' life has been obtained with 4-inch Douglas fir posts so treated. The method consists of making a mixture of dry corrosive sublimate and common salt. A tablespoonful of this mixture is placed in a 3-4-inch hole bored about 6 inches above the ground line, slanting downward. The hole is then closed with cork or wooden plug.

It is essential that the post be treated green so moisture will dissolve the salts and carry them thru the fibers of the wood. This makes possible cutting the posts along a fence line in many cases, thus saving transportation costs. No particular skill or experience is required in making the application.

The bulletin also describes the open-tank process of treating posts with oil. This is considered the most thorough method of treatment that is practicable on the farm.

Oregon Pioneers With New Crime Laboratory

Oregon State College—Oregon's new crime detection laboratory authorized by the recent legislature will make this state the first in the Union where state, county or city peace officers may obtain scientific aid without special charges, said Dr. Frank Menne, head of the pathology department at the Oregon Medical school, in an address to the faculty Triad club here.

Dr. Menne, who has built up a famous crime detection laboratory as a sideline to his regular work, will on July 1 turn over the direction of the expanded facilities to Dr. Joseph Beeman, who participated in the program here. Scientific apparatus which permits almost unbelievable identification of materials in crime detection work was explained. Dr. Menne believes the next major step in coping with crime in Oregon will be to replace the present antiquated coroner system with a modern organization headed by a state medical examiner.

Molohan Lauds West Wildlife Conservation

Each of the 50 grazing districts formed under the provisions of the Taylor Grazing act will hereafter have a wildlife representative on the district advisory board, in accordance with a plan tried out first in New Mexico, according to A. D. Molohan, chief of range improvement in the United States department of the interior. In an address over radio station KOAC Mr. Molohan reviewed the cooperative work in wildlife conservation being carried out under the Taylor act.

"Cowboys and sheep herders in all of their cooperative arrangements have stressed a proper balance between wildlife and domestic livestock," Molohan pointed out. "The

fact that there is any wildlife left in the west at all is due in a large part to protection given by the western livestock men. To them it is not a new idea that came into being with the establishment of game ranges, grazing districts or national forests.

"Heretofore they have been wrongly accused of being natural enemies of wildlife because they needed the range for cattle and sheep. They need it still but they have demonstrated through active participation in the administration of grazing districts that they are willing and glad to give preference in respect to a certain amount of forage for the maintenance of a proper balance between wildlife and domestic livestock in grazing districts.

"The aim of the division of grazing is a sane, practicable, yet scientific wildlife conservation program on the lands placed under its supervision," said Molohan.

Art Parker arrived in the county Saturday after spending the winter at Gold Hill, and spent Memorial day at Lexington and Heppner. He has recovered quite well from injuries received in an automobile accident several weeks ago.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, executor of the Last Will and Testament of J. H. Parker, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same with proper vouchers duly verified, to said executor at his office in Heppner, Oregon, within 6 months from the date of first publication of this notice.

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