

EDITORIAL

Still Part of County

Over at Boardman the North Morrow County Fair will open its doors to the public tomorrow (Friday) morning and will continue until the last strains of "Home Sweet Home," mark the closing of the big dance which is a feature of the annual exposition.

People who have attended the North Morrow fair in years past can attest to the high quality and abundance of products placed on exhibition there. The exhibits are mostly products of the two irrigated districts, Boardman and Irrigon, some at least, as good as produced anywhere. There may, and certainly should be, exhibits from other sections of the county, for it was demonstrated at the fair held in Heppner two weeks ago that good show stuff is produced over this way. The 4-H Beef club's stock, as well as adult entries here, if shown at Boardman would be a great boost to the North Morrow fair.

We should remember that the success of the fair at Boardman will reflect credit upon the county, for while the two irrigated projects seem more or less remote, it is only because of an unfortunate geographical condition which necessitates traveling additional miles to get from the southern part of the county to the northern part, and vice versa.

The river folk have set about to provide good entertainment for the two-day fair and their efforts should be rewarded with a good attendance from this end of the county.

Where the Money Will Go

Paragraph 2 of Section 28 of Enrolled House Bill No. 466 (the sales tax) sets out the manner in which receipts from the proposed law shall be apportioned. To aid in clarifying the intent of the law the paragraph is quoted herewith:

"After payment of the administrative expenses, all moneys remaining in the sales tax account in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), unless otherwise appropriated by law, hereby are appropriated annually to the extent of, but not in excess of, twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) and shall be distributed on or before the last day of September, December, March and June of each

year, as follows: (1) one-sixth thereof to an account in the general fund for credit to the several counties of the state; (2) one-sixth thereof to an account in the general fund for credit to the incorporated cities of the state; (3) one-sixth thereof to an account in the general fund to be credited to the several school districts of the state; (4) one-sixth thereof to an account in the general fund to be known as the "state public assistance reserve account," which funds in said account are to be transferred as hereinafter provided; (5) two-sixths thereof shall be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of the state of Oregon, available for general governmental purposes.

"All moneys remaining in the sales tax account available for distribution in excess of the said twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000), in any one calendar year, shall be credited to an account in the general fund to be known as the "state property tax reserve account" until the balance in such state property tax reserve account equals twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000). Thereafter, and so long as the balance of the moneys in said state property tax reserve account shall equal twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000), all moneys which otherwise would be credited to such account hereby are appropriated to the counties, incorporated cities, school districts, state public assistance reserve account and the general fund of the state in the same proportion as hereinbefore provided."

The evident intent of the bill is to relieve property from further tax burden and to build up a reserve against the time when property owners may find it difficult to pay their taxes.

With the Pacific Power & Light company making an improvement in the lighting system on Main street there is an opportunity for business houses to help brighten up the thoroughfare, for special occasions if not for regular use. Installing of lamp posts at regular intervals along the street, interspersed with the lights being put in by the power company, would just about remove all shadows at night. The project could even be extended beyond Main street and include some of the side streets. The more we do to brighten up our town, the more we will enjoy living here.

Small Business Committee Meets in Seattle



House Small Business Committee holds a hearing in Washington before moving to Seattle. Rep. Ploeser is talking with Rep. Fatman.

Small businessmen and farmers over the entire Northwest are vitally interested in the hearings of the House Small Business Committee at Seattle on Sept. 8 to 11.

This investigation is part of a nationwide study of mining problems, surplus property disposal and cooperative corporations, as they affect small business.

First hearing on co-op corporations was held at Washington, D.C., on Aug. 22. At that time, the chairman, Congressman Walter C. Ploeser, of Missouri, made very clear the purpose of the committee's inquiry.

"I am of the opinion," he said, "that in a competitive capitalistic system, farm marketing cooperatives have served an essential niche. These hearings were not conceived to harass anyone. They are being held to determine whether or not the government has granted to any type of enterprise benefits not enjoyed by other businesses."

Mr. Ploeser, who is serving his fourth term in Congress, has long

been looked upon as the champion of the small businessman and farmer.

As chairman of the sub-committee on Government Corporations Appropriations, he has put up a constant battle for economy in Government. As chairman of the House Small Business Committee his chief targets are monopoly and tax-dodging corporations.

Principal issues before the committee are whether Federal income tax exemption of cooperative corporations discriminates against small business, and what damage will be done to farmers as well as small businessmen by the income-tax avoidance of city consumer co-ops.

Other members of the committee at the Seattle hearings are Congressman R. Walter Riehlman, of New York, and Congressman Wright Patman of Texas. The committee goes from Seattle to San Francisco and Los Angeles, then to various mid-western points.

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★ Capital Parade ★

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PLASTIC POLITICAL PLANKS

Party platform architects will have no shortage of material during the coming campaign. And nothing secondhand. All new—some imported, too. It is unlikely that a single plank from the 1944 platforms of either party will be used. Amalgamated new plastic planks are expected to be the result of the conformation of varied and controversial issues. Just yet some issues are to hot to be handled by the lily white hands of politicians.

National political gab so far has been all names—Dewey, Taft, Stassen, Warren, McArthur, Eisenhower and of course others.

T. H. Lowe of Cecil and John Ewing of Portland were registered at the Palace hotel Saturday.

Clarence, little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burnside of Hardman, was brought to Heppner Saturday after badly injuring his hand by an exploding giant firecracker. He was taken on to Portland for treatment.

Frank Munkers was a business visitor Monday from his home west of Lexington. Threshing is under way at his place and so far the average is 28 bushels an acre.

At a quiet ceremony Saturday Miss Oma Brown became the bride of Eddie Messenger of Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bennett are the parents of a son who was born Sunday.

Louis L. Wacker and Miss Mabel A. Dedmon of Weed, Cal., were married here Monday. Mrs. Wacker is a niece of Sam Hughes, local merchant.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Wilson Monday morning at their home at Cecil.

George N. Peck, young farmer of the Lexington country, has purchased a new Dodge car.

Clarence Hesselstine of Ione spent a few days in Heppner this week and last.

Come next May Oregon voters will nominate candidates for a state treasurer, an attorney general, a United States senator and four congressmen.

And what have you heard in the way of political discussion about these offices? Nothing! All local political talk dehydrates down to: "Who is going to run against Wayne Morse in 1950?"

All present office holders—all except State Treasurer Leslie Scott—will run for reelection. Their friends are befuddled by the Wayne Morse routine. Even from this distance and through two years of economic fog we can see the 1950 senatorial campaign looks like a three ring circus.

CONSTITUTION YEARS

The constitution of Oregon is being given renewed consideration. There is a definite trend for return to government under the constitution that promises to become popular. Governor Earl Snell has issued a prescriber calling attention to "Constitution Day," September 17, as designated by the congress.

The constitution has had some severe stretching during the past 20 years and Oregon legislators have been among the principal offenders.

Whether a member of the legislature could hold office in another branch of the state government has been an unsettled question for two decades in Oregon.

The third article of the state constitution reads in part as follows:

"The powers of government shall be divided into three separate departments—the legislative, the executive, including the administrative, and the judicial; and no person charged with official duties under one of these departments shall exercise any of the functions of another."

This week the state supreme court handed down a unanimous decision written by Chief Justice George Rossman, holding that members of the legislature cannot hold state administrative positions, and that the acceptance of a position by a legislator in another branch of the government does not automatically vacate his legislative seat. In order to become eligible for such a second position, he must resign (in writing) from the legislature. The suit on which the decision was made was the state of Oregon vs. Rep. Earl Hill who, while sitting as a member of the legislature, was appointed by Governor Earl Snell to and ac-

BOARDMAN

Among the local residents attending the Pendleton Round-Up Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Earl Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Black, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robertson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie and Mrs. Ed Kunze.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston and two children of San Francisco were guests at the home of Mrs. Blanche Jones this week and many other friends. Mrs. Johnston will be remembered as Geraldine Funkhouser.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woolley of Ponca City, Okla., arrived this week at the home of Mrs. Woolley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eades and plan to make this their home. They are also visiting Mrs. Woolley's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Eades.

Mr. and Mrs. George Truelson and daughter of Trail, B. C., were guests this week at the home of Mr. Truelson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Poole. They returned home Saturday. Mrs. Poole going with them to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie, Mrs. Claud Coats, and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Messenger all motored to Lexington Friday evening to attend the wedding of Truman Messenger Jr. and Miss Winifred Zinter, which took place in the Christian church at 8 p.m. Mr. Messenger is a nephew of Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Coats and a grandson of the Messengers.

Week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harwood was Mr. Harwood's uncle Chas. Jenkins of McMinnville. Mr. Jenkins was a dinner guest Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats, the two men being old time friends.

Mrs. Crystal Barlow and daughter Chloe of Pendleton and Albert Ball who is working in Kennewick, Wash., were dinner guests at the Ronald Black home Sunday, helping Mr. Black enjoy his birthday dinner.

The North Morrow County fair will be this week end, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20. This will be the first fair held since the war, and is expected to be one of the best ever held here. The local men are busy this week getting the pens and buildings in shape for the big event. Everyone come and bring exhibits. The Ladies Aid and H.E.C. will serve dinner both days in the school cafe. Come prepared to enjoy a good meal.

Accepted a position on the state game commission.

LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT

A low point for Oregon unemployment payments was established the past month with only 6000 covered workers and 4000 unemployed veterans drawing compensation. Payments to veterans totaled \$375,119, and to covered workers \$464,866. Total payments for the first eight months of 1947 were down 60 per cent in 1946. This year's 8-month total was \$5,525,000.

Payrolls of firms subject to the state industrial accident commission totaled \$46,908,108 during August, a drop of \$400,000 from July, but a gain of \$6,600,000 over August, 1946.

NEW LEGAL OPINIONS

The Oregon Community Property law does not prohibit parties from entering into express agreements of contracts creating estates or interests other than that of community property.

A certificate of title to an automobile may be issued to husband and wife as community holders, but upon death of one of the parties the surviving spouse does not acquire sole ownership, but rather an undivided one-half interest therein, subject to a probate share of community debts.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times Sept. 20, 1917.

Miss Willetta Potter and Fred Griffin were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats on Gale street.

Miss Daisy Shoemaker and Arthur A. Findley, well known young people of the Sand Hollow country, were married in this city last Tuesday.

Announcement is made this week that Hugh E. Bran who for the past year has been assistant cashier at the First National Bank of Heppner, will go to Bend where he takes the position of vice president of the First National bank of that city.

Menzo A. Olden died at his home near Hillsboro August 31. He formerly lived in the Ione country and was one of Morrow county's early pioneers.



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- Whipping Cream, pint. . . 65c

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New Skating Schedule

Until further notice, the skating rink at the Fair Pavilion will be open on

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and Sunday evenings from
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