

EDITORIAL



Something Of A Compliment

"Non-political" visitations by big-wigs from Washington, beginning with the President in May, which was prior to the primaries, exposes the anxiety of the Socialist-Democrats over the outcome of the fall election.

Through the assumed prior right of the ins to send department heads into the several states, or one particular state that is slipping from the grasp of the administration, to "inspect" dams or study conditions as pertaining to their respective bureaus, there is brought to public attention the working of ward politics expanded to a national status. The payoff is that these trips are made at government expense for purely political purposes. There is very little information they cannot obtain through the people on the job throughout the country, but it is a matter of encouragement to the national committeeman to have one of the big shots come to his state and help with the local campaign strategy.

We don't have to go beyond the confines of our own state to find a more striking example of "tru-deal" politics. First, the President comes out to dedicate the Grand Coulee dam for the fourth or fifth time. Of course he just happened to get out here prior to the primary election. Having come to the Northwest once this year it is not likely that he will be able to find time to come again before the fall election, although political expediency may take care of that, too, but his chief brain trusters, namely the cabinet members, can always be relied upon to arrange for these special political sorties—and the Democratic party fund, commonly referred to as the U. S. Treasury, foots the bills.

Not trusting the comfortable Democratic majority as shown by the registration books, the Socio-Demo high command has arranged for visitations by several cabinet members and other high ranking party members to appear in Oregon at the crucial period of the campaign in an effort to unseat some of the Republican office holders. They are especially desirous of winning the governorship and the congressional seats in their march to accomplish the socialization of the power industry, medicine and all the other tru-deal policies. Their anxiety proves the strength of the Republican office holders and the practice of calling in the high men of the party to aid in the campaign is nothing short of a compliment to those who they may desire to unseat.

The Inglewood, Calif. non-partisan Daily News says: Latest popularity poll shows only 37 per cent of the populace approves of Truman, which is something of a jolt to the popular belief that at least 50 per cent of the people are on the federal payroll.

Be Careful With Fireworks

With the Glorious Fourth just a few days away it is well to keep in mind the danger of careless handling of fireworks. Heppner citizens have good reason to remember what a misdirected Roman candle will do for it was on July 4, 1949 that several hundred acres of valuable range land were burned over as the result of one of these missiles landing in dry grass. There is also the ever-present danger of someone getting seriously injured.

There is something beyond the immediate loss of pasturage, or sacrifice of timber in case of forest fires, something that is measured in terms of beauty which is one of our state's greatest assets. It is true the grass loses its lush green as the warm, dry days of summer come, but the color it assumes at that time of year is preferable to great black scars on the landscape and the color is not lost when one considers the

nutritive value it contains for our livestock.

Great strides have been made in preserving the forage in the open country and in the mountains since the organization of the Keep Oregon Green Association. A campaign of education has been conducted that has brought results. There is much more to be done to bring the entire population to a fire-conscious state, but that is what the KOG association is working for and it will succeed so far as the human element's share enters into the picture, except for the criminally-minded or an enemy alien within our midst. The young people are being taught how to prevent timber and grass fires and to fight them. The prevention is the more important phase of the campaign among the younger folk due to the possibility of helping them form habits early in life that will make good woodsmen and develop a deeper appreciation of our natural resources.

Join the Keep Oregon Green Association by being a good woodsman and making yourself an enemy of fire of any kind. And most of all, make this a safe and sane Fourth of July by not getting reckless in the handling of fireworks.

Celebrating at Home Safer

An estimated 36 million vehicles will be jamming the streets and highways throughout the nation this week-end, according to information released from the office of Secretary of State Earl T. Newby. The secretary and Governor Douglas McKay have made an appeal to the people of Oregon to exercise all caution on the highways and not be in too big a tizzy to reach their respective destinations no matter how far they have to travel.

Since holiday traveling is becoming such a hazardous matter, would it not be better to postpone that long trip or any trip that requires traversing busy highways. If it is entertainment you are seeking there is usually plenty of it either right at home or near by. That is the case in Morrow county this year. Ione will be the center of interest for all who prefer a day of activity and entertainment to dodging traffic or drowning in the surf. It will be a typically American celebration, with a parade, a community dinner at noon, ball games, foot races, fireworks, etc., and winding up with a dance in the evening. Surely all tastes can be catered to and Ione's turf field is a fine location for just such a celebration.

Why not celebrate at home and help make the Legion boys feel that their efforts have been appreciated?

Let Us Hope for the Best

The outbreak in Korea is following the same general pattern as the events that led up to the first and second world wars. The big offenders send out feelers by stirring up a fracas between two small contenders. It is not a pleasant prospect but if this is it let us hope that Uncle Sam is prepared to strike fast and hard.

There is one phase wherein the picture is somewhat different, and that is that the United States is up on the firing line this time, whereas on the two previous occasions we had to be dragged in piece at a time until we were prepared to throw our enormous strength against the aggressor. If "Uncle Joe" has been bluffing all the time, it looks like his bluff is being called. If this is a feeler he may find that his former ally and benefactor can get as tough as they make 'em.

Whatever the outcome, the present flare-up has served to make our state department settle upon a definite policy in the Far East, and that is something.

30 Years Ago

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES
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Marie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, received a fracture of the skull when she was struck by a horse.

With the uncomfortable weather prevailing, the mountains will prove an attractive place for many Heppner people on the third, fourth and fifth of July.

John Wildanan has sold his lower ranch known as the Currin or Toozie land consisting of 1471 acres to Henry Smouse for a consideration of \$58,840.

Members of the Lexington Church of Christ have voted to retain their pastor, Rev. W. C. Worstell, for another year.

Judge Campbell, W. L. McCaleb and W. O. Minor made a tour of inspection over the Ritter road last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McNamer of Ione were Heppner callers Tuesday.

M. D. Clark says the most wonderful feature of the Shrine convention in Portland last week was the ensemble work of 64

Bargains Offered Wheat Producers in Crop Protection

Bargains are being offered to wheat producers in nine Oregon counties in crop protection for the 1951 crop year, according to E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon state PMA committee. Miller states that Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Baker counties are offering an all risk, non-profit, cost of production type of insurance to the wheat growers in these counties. He says that policies are available to fit any size farm operation. Although policies are limited strictly one to a customer, they are tailored to include all the in-

bands on Multnomah field.

Born in this city on Sunday, June 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam a son.

R. W. Turner and son J. O. Turner attended the grain grading school in this city the first

of the week.

surable acreage in which the insured has an interest as owner or operator. Large operations which spread the risk of loss are given liberal discounts. Starting with a one percent reduction for 25 acres these discounts increase up to a 20 percent discount for 1000 acre or larger operation. An additional five percent discount is given if premium is paid before June 30, 1951.

The chairman went on to say that crop insurance is available only through these mutual type county insurance plans. Premiums paid in are used only to pay losses and premiums in excess of losses are credited to the county as reserves to meet any future disasters, should they occur. Whenever reserves reach a minimum needed to pay major disasters the policy holders receive dividends in the form of further premium discounts.

Afternoon Rites Unite Couple



—Courtesy East Oregonian

At the hour of four, Friday afternoon, June 23, Josephine Richardson Mahoney and Frank W. Baker were married in All Saints Episcopal church. Rev. E. L. Tull read the service and Mrs. Tull was at the console of the organ playing beautiful wedding music preceding and during the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by George Hyatt of Pendleton. She wore a teal blue afternoon gown and a black taffeta picture hat and white mitts. She carried red rosebuds on her prayer book.

Mrs. Patricia Espey was dressed in a gray crepe with pink hat. Her bouquet was a nosegay of pink rosebuds.

Philip W. Mahoney acted as best man for the groom. Ushers

were Allen Case, David Wilson and Ted Pierson.

A reception was held in the parish house following the wedding, with Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter in charge.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Baker returned to Heppner where they will reside.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mrs. Anabel Allison and twin daughters, Jo and Jan, and Miss Mary White of Portland; the Rev. and Mrs. Eric O. Robathan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Moon, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Aldrich, Mrs. J. M. Bedford Jr., Mrs. Lorin O'Gara Sr., Mrs. H. W. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, Miss Pat McPherson and Bus Howdyshe, of Pendleton.



STATE PROPERTY TAX
State officials, particularly legislators, are alarmed at the steadily increasing number of bond issues being voted for by the people. Many are predicting a state property tax next year.

"When things settle down from this post war bulge we are in and income tax returns drop, property owners will find their homes hocked for bonds voted by the people that will have to be paid by heavy property taxes."

That is the way a seasoned legislator put it. A sharp line is becoming distinguishable between non-taxpayers and property tax payers. There are predictions that in future elections when bond issues are being voted on that both groups will have active organizations campaigning for or against bonding measures that are not of an emergency nature.

HIGHWAY EXECUTIVE SOUGHT

A bill to be presented to the 1951 legislature by the state highway commission would provide a business manager for the commission. J. M. Devers, chief legal counsel, is preparing the bill. The plan follows a long-practiced arrangement of large business concerns where a business manager reports to the board of directors.

RE-APPRAISAL EXPENSIVE
The North Clackamas county incident, where property owners claim their property valuations were boosted and others left at the old appraisal by the assessor, now are demanding a complete re-appraisal of all property in the state.

State Tax Commissioner Robert MacLean, in charge of assessment and taxation, estimates it would take ten years to complete a statewide re-appraisal program at a cost of \$600,000.

QUITS LEGISLATURE

Representative Alex G. Barry of Multnomah county filed his resignation at the capitol last week. He served a term in the United States senate and three terms in the Oregon state legi-

slature. He is not a candidate for re-election.

David O'Hara director of the state elections bureau, said that Multnomah county commissioners would not be called on to select a replacement for Barry unless a special session of the legislature is called before the next session.

ACCIDENT RELIEF PROGRESS

The cooperation between labor and management in reducing accidents during the past year is paying big dividends in fewer casualties and lower rates of contributions by employers.

A reduction of approximately \$1,000,000 a year in employers' rates was announced this week by the state industrial accident commission. The largest savings will be made by the farming and lumbering industries.

Reductions in the contribution rates will affect 277 industrial and trade classifications of Oregon. Rates in most of the other 78 classifications are already so low, commission officials stated, that reductions are impractical.

The present reductions, which become effective July 1, 1950, are the fourth made since 1943. In the same period the legislature has increased workmen's benefit payments four times.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Convictions for drunken driving are on the increase in Oregon—averaging more than 300 a month, although the percentage of convictions of those arrested is getting lower.

An amendment to the law that would be more stringent on drunken drivers and would eliminate habitual offenders will be proposed to the 1951 legislature by Secretary of State Earl T. Newby. He would suspend the driver's license for 30 days on the first conviction; on the second for 90 days, and revoke the license of three-time losers.

VETERANS' BONDS GO CHEAP

Only seven-tenths of one per cent of all loans made to Oregon veterans of World War II have been defaulted. Loans negotiated during the six years the law has been in effect total more than \$72,000,000. The state veterans' department reports that 85 per cent of the 14,500 veterans having loans are paying for homes.

The department sold \$4,000,000 in veterans' bonds this week at an effective interest rate of 1.548 per cent, maturity in 13 years.

News from C. A. Office

Farmers who have been hearing much about rain-making and hail depression experiments will find two interesting articles on the subject in the July issue of the Country Gentleman. An editorial, page 4, discusses the opinion of farmers on artificial precipitation, while an article on page 19, "They Really Make Rain" gives the background of work that is being done. This article also appears in condensed form in the July issue of the Readers Digest.

Dr. Irving Crick with the Water Resources Development Corporation that is cited for his work, in these articles has been engaged by the Tri-County Weather Research, Incorporated of which 45 Morrow county farmers are members to make a weather survey report of this area before actual experiments are started.

The recent rains should make some Crested Wheat grass fields suitable for seed production this year. In looking at fields scattered throughout the county, heads are filling good. Every indication is that grass seed will continue to be in demand with a good price insured. At the present market price it is very profitable to harvest seed that makes as little as 50 pounds of seed per acre.

HAVE BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crowell of Morgan are the parents of a seven pound four ounce son born at 1:05 this morning at the family home. The baby was named Robert Bruce.

Pomona Grange to Assemble at Rhea Creek Saturday

Rhea Creek grange will play host to the Pomona grange Saturday when the grangers of the county will assemble at 10 a.m. for an all-day meeting. The usual business session will be held in the morning, followed by lunch at noon.

The lecturer's program, open to the public, will start at 2 p.m. This will be featured with a memorial service by the Rhea Creek juvenile grange; a song by Linda Halvorsen; piano solo, Sally Palmer, and music by the Howton family orchestra. Speaker for the day will be Ben Buisman, editor of the Grange Bulletin, official publication of the state grange.

Rhea Creek grange will serve dinner at 6 p.m. Following this, at 8 o'clock, will be work in the fifth degree.

AT "SCOOPS" CONFAB

Henry Tetz, rural school board administrator, is attending a conference of county school superintendents in Salem this week. Accompanied by Mrs. Tetz and son Stephen, he will take his vacation at this time.

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