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Portland Sets the Pace

An election always turns up some unusual, and unexpected results, and last Friday's primary was no exception, but we believe the voters of the city of Portland probably set a record when they gave very decisive approval to every bond issue measure presented to them. Their action was just the opposite of the general trend throughout the state.

Their approval of bond issues for the construction of a new Willamette river bridge, a new zoo, a new sports and convention center and harbor improvements probably astounded the rest of the state's residents more than any other phase of the voting—in fact we wouldn't be too surprised if it might not have even shocked the Portland residents a little. It was conceivable that one or two of the measures could have passed, but hardly the whole program. A betting man could have made money on that vote.

At first look, some persons might be inclined to look askance at the more than \$30,000,000 that the voters of Portland decided to spend—and, that's quite a chunk of money even if we are accustomed to federal budget figures well up in the billions, but to us, it seems as though Portland, by its vote, took a great big step in graduating from the classification of a "town" to a "city", something that can't be done for nothing.

The \$30,000,000 that Portland will spend (a part of which will be repaid through rentals and

charges, and much of the rest through increased business) will launch one of the biggest building booms ever seen in Oregon's metropolis and one which could very possibly lead the rest of the state out of its so-called slump or "recession" and put its people back in the right frame of mind.

The public program, however, is only a part of the building spurt in Portland, for almost simultaneously with the announcement of the election results came the story that a \$20,000,000 shopping center is to be built in the city. This, added to the \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 that seemingly is assured for a new hotel, will bring the total building construction program in the city during the next year or two, in just six projects, to between \$60,000,000 and \$65,000,000. "That ain't hay" in any city Portland's size or even twice as big.

It wouldn't be correct to say that Portland's vote started the ball rolling on all the projects for both the private investments were past the planning stage before the election, but the people's decisions last Friday certainly did nothing to discourage private investors from continuing their developments and, ultimately, adding to them. We look for many more big developments to follow within a short time.

Portland has set the pace for Oregon, as logically it should being the state's business and industrial center, in lifting itself by its own bootstraps. It is to be hoped that the rest of the state's cities and towns will pattern their policies after Portland's.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Alfalfa grass silage is gaining a little more attention in Morrow county. Last week we told of Delbert Emert and his plans for a trench sila to utilize his grassy alfalfa, as ensilage. The silo, completely finished and partly filled is the ideal for anyone who would like to get plans for one for their ranch. It is approximately 200 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet deep. He is field chopping his field out of the windrow directly behind a mower and side delivery rake. The ensilage is hauled in to the trench with two dump trucks and packed and leveled with a dozer. This is more equipment than the average farm uses however a lot of ensilage can be put up in a day with only part of this equipment.

On Tuesday, Orville Cusforth began construction of a 24 x 80 foot trench silo at the John Graves ranch in Sandhollow. He will fill it with long hay and will self feed it this winter. One of the main advantages of putting alfalfa

grass up as ensilage is that regardless of showers or the weather, it can be cut and stored any day or night of the week. It also makes good feed. Oregon State College reports that putting up alfalfa as silage is one of the fastest and most economical methods of storing alfalfa and that it makes the best winter feed possible. Field cured hay in the experiments was cheaper to prepare but was considerably lower in protein and vitamin content. A five year study found a 24% loss in total adjustable nutrients when alfalfa was field cured in good warm weather or barn cured. Nutrient loss in silage was 15%. In terms of efficient production, cows on silage had to eat about 5% less feed than the animals on field or barn cured hay.

Plans have now been completed for the annual conservation and better farming methods tour which will be held on Tuesday, June 1st. The day should be a

profitable one for everyone attending. Stops will be made at conservation practices designed to be of interest to all types of farming in the county. The tour begins at 9:30 a. m. at the fair grounds in Heppner where school busses will be loaded to transport the persons attending the tour. Five ranches will be visited during the morning and five during the afternoon. Lunch will be served at the Oddfellows hall in Lexington, courtesy of the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. See a news article in this paper for a more complete agenda of the tour.

With summer not too far away, it might be timely to point out that just plain water, the cheapest and often most neglected nutrient required by farm animals. Water is the most important nutrient as it transports other nutrients through the body and aids and maintains the shape of body cells. It also aids in the control of body temperature. It is not uncommon for ranchers to go to great expense to provide good feeds then ignore proper watering which is essential for economical use of those feeds. Make sure an inadequate use of water is not costing you money with the loss of extra gain in unutilized feeds.

Arrangements have been made during the past week to secure several colonies of goatweed beetles for the control of St. Johnswort, Goatweed, or Klamath weed which ever you wish to call it. There will be realized in the Hinton-Buttercreek area on goatweed infestations there. Anyone who is particularly interested in securing these beetles would do well to contact the county agents office to see what arrangements might be made in putting some on their ranch.

Last Wednesday, Rex Warren and Bill Furtick, Oregon State College, Dave Bayer, Pendleton Branch Experiment station, spent the day in Morrow county observing weed control plots and control perennial noxious weeds by the county weed sprayer. In observing the weed control plots, at the Henry Baker and Kenneth Peck farms, put on in early April for comparison of 10 different chemicals and rates of applications, showed some interesting results. Of all the materials used

TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

I read with interest the account in the Gazette Times in regards to the formation of a Pioneers' Society in Morrow County. The article immediately brought to my mind of the old Pioneers' Reunion held annually in Lexington for many years during the twenties and thirties. It was a very popular affair and it attracted people by the hundreds who came many miles to pay their respects to the rapidly departing ranks of pioneers who settled Morrow County. Finally the reunion had to be abandoned because practically all of the pioneers were dead and gone.

Now it looks like another attempt to start a new Pioneers' Reunion, but where are you going to get the pioneers? A list of names published in the paper of people who have lived around Morrow County for sometime does not do justice to what is proposed. I did recognize some names of long time residents, but many names were listed of people who came to the county in the very late years. Surely you cannot class them as pioneers. Many of that list weren't even sons or daughters of pioneers. In someones haste to get a list of names they overlooked many residents who came here in the eighties.

Morrow county pioneers should be classed as those people who actually settled Morrow County. The first pioneer was John Jordan, who settled near the forks of Willow and Rhea Creeks in 1859. The honest and godness real pioneers were all here during the next thirty year period. They were the ones who bore the hardships and paved the way for the later ones who moved onto the already established places. After the railroad was completed in 1888, many new faces were seen around Morrow County, and they are referred to as "railroad pioneers."

A pioneer is one who paves the way for others to follow. They establish the beach head. I will concede that it is fitting and proper to include those later arrivals who helped to establish this county, but a line must be drawn somewhere, because you cannot call the present army of occupation pioneers.

A most fitting organization and one with a chance of survival would be the formation of a group called the "Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers". A deadline as to what constitutes a pioneer must be placed somewhere if we are to properly honor, and not insult, the memory of those brave people who actually settled this county. It would be necessary to separate the pioneers from the late comers who purchased the already established homesteads and timber cultures. I don't think anyone who came to this county after 1900 is a pioneer at all. Morrow County gained considerable population from 1863 to 1890. The most important events involving the formation of this county took place within those years, and I would place 1890 as the deadline.

The newspaper stated the list was not complete; it should also have stated it was not accurate. I would like to see definite steps taken now to properly honor the memory of the real pioneers and

it was found that dispropyle ester 2-4-D at the rate of one and a half pounds of acid per acre was most effective. This is the form of 2-4-D, the one and a half pound application was definitely better however, there may be a point in between these two that would be just as effective. It appeared as though three pints or 1.25 pounds would be effective on tarweed. In looking over the parental noxious weed control program being carried out for the county, excellent results were found in most of the 1953 sprayings. These men were very surprised at the high percentage kill of Russian knapweed especially.

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to pay respects to the small handful of those surviving. The next generation might form a pioneer group which will include anyone over 21 years of age and who has resided in the county at least 15 years.

Morrow County needs, but does not have, a Pioneer Museum. Many old relics are lost and destroyed each year for want of a place to keep them and for want of an organization that could prevent the loss of these valuable articles. But if we are forgetting who the pioneers were, we shouldn't be concerned with their possessions they left behind. Very truly yours,
SAM McMILLAN



THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE IT
Governor Patterson's two-to-one win over Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery for the Republican nomination for governor ended Friday just as it started a year ago—Patterson, away out front, Newbery's campaign never got out of the gate. Early in February it

was apparent that his publicity was frozen while Patterson's was page-one-column-one. Only five of Oregon's 115 newspapers favored Newbery.

PINCH HITTER UNANDER
Now Sig Unander can have a vacation. For the past year, as treasurer, he has been doing triple duty as the third member of the State Board of Control while the other two members, Gov. Patterson and Secretary of State Newbery, were campaigning for the Republican nomination for governor.

Remember? The late planisimo campaign started long before the deadline for filing by candidates. Since that far-off day Sig Unander has been rolling with the punches from pressure packers who felt they should be honored by a full board meeting. They are the characters who are cocktailing the big idea of having a lieutenant governor to act for the governor at the Capitol while he is starting at Chamber of Commerce parties.

VET BOND INTEREST UP
There was an increase in the rate the State Veterans' Department must pay for 10 million dollars worth of bonds sold Thursday to New York financiers. The low bid offered an effective interest rate of 2.757 per cent which is .297 per cent more than the rate on bonds sold last February. There were seven bidders Thursday. The bonds which now have reached a total of 53 million dollars are to finance home and farm loans to veterans.

EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE
The membership of the 1955 session of the Oregon Legislature may be the most experienced the state has had. The 14 holdover members have a combined legislative experience of 68 years. Eight of the candidates nominated for Senate seats Friday have

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MY THANKS—

I want to thank the voters of our county who so graciously voted for me in the recent election.

I appreciate this splendid vote of confidence.

OSCAR PETERSON

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