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Odd Ends—



FEBRUARY 2, BIG DAY...

The little fellow above should bring forth a lot of discussion before next Saturday—Groundhog Day. With this paper's record for being wrong on weather prognostication, we're not even going to take a small guess at what the little animal is going to find. . . we'll leave it to our readers. Just remember, if he sees his shadow, we've got six more weeks of winter coming. We take no responsibility whatsoever!

LOUSY WATER?

This past several days that has brought us below zero temperatures every night has also brought the city more complaints about the quality of its water. Had a resident ask us the other day, "why does our water freeze up so fast?" Must be bad water. We'll speak to the council about it!

GOVERNOR SAYS NO!

We were very glad to see Governor Holmes has denied that he is planning to replace Mr. Maison, head of the state police. His denial was somewhat ambiguous, but he made it pretty clear that no change was planned at the present time.

We still believe that he had no reason, other than political, to make any change and hope that he will let a well-run department of the state continue to operate without disruption.

JUST A CONTINUATION—

Last week's story about the local school remodeling program being approved by the advisory council, didn't tell us anything new, it only re-approved the plan set out more than two years ago by the school board that our local school modernizing program would have to be done over a period of years.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Sir:
Referring to the article of Dec. 6, in the G. T. concerning the old ledger book and sample ballot of the general election of 1894 found in the attic of the Eric Bergstrom home, also concerning the inquiry of the author of the article as to whether there were any one yet living who voted in that election, I can say yes, I know of one. I barely came under the ropes. I was 21 in Jan. previous to the election and was one of the 39 who voted there at the little Gooseberry school house in 1894. I cast my first ballot for the People's Party. I was one of the clerks at the polls.

I knew well Miss Conlee, now Mrs. Binns who ran for county school superintendent but was defeated by Anna Balsiger of Ione. I was surprised to learn in a later article that she is still living and now is a patient in the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. Miss Addie Conlee took up a homestead of 160 acres 3 or 4 miles from my father's homestead and her sister Olive taught school in the little school house in the Gooseberry district and had board and room at my father's house. She paid \$10.00 per month. I went to school to her one term. One term meant

three months. They had six months of school each year, three in the spring and three in the fall.

In this ledger book, according to the writer of the article mentions several pioneer names. Nearly all of them I was more or less associated with. Harvey Akers was my father and the other Akers mentioned, including Frank Homes were relatives. Eugene Meyers had a homestead adjoining my father's. His wife died and my folks took care of Cecil, the little girl for a year or two, who later married Frank Young, a former pupil of mine who now lives I believe at Hermiston. George Bryan was the father of my teenage sweetheart who, when we that we were smarter than our teacher walked 4 miles together to the Dryfork school. The teacher was Mrs. Wm. Young. We two increased the number of her pupils to 8. She allowed us to sit together. Mr. Esteb, the blacksmith and postmaster was also the dentist

of the community. He used a common pair of pliers to pull teeth and using no pain killer. Perry Miller, a bachelor who owned the Blue Door ranch called for the square dances of the district. John Spignell, also a bachelor, courted the widow Bryans after George died, but finally lost out to the dentist Vaughn of Heppner. They were both drowned in the 1903 Heppner flood.

This covers briefly the history of the pioneers mentioned in the ledger and announces the discovery of another and I believe the only other person living who were numbered in the 39 votes that were cast in the voting booths in the Gooseberry precinct in the general election of 1894.

SPENCER AKERS,
Aumsville, Ore.
Conley Lanham of Eugene, a former resident here, was visiting in Heppner early this week.



An occurrence during the 289th Democratic caucus ballot that nominated a successful candidate for president of the Senate throws light on intra party lines. It is hitherto untold, scoop for quick.

Senator Boyd Overhulse of Madras had a very close contender for the nomination in Senator Ben Musa of The Dalles. The deciding vote was, Overhulse 8, Musa 7.

For a very short time only, the GOP old guard in the Senate chortled over what they thought was a GOP victory. They were thinking what their senate president was doing about the power question in 1951, as a sponsor of Pelton Dam. Their wishful appraisal envisioned him as an Eisenhower Democrat who could scream "socialism" whenever public ownership of power was mentioned.

The remaining 14 Democratic senators who advocate public owned power development have full confidence in their president who probably has changed his

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times February 3, 1927

Sam and Hanson Hughes, who recently sold their grocery store in Heppner have bought the store of John Bergstrom at Roseburg.

W.B. Barratt of W. B. Barratt and Son, wool growers of Heppner, has just been reelected to the board of directors of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, the largest strictly cooperative wool marketing organization in the United States.

C. J. Walker and family moved this week into the Chas. Furlong residence on Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Patterson will depart the end of this week for South Pasadena for a visit of a few weeks at the home of their son, B. R. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bauernfiend and Misses Beulah and Geneva Pettyjohn of Morgan were visiting in Heppner Sunday evening.

Owen Leathers and Kinnard McDaniel left Hardman Sunday to tag sheep.

power policies or may have had a local angle in 1951.

SENATE HEALS QUICKLY

Recuperating overnight from a nine-day grilling scrap over the election of a Senate president the august Senate shook the handicap in four days and will keep even with the House for the remainder of the session in processing bills.

This presage is reasonably assured as all taxation and appropriation bills must originate in the House and these two categories of legislation usually are double the total of any other two in the house.

NEW LEGISLATIVE PLANS

Governor Robert D. Holmes is practicing a different relationship with the legislature than has been pursued by his predecessors, most of whom read their message to a joint assembly of the legislature and retired to their chambers to gloat over their veto axes.

Governor Holmes has said, "I think a governor owes it to the people of the state to see that his program is implemented. If after a time some phases of my program have not been included in bills introduced in the legislature, I will have bills prepared for introduction."

The governor has said he plans to have several messages to the legislature the first to deal with Oregon resources and their development.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Legislative session seminars in Salem this week by the Oregon Council of Churches were paneled on liquor, migrant needs, prison conditions, employment for 45 to 65 year olds and gifted or retarded children, all of vital concern to Christians.

Legislators participating on the panels were: Senators Jean Lewis, Monroe Sweetland, Walter Leth and Representative Robert L. Elfstrom.

An abridgment of the panel discussion will be furnished to the legislature.

HOLMES SLATED FOR TALK

Governor Robert D. Holmes has been secured as the main speaker at the 1957 Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders conference on Willamette University campus Feb. 8-9.

The purpose of the conference is to enable the leaders of Oregon colleges to mutually discuss problems of leadership. Fourteen Oregon schools will be represented, and approximately 10 leaders of each college student body will attend.

MOSTLY POLITIC

The current legislature will establish an all time record as a breaker of records. It will run for more days than any previous session. Record for length was made in 1951 with 116 days. There will be more bills intro-

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

While the weather is not at all inducive to the planning of spring gardens and especially to be thinking of planting corn, farm and townspeople who cooperated with this office last year in trial plantings of "Pot O' Gold" sweet corn will be happy to learn that seed for this variety will be available locally this year. The seed company originating this new sweet corn 'has promised that they will alert seed companies to the probability of a demand for this corn. Eight 1-pound samples were made available to Morrow county last year. All growers were so enthusiastic about this new hybrid sweet corn that from time to time they have asked about the possibility of available seed for 1957. Those who grew the corn last year liked the deep, tender, good flavor corn that came off the cob early. The ears are the medium length and the stalks very productive. This variety is an earlier corn than hybrid golden bantam but not quite as early as some of the very early varieties. We are sure that it is worth a trial in your garden this year.

For those who might have missed the January 23 production price and cost review reports here are some interesting comments. "Those who heard the president's recent budget message to Congress heard his proposition of a budget in which the income is slightly higher than the out go; so that the National debt can be gradually whittled away." The total budget calls for 73.6 billion dollars. The review pointed out where the budget dollar comes from; 51 cents from individual income taxes; 29 cents from corporation income taxes; 12 cents from excise taxes; and 8 cents from customs and other receipts. This is where it will go: 59 cents for major national security. This includes military, atomic energy, stock piling, and the like. 10 cents for interest; 7 cents for veterans, 7 cents for agriculture; 5 cents for labor and welfare; 3 cents for international affairs; 2 cents each for commerce and housing, national resources, general government, and debt retirement. What is left will go for unforeseen items of expense.

A notice with program highlights for the seventh annual convention of the National Association of Wheat Growers have been mailed to wheat men in Morrow county. The convention will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 5, 6, 7, and 8. A Continued on page 7

A couple of weeks ago we commented on the economic information check list which was mailed to all Morrow county farmers. While the majority evidently have mailed in their check list there are a few that come along every few days. We

deduced, more passed, more adopted and more vetoed if present thinking prevails.

In appropriations it will be difficult to surpass the 1955 session when appropriations for the general fund totaled \$221,121,835.

In costs of session the 1955 expenditures in the Senate and House totaled \$655,567.75.

Longtime newspaper editor and publisher, J. H. Van Winkle, has switched his party registration to Democrat. A life long Republican he has been a member of the State Game Commission and manager of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce in recent years.

"For Fans . . . Seems there was controversy whether or not Oregon's governor stood up as his car passed President Eisenhower on Monday. He did. Some television cameras were placed so they showed him before his car arrived abreast the stand but at least one network pictured him standing."—Maxine Buren in Oregon Statesman.

SPECIAL News Reel on same program with "Love Me Tender" Sunday and Monday at the Star Theater—Presidential inauguration and parade. 47c

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