

Oregon Democrats Finally Find Way To Show Unity for Holmes

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Washington — Oregon's Democrats in Congress have finally found what appears to be a safe way to put on a show of political unity for Gov. Robert D. Holmes — after being twice frustrated by the Republicans.

Ever since a Robt. Smith that opening meeting of the delegation here a month ago, when they shared their concern for the governor's reelection chances and some groused at length about some of Holmes' appointments to state jobs, the delegation members have been anxious to bring the governor to Washington. This presumably would tend to counteract any suspicions in the state that they didn't see eye to eye with Holmes.

First they decided to invite him to a delegation pow wow on the troublesome Snake river power question. But before they got that off the ground the GOP-controlled Federal Power Commission threw out the power companies' case — and the Democrats hastily forgot all about having a meeting.

Then they decided to have Holmes back on Feb. 14, when it was hoped the White House would allow for a fancy ceremony upon the president's signing of the Oregon centennial proclamation. But the Republicans who inhabit that big mansion couldn't quite see why they should give all these Democrats such a big spotlight, at the expense of those would-be GOP governors, Sig

Unander and Mark Hatfield. So that plan had to be scrapped.

This week they all agreed to invite Holmes to attend the Oregon State Society dinner Feb. 13, which is open to all Oregonians living in Washington, D.C. This includes a sizeable number of Republicans these days — Douglas McKay, Harris Ellsworth, Dorothy McCullough, Lee, Abbot Mills — despite the fact that only Walter Norblad remains of the once all-Republican Oregon congressional delegation.

Senate Hearings On Klamath Land Disposal Halted

Washington — The Senate Indian Affairs subcommittee has recessed its hearings on the controversy over how to dispose of lands of the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon.

It said it planned to take further testimony at a later date, which was not fixed.

A battery of witnesses paraded before the group during the five-day hearings last week and a subcommittee spokesman said it was "anybody's guess" which of two proposals would be adopted.

Two Bills Considered

The subcommittee has been considering a bill by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) which would provide that the government buy all of the Klamath land after it terminates its control over the Indian tribe.

The Administration proposes that reservation property be put up for general sale and that the government then would buy whatever remains.

Interior Department witnesses testified during the week that under the Neuberger plan it is estimated it would cost the government \$118,391,610 to purchase the 95 Klamath timber units; \$407,050 for reservation marsh land, \$468,000 for grazing land, and \$331,000 for agricultural land.

They'll probably all be there. And the governor can come too, for this is one time each year when Oregonians put on a display of non-partisanship which is a wonder to behold.

Some members of the delegation were shaking their heads privately last week over remarks made to them by Julius Jensen, executive director of the Oregon Development Commission during discussions here about the state's economic plight.

On unemployment, Jensen was quoted as having told Oregon lawmakers:

"When people are a little hungry, they work harder."

On the growing parking problem:

"I agree with Will Rogers. The way to solve the parking problem is to remove all cars from the highways that aren't paid for."

What grips the Democrats is that Jensen was appointed by the present administration at Salem when, as one of them put it, "he talks like a reactionary Republican."

Some Oregon Democrats came up with the bright idea of holding stag dinners around the state to raise campaign funds for the coming election.

When Dave Epps, new state chairman, brought up this issue with the five congressional Democrats, Congresswoman Edith Green says she went to bat for the girls in the party. She pointed out that women do a lot of hard work for the party, and besides women are thought to control about 70 per cent of the money in this country.

The lady lawmaker, one of 15 in Congress now, said she thinks she won her point with her male colleagues.

Dr. Weisel to Speak At Medical Meeting

Dr. John Weisel will speak on "Office Problems in Eye Diseases" at a meeting of the Jackson County Medical Society at the Rogue Valley Country club at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Drs. Stanley and Lawrence Buonocore will be hosts for the dinner meeting.

Diary of a Bird Watcher



Saturday, Feb. 1

I saw my first tricolored blackbirds for this year. They were with cows in a feed yard on Ross Lane. Tricolored are like the regular red-winged blackbirds except that the tricolored have a white edge on the red shoulder patch where the more familiar red-wings have a yellow edge. We see them in the valley at all seasons. I just missed them this year so far.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Not being a groundhog watcher, I just enjoyed what sunshine there was and figured we would probably have the usual mixture of spring and winter weather for six weeks or more. I saw the largest flock of house finches that I had seen around the home place for quite a while, 15 or 20.

Monday, Feb. 3

A woman called up about house finches (linnets). She wanted to know whether they winter here or whether the ones she had seen were spring migrants. Some undoubtedly winter here because we see them at all seasons. Some may migrate but the only way to find out would be by banding the birds. We won't be certain of spring migrants until we see some birds that don't winter here at all. Tree swallows are usually the first, and Feb. 14 is the earliest I have seen them. That was 1955.

The morning trip with J. H. was to Gardiner reservoir up Yankee creek. This is not a public road but we have permission to go through the gate for bird watching. It is a good place but we didn't have exceptionally good luck. We found ring-necked and ruddy ducks on the lake. A Bewick's wren was singing its loud, clear song. I caught a glimpse of a golden eagle.

I also took a short afternoon jaunt with a younger friend, R. B., around some of the ponds in the Camp White area. We saw more tricolored blackbirds. They were singing but we noticed the song was not nearly as pretty as the "oh-ka-ree" of the red-winged blackbird. This song was more hoarse and grating.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

More signs of spring. I noticed that maple trees are in blossom in different parts of town. Toward evening I heard the peepers singing. Not being a frog watcher I don't know much about peepers. But I'd like to know more. I have sometimes tried to see them but have never succeeded yet.

I noticed evening grosbeaks on the lawn at library park. There have been plenty of these striking birds for everyone to see in Medford and other parts of the valley this year, more than any year since we have been here (five winters).

Wednesday, Feb. 5

I have started stepping outside for a minute around 7 o'clock to see what early morning songs I can hear. The robins haven't started their spring song yet. I just hear the sweet, musical whistle of the varied thrush, the "crack-up" call of the acorn woodpecker and the "come right here" of the California quail.

In the afternoon I saw the first ground squirrel of the season out nibbling on the green grass for its springtime vitamins.

Thursday, Feb. 6

A woman called me up about a bird with an orange breast and a black band across it. I told her it was a varied thrush. I am glad some one else has been noticing and enjoying these fine birds. They are another kind which is more abundant than usual in the valley this year. Some call them Alaska robins. However, they nest in many of the mountains of Oregon.

I remember them especially many years ago when I hiked up Larch mountain, near Portland. We climbed at night to get to the top for the sunrise. As we started up the higher slope of the timber covered mountain and the dawn began to break we could hear the long, vibrant notes of the varied thrushes, one answering another on different pitches. The song seemed to fit perfectly the majestic setting of forest and mountain and springtime dawn. I like varied thrushes. —T.M.

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By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

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Sunday, February 9, 1958

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Three Articles Due On Leisure Time

Many interesting and controversial aspects of leisure time will be brought out in a series of articles dealing with leisure time in America. The series of three articles, my United Press Correspondent Fred Danzig, will start in the Mail Tribune on Monday, Feb. 10.

Among the points covered is the fact that American families spend, on an average, \$215 a year for recreation. Yet, there is evidence that not all leisure helps us to relax, for 20 million Americans are taking tranquilizer pills. With automation adding still more free time to our lives, the leisure problem can be expected to grow worse before it gets better, the series will show.

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SAME PLACE

Byron, Me. — Roger E. Wheelock, 24, of Falmouth, Me., bagged his deer here in the same spot where he had done it four other years. Wheelock shot the 125-pound spikehorn on the season's opening day. He stood in the same clearing and placed his foot against the same log as he had the past four years and brought the deer down.

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