

WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 47
Lowest temperature last night 25
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month 0
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1932 20.89
Excess since Sept. 1, 1932 1.52
Rain Sun. a. m.; warmer tonight.

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POISONING IS FEARED IN DEATH OF CHILD

OREGON VOTERS REJECT ALL STATE MEASURES

Record Avalanche of "Noes" Buries Sales Tax Proposal

OTHER BILLS ALSO HANDED HARD BLOWS

Governor Martin Remains Firm in Stand Against Extra Session of Legislature.

By JAMES S. NUTTER
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—An avalanche of "noes" buried each of the four state measures on the special election ballot. Associated Press tabulations showed today.

The sales tax, before the voters for a third time, went down to its most crushing defeat yet. There was a strong 5 to 1 margin against the tax to help finance old age pensions under the president's social security program.

Even more emphatically did the voters deny legislators permission to set their own salary scale. Fully a 6 to 1 count was against it, and legislators will continue to receive only \$3 a day for their time in session.

A 3 to 1 count defeated compulsory student fee payments at institutions of higher education, and a strong 2 to 1 margin stifled the

CHAOS SEEN IN FEE BILL'S REJECTION

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Daily Corvallis student newspaper at Oregon State college, today described the situation resulting from defeat of the student fee bill as "a tangled, chaotic mess."

The paper said, however, that the campaign in support of the proposed measure was successful in rallying friends of higher education in an effort to inform the public in the short time available.

An editorial in the student paper, signed by the editor, Marvin Wilbur, of Salem, said "Corvallis, where the facts are best known, voted more than two to one in favor of the measure, and college precincts ran as high as four to one."

Jack Graham, president of the student body, said the outcome of the balloting "shows the sad result of trying to decide educational details by popular vote, but the attempt to gain an assured, reliable activity program will go on."

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Primary Election Set For May 15th

SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The primary election in Oregon this year will occur on May 15, David O'Hara, election clerk for the state department, announced today, following defeat of the move to change the nominating election from May to September.

As a result of the special election, filings for primary offices are about a month behind this year, O'Hara continued. Usually at this time about 50 filings had been received. Active filing was expected next week.

The final date for nominating petitions or filing of declaration of candidacies is March 30, O'Hara said. This leaves but two months in which all listings must be made.

NO PENSIONS NOW, MARTIN DECLARES

Governor Deplores Defeat of Sales Tax, Holding No Means Left.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Governor Martin today said he was even more determined against summoning a special session of the legislature as the result of the defeat of the sales tax for old age pensions in yesterday's elections.

"What would another session of the legislature do?" the governor asked; "the two houses decided upon the only available means of raising money to match federal funds for the aged and indigent, and if the people do not want that, there can be no old age pensions. Without an appropriation from the state, the federal government will not contribute."

"An appropriation from the general fund, which has been proposed by some organizations, would mean the foreclosure on more farms. Delinquent taxes in the state now are more than \$48,000,000. If taxes were increased by more appropriations, it would mean more delinquencies and more

CREDIT EXECUTIVE PLUNGES TO DEATH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Eugene R. Woodson, 46, vice-president of the Railroad Credit corporation, plunged to death early today from his eighth floor office in the Transportation building.

E. G. Buckland, president of the corporation, said Woodson had complained several weeks ago of being unable to sleep and of not feeling well.

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DOUGLAS IN LINE WITH K.O. VOTES

Decisive Verdicts Turned in By Electorate of County Against 4 Oregon Bills.

Douglas county voters in Friday's special election left no doubt as to their sentiments on the four state measures submitted to them for decision. Each measure was overwhelmingly beaten in complete returns from 40 of the county's 49 precincts, unofficially tabulated by the News-Review.

The proposal to permit legislators to fix their own rate of pay took the greatest beating of the four measures, losing by a vote of more than 10 to 1.

The effort to change the date of primary elections from May to September, and the compulsory student fee bill were each defeated by votes of approximately 5 to 1. The proposed state sales tax was rejected by the county voters on a ratio of approximately 7 to 1.

Rejection is General
The results in the 40 precincts tabulated by the News-Review, leaving only nine precincts unreported, give the following totals:

Primary Election Change
Yes 857 No 4,370
Legislators' Pay
Yes 455 No 4,749
Sales Tax
Yes 727 No 4,433
Student Fee Bill
Yes 868 No 4,224

The ratio of the adverse vote was general in nearly every precinct.
Booth Reports First
Booth precinct, the county's newest voting subdivision, was the first to report to the News-Review last night and laid claim to the highest percentage vote in the state of Oregon.
The precinct was only recently created, and it was its first election. Sixty-six of the 71 registered voters cast ballots in the election.

EUGENE REJECTS FREE UTILITY PLAN

EUGENE, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Eugene defeated by overwhelming majorities two of the three city measures on the ballot for the special election Friday.

The measure to give free light and water for municipal use, smashed by a vote of 347 no and 85 yes. A second measure affecting the city's municipally owned water plant, that to transfer some bonds from the city to the water board, also was snowed under by the vote of 332 no and 104 yes.

The measure providing civil service for the city firemen won by a vote of 306 yes to 1194 no. The returns are from all 18 precincts, but incomplete. The vote was comparatively light here.

HIT-RUN TOLL IN PORTLAND HIGHER

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Two more hit-and-run automobile drivers had added to the toll of death and injury here today.

Hans Giesper, 39, died from injuries received Jan. 29. He was the 13th pedestrian killed in Portland this police year. He was struck down at a street intersection, his body badly broken and battered. The fleeing motorist left him lying there.

Mrs. Emma Ott, 37, was seriously injured last night when an unidentified driver in an old car crashed into her as she walked across a street. The errand driver sped on.

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GIRL REPORTER FOILS EFFORT TO LOOT BANK

Scream Heard Over Phone Reveals Holdup; Two of Bandits Killed, 3rd Shot and Jailed.

EL MONTE, Calif., Feb. 1.—(AP)—An alert girl reporter and police bullets foiled a "perfect" bank robbery and sent two bandits to the morgue.

Officers reloaded their pistols today and began an investigation of past operations of the dead hold-up men and their jailed confederate.

Slain in the crackling gunfire in the Southern County bank here late yesterday were E. C. Yates, 42, of Beverly Hills, and Clarence Smith, 43, of Los Angeles. Smith's brother, Frank H. Smith, 44, of Glendale, was captured as he attempted to flee. Two officers were wounded.

Elmer Erwin, young reporter for the El Monte Herald, gave the alarm that wrecked the attempted robbery. Calling the bank for news, she heard the telephone drop and Mrs. Alice Williams scream, "It's a holdup."

From a nearby pistol range, police and sheriff's marksmen, nearly a dozen in all, sped to the bank with pistols drawn.

Bandit Slays Pal
Frank Smith and Yates were surprised as they scooped up \$3,000 from the vault. They surrendered, but Clarence Smith, who had been waiting outside in a sedan, burst through the door with a sawed-off shotgun and two pistols.

He aimed in the direction of Policeman Joseph Fritsch, searching Yates. The shotgun roared. Fritsch turned and fired. The shotgun blast killed Yates and tore two fingers from Fritsch's hand. Clarence Smith died instantly from Fritsch's fire.

"If it had not been for that girl

MRS. VANDERBILT SELLS AT AUCTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Household belongings of Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt held the spotlight in an auction sale today. A collection of 82 carved elephants offered anonymously dominated preliminary bidding. They brought \$3,287 in comparison with \$3,069 derived from sale of 71 assorted articles from the deserted Vanderbilt mansion at 49 East 72nd street.

The Vanderbilt offerings, after-math of her domestic difficulties and loss of principal custody of her 10-year-old daughter, Gloria, included an elaborate bedroom suite, carved, lacquered sofas and chairs, a bronze portrait bust of the late Reginald C. Vanderbilt by the American sculptor Jo Davidson, and many trophies for successful Vanderbilt entries in horse shows.

Mrs. Vanderbilt moved to a small apartment after her recent renunciation of claims to share in the Vanderbilt fortune.

Week-ends she entertains her daughter, whose wealth was estimated recently at \$3,667,000, at a downtown hotel.

DOBIE RESIGNS AS COACH AT CORNELL

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Gil Dobie, head football coach at Cornell university, resigned today.

In a letter to James Lynch, Cornell's athletic director, Dobie, head coach at Ithaca since 1929, announced his resignation "in the interests of harmony."

Dobie has been subjected to sharp criticism from alumni and other groups for several years as a result of Cornell's poor showing on the gridiron. Forecasts that sooner or later he would be ousted have been freely made during recent weeks.

No hint was forthcoming as to who might take over the job.

MINERS' UNION VOWS SUPPORT TO ROOSEVELT

Labor Federation Requested to Follow Suit; Ohioans Lose Faith in Borah; New Deal Scored.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers formally endorsed President Roosevelt today for reelection and decided to contribute to the democratic campaign fund.

"It might be well for the American Federation of Labor to take cognizance of what this convention has done," said John L. Lewis, the miners' president, when the 1,700 delegates had unanimously adopted the Roosevelt resolution.

"If the A. F. of L. would follow suit, as it should, then for all practical purposes, the result of the next election no longer would be in doubt."

The federation traditionally takes no part as such in presidential elections.

"We are not endorsing the democratic party as such," Lewis added.

"We are rising to meet a crisis in the economic and political affairs of the nation."

"The union is allying itself with a great statesman... to protect the common people."

N. Y. Boast Cited
"The interests in downtown New York are boasting that they can raise enough money to elect a Chinaman to the White House."

"It is time for the United Mine Workers and all the common people to show these interests that there isn't enough money in the country to buy the presidency."

Lewis for many years was a republican.

The miners convention rejected about a dozen resolutions for organization of a labor party.

It advocated a pardon for Tom Mooney and endorsed the work of the international officers since the last convention.

Lewis announced that William Green, A. F. of L. president, would address the convention Monday.

Union officials said it had never before endorsed any presidential candidate.

The A. F. of L. at its Atlantic City convention last fall reaffirmed its traditional policy of "supporting our friends and opposing our enemies at the polls." No

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GAS STRIKES DOWN 7 IN ORPHAN'S HOME

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Thirty-five children of the United Patriotic Orphan home were treated today for illness caused by escaping coal gas. Seven were overcome and 27 others affected by the gas.

A matron at the home also was affected.

The gas was unnoticed until one four-year old child collapsed while playing after dinner last night. A moment later, another child dropped to the floor.

When the effects of the poisoning became generally noticeable all of those made ill were carried into a nearby church, where they spent the night on blankets. Physicians attended them there and at the orphanage.

The source of the gas leak was not immediately determined.

JACK ALLEN FLAYS LIQUOR BOARD CHIEF

Ex-Administrator Pictures McMahan as Dictator and Meddler; Warns of Law Repeal.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A blistering criticism of the policies of the Oregon liquor control commission was made today by Jack E. Allen whose resignation as administrator became effective today.

The ex-administrator declared the practices of the present commission are not in the public interest and will lead to its downfall and the repeal of the law.

Allen was particularly outspoken in his reference to Arthur K. McMahan of Albany, chairman of the commission.

He said McMahan "has been a veritable bull in a china shop."

"It has been apparent, even to the casual observer," Allen declared, "that... McMahan has been attempting to use his office to further his own political ambitions."

Meddling Charged
The Allen statement continued: "During the last few months he (McMahan) has, absolutely dominated the commission, dictated its policies, its personnel and even routine matters connected with the operation of the business; in fact, he has been a veritable bull in a china shop, his continued in-

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LOTTE W. WESEMAN DIES IN ROSEBURG

LOTTE Wilma Weseman, 30, died at her home in Roseburg last night following a short illness.

She was born January 2, 1906, near Yoncalla, and came to Roseburg to reside two years ago.

Surviving is a daughter, Charlotte May Weseman, of Roseburg.

Mrs. Weseman was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Monday, at the Douglas Funeral home, Elder Stephens of the Seventh Day Adventist church officiating. Interment will be in Fair Oaks cemetery east of Sutherlin.

MARTIN WILL NAME AIDE NEXT WEEK

SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The new executive secretary of the governor will take office next Saturday, but announcement of his selection has not yet been made by Governor Martin.

The executive said today he did not expect to make the announcement until next week. The office was created by the special legislative session to replace the budget department of which D. O. Hood is head, thus placing this activity directly under the executive.

It has been generally understood that Wallace S. Whorton, Portland newspaperman, has been selected for the appointment.

ETHIOPIANS CLAIM SMASHING VICTORY

DESSAYE, Ethiopia, Feb. 1.—(Reuters)—The Ethiopian general headquarters claimed today that the Italian army of General Piazzanti, including the famous fascist "28th of October" division, was "annihilated" in what was described as the greatest battle of the war on the northern front.

Ethiopian authorities said the battle ended yesterday, and that hundreds of prisoners, masses of guns, machine guns, rifles and miles laden with ammunition were captured.

CITY MANAGER PLAN BEATEN AT SALEM

SALEM, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Salem's city manager plan took a beating along with the four state-wide issues at the special election polls yesterday. The vote was 2,320 for the measure and 3,772 against.

Wife-Husband Swap Finished In Rite at Reno

RENO, Nev., Feb. 1.—(AP)—A wife and husband trading act involving two Redwood City, Calif., couples had been completed here today with the marriage of Roy E. Burnett, Jr., 28, and Mrs. Desirée Werder, 25.

The ceremony, performed at city hall by Justice of the Peace James E. Sullivan, followed by six days the marriage at Hollister, Calif., of Mrs. Gladys L. Burnett and William M. Werder, former Stanford university track athletes.

Burnett was divorced by Mrs. Werder was divorced by Mrs. Werder—who is now Mrs. Burnett—on January 14.

The two women—friends and neighbors for several years—came to Reno together, lived here together, and both obtained their divorces on cruelty charges.

Werder and Burnett, both employed by oil companies, have been friends for many years.

LIBERTY THEATRE REOPENING PLANNED

University Club to Offer First Play to Aid Band in Getting Uniforms.

Reopening of the Liberty theater, corner of Jackson and Washington streets, Roseburg, as a playhouse in the event public support is given in their "Little Theater" movement, is announced by the University club, which will offer its first home talent production, "Officer 666," as a band uniform benefit February 18 and 19.

Another benefit affair is to be sponsored by the club on the date of February 14, when proceeds from a Valentine day dance at the armory will be turned over to the municipal band for its uniform fund.

The University club is planning to start a "Little Theater," a movement which has proven exceedingly popular in many communities, and has secured the Liberty theater for the initial attempt.

In the event public interest indicates the project can be profitably conducted, it is planned to make needed improvements to the theater building and hold home talent plays at regular intervals.

The farce comedy, "Officer 666," scheduled for two nights, will feature Adelbert Abrahamson and Miss Lou Buchanan in the principal roles. The home talent cast is being directed by Miss Helen Casey.

GIRL KILLED WHEN AUTO STRIKES POLE

ST. HELENS, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Julia Koski, 17, of Astoria, was killed last night when the automobile in which she was riding skidded from the highway near Seaplace and crashed into a power pole. Ernest Anderson, the driver, was unhurt.

Huey Long's Widow Appointed to Finish His Term in U. S. Senate

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 1.—(AP)—The 42-year-old widow of Senator Huey P. Long, whose tireless assistance aided her husband's rise to fame, made enthusiastic plans today to complete his term in the United States senate.

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Ellender, who has been nominated for the full six-year senate term, did not comment on the governor's decision.

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tee had assured him they would approve his choice of Mrs. Long. By law, the committee makes the selection.

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Mrs. Long, the former Rose McCannell, was born on a farm near Greensburg, Ind., but came to Shreveport, La., with her parents when she was ten years old.

She received her education in Shreveport schools and finished a business course.

After a courtship of three years, during which Long was a travelling salesman, they were married at Memphis, Tenn., in 1915. Long then was 19 years old.

Mrs. Long will be the second woman in this senate. The other, Mrs. Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, was elected when Long took his sound trucks into that state and campaigned for her.

INQUIRY BY CORONER IS REQUESTED

Doctor Who Attended Donna Marsters, 4, Refuses to Sign Certificate.

Possibility of Tragedy Is Hinted Because of Dog Poisoner's Deeds in City of Roseburg.

An autopsy to determine the cause of the death here last night of Donna Lou Marsters, 4, was ordered this afternoon by Coroner H. C. Stearns. The autopsy will be held at 5 p. m. Dr. B. R. Shoemaker was appointed to assist the coroner. Samples from vital organs will be sent to Portland to determine whether poison is present.

Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, local physician, this morning called upon County Coroner H. C. Stearns to make an official investigation into the death last night of Donna Lou Marsters, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Marsters of Roseburg. The child died in convulsions at the local hospital after a short illness, and fear was expressed that she was the victim of a dog poisoner, who has been reported to be spreading poison in meat-filled sandwiches thrown out back streets and roads in and near Roseburg.

While the symptoms generally, Dr. Shoemaker reports, indicate death was due to an acute dietary condition, there is some suspicion that the child may have been poisoned.

Dr. Shoemaker, after a conference with other physicians who were called into consultation during the child's brief illness, this morning declined to sign the death certificate and turned the case over to the coroner for an investigation.

An autopsy and examination of vital organs to determine if poison is present is expected.

The child, it was reported, became ill Thursday night and went into convulsions, which were ac-

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PRUNE PACT SIGNED AT MYRTLE CREEK

Considerable prune acreage in the Myrtle Creek district was signed at a prune market organization meeting at Myrtle Creek last night. A large number of the prune growers of the Myrtle Creek area are members of the Myrtle Creek prune pool, which has been in operation for a number of years. The last night's meeting was largely given over to a discussion with officers of that organization relative to the affiliation of the pool with the proposed new state organization. The officers of the pool are to hold a meeting in the near future to consider the action to be taken.

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