

ELECTION NEWS REPORTS PACES COUNT OF VOTES

Results Now Given in a Few Hours Compared With Six Months in 1878.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 29 (AP)—How the Associated Press covers elections was told in a radio address here by Edward P. Nelson, Portland correspondent.

In contrast with this he related how Oregon waited for six months to learn who was elected governor in 1878.

System National One The Associated Press has an election system which is used in every state in the union. In na-

tional elections each one of these state organizations acts as a unit, contributing its part in the quick assembling of the country-wide returns. This makes it possible for the people to know inside of a few hours who has been chosen president and how the national congress stands politically, unless the election happens to be close.

In Oregon we are usually able to get returns within an hour that give a very fair indication of which candidates have won the important offices. We are greatly helped in this by the double election board system in this state.

So that you may appreciate fully what has been accomplished in this line in recent years, let me remind you that only as far back as 1878 it took six months for Oregon to learn the result of an election.

Returns in Six Months In 1878, when C. C. Beekam, of Jacksonville, was a candidate against Walter W. Thayer for governor the election was held in June. The people did not know definitely who was elected until the following January, when the official returns were canvassed at Salem.

It is hard for us in this day of rapid communications, to realize that such a condition could have existed such a comparatively short time ago—only 47 years.

This period is spanned by the active careers of some newspapermen who still are working among us. I am indebted to N. J. Levinson, the well-known veteran Oregon editor, for some reminiscences

which will show the difficulties that made news gathering so slow in those days.

No Phone Service in 1878

There was no long distance telephone service in the state at that time. All Southeastern and Central Oregon was virtually a wilderness without a mile of telegraph line along the Columbia river, and the part between Portland and Astoria was down about half the time. For the most of the great empire of Oregon news-gatherers had to depend upon steamboats, stage coaches and pony riders, many of the counties did not have a weekly newspaper.

News from Tillamook had to come to Portland by steamboat along the coast and up the Columbia and Willamette rivers. Not until 1887 was there a telegraph line south of Roseburg.

No wonder it was impossible in those days to issue extras on election night telling the world how the election went! No wonder that crowds watching the bulletin boards got only the local return! There was no attempt to compile state-wide returns on election night. The Oregonian had to depend for its reports from outlying counties largely upon the weekly newspapers which came in by mail.

New Era Begins

The advent of the railroads in 1882, and the starting of transcontinental telegraph service in 1883 brought in a new era. Progress since then has been rapid. A few years ago The Associated Press took over the work of assembling and compiling the election returns in Oregon for the member newspapers.

We have a correspondent in each county seat who is responsible for sending the returns. In every county where there is an Associated Press newspaper it takes care of this work.

Leased Wire Used

Member papers which are served by the leased wire flash the returns over that wire to the Portland bureau. Other points send the returns by commercial telegraph, or by long distance telephone. Meantime an army of more than 500 men and boys in Portland, with motorcycles or motor cars rush in the first returns from the precincts in the city to the office of the Oregonian and to the Telegram. These returns after being compiled are turned over to the Associated Press tabulators and combined with the returns from over the state.

Each correspondent is provided with forms on which the returns are sent at regular intervals. The forms facilitate quick transmission. The figures are drawn off the forms by expert tabulators on specially prepared tables. Each report is cumulative, that is, it includes the total of all preceding reports from the same correspondent. Our system of entering these reports makes it possible at any time throughout the tabulation to ascertain the exact standing of each candidate. We draw off totals frequently for bulletins, showing the number of precincts actually reported, and the total figures up to the minute for each candidate or measure voted upon. This will give you a fairly good idea of how The Associated Press

Pope's Grand-Niece



Contessa Pecci Blunt, one of the most charming young matrons of Rome, is a grand-niece of the late Pope Leo XIII. Her family has been connected with the Vatican for three centuries. She is shown with her little daughter.

The Interstate Wires

While the Oregon bureau is working in this manner the bureaus in all other states are busy in the same way. Each bureau sends bulletins on the interstate wires, and results in all states are brought to all the member newspapers simultaneously.

The papers get the news which is given to the people through bulletin boards, stereopticons, megaphones, extra editions and the radio.

When you listen over KGW next Tuesday night you will know that an army of men and women is working through the night that you may be informed how the election went.

Tax Payments to Be Forced in Coos

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 29—In an effort to collect Linn county's delinquent personal property taxes, the county court has entered into a contract with a security credit company of St. Louis, Mo., representatives of the company have reached Albany and began their duties. The delinquent personal tax list shows that taxes aggregating \$30,000 are in arrears for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923.

Baker National Guardsmen Will Erect \$12,000 Armory Next Year

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 29—Members of Company F, 186th Infantry, who comprise the Baker company of the Oregon national guard want an armory, and they plan to build it themselves.

This was announced by W. B. Goodenough, captain of the company, who is taking the lead. The plan is for 60 men in the company to pledge \$10 a quarter out of their guard pay for a period of two years and a half, or \$100 in all. A local capitalist is willing to loan them the \$5,000 on this pledge, since the guard enlistment holds the same as a regular army enlistment and the redemption of the pledge is certain.

With this \$5,000 available in cash a contract will be let for the

first part of the building, four walls, the floor and the roof. The boys will do part of the work, themselves and thus reduce the cost. The walls will be made ready for stucco this fall and will be covered in the spring.

The armory will cost when completed about \$12,000 less whatever the boys save by doing part of the work themselves. The income of the property will be sufficient to make the investment attractive, it was pointed out by Captain Goodenough. The government will sign a lease of the building for five years at \$600 a year. In addition there will be income from dances, entertainments, etc. The building will be 50 to 100 feet not including the stage and lobby.

Deposit Slip of 1890 Found-But Lady Luck Fails

Finding an old deposit slip that apparently had been forgotten since it was placed among the depositor's papers about 36 years ago might have been lucky for a local man yesterday had not the La Grande National bank's records been in orderly shape.

The finder presented the slip, made out by the bank in 1890 to show a deposit of \$35, at the window and was paid the prescribed amount. "But wait a minute," the banker stopped the customer as he started for the door with his bill.

And looking back through the bank's records, the banker found that the original depositor had called for and received a duplicate of the lost slip, and that later he had claimed payment on it.

JANE COWL PLEASES ENGLISH

LONDON (AP)—Jane Cowl, upon conclusion here of her perform-

ALASKA ADOPTS FREAR OPERA

CHICAGO (AP)—The score of "The Chilkoot Maiden", Eleanor Everest Frear's new Alaskan opera in English, has so taken the fancy of the women of Skagway that they hope to produce the opera each year there during the tourist season, letters to Mrs. Frear say.

Mrs. Howard Ashley and other women of Skagway wrote that they hope to "make the opera as much of an institution of Alaska as other festivals."

Headlines you never see: CROWDS, CHER, UMPIRE, TROUGH HOME TOWN LOSER.

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SLOGAN—"EXPERIENCED LEGISLATOR; OPPOSES CONVENTION NOMINATIONS; OPPOSES NEW COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS; OPPOSES MORE STATE BONDS; OPPOSES DENNIS RESOLUTION."

COLON R. EBERHARD

FORMER STATE SENATOR Republican Nominee For Joint Senator, Union and Wallowa Counties. ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1926



PERSONAL. Born in Oregon and lived here all his life. Owns home and pays taxes both in Union and Wallowa counties.

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE. Served as State Senator in two regular and two special sessions of the Oregon Legislature, immediately following the war. Served upon such important committees as Ways and Means (finance), Judiciary, Education, Steering Committee and others.

AGAINST SCUTTLING THE PRIMARY LAW. "I will, during my term of office, oppose modifying the direct primary or substituting or permitting convention nominations." Extract from Mr. Eberhard's official platform.

AGAINST ADDITIONAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES. "I will, during my term of office, oppose creation of additional boards and commissions, with consequent inspectors and snooters." Extract from Mr. Eberhard's official platform.

AGAINST ADDITIONAL STATE BOND ISSUES. "I will, during my term of office, oppose more bond issues." Extract from Mr. Eberhard's official platform.

AGAINST NUISANCE REGULATIONS AND TAXES ON PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES. Mr. Eberhard opposes additional taxes or regulations upon private automobiles, and feels that we have too many already. He will make successful investigation to ascertain which, if any, of the present nuisance laws can be repealed or modified.

STATE INCOME TAX, TAXES ON STAGES AND BUSES, OTHER INITIATIVE MEASURES. Members of the Legislature will have nothing to do with these. "Proposals for a state income tax, taxes on auto buses operating on the public highways, together with several other measures, will be voted upon by the people in November. If any of these shall be adopted, I will co-operate in passing such necessary and supplemental legislation as may be needed effectually to carry out the will of the people." Extract from Mr. Eberhard's official platform.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT. The Workmen's Compensation Act, covering accidental injuries, should not be repealed. The minimum amount allowed to single men accidentally injured is slightly inadequate.

VOTERS' PAMPHLET. I favor and will vote for retention of voters' pamphlet.

STATE MARKET DEPARTMENT. I favor its retention substantially as it now stands.

PROPERTY TAX ON PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES, WITH CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN THE LICENSE TAG. I am opposed to this suggestion. The present system is the only one to my knowledge which insures payment of taxes on every automobile.

For Joint Senator Union and Wallowa Counties Vote 33 X COLON R. EBERHARD

Eberhard for Senator Club, La Grande, Oregon. (Paid Adv.)



Dont burden yourselves with more taxes, VOTE NO!

BUS & TRUCK BILL 325 TITHING BILL 327

Remember - the User Pays! -

325 X NO! - Bus and Truck Bill

If you DON'T know, SAY so . . . VOTE NO!

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