



ANOTHER VOTE RECORDED

Dr. T. B. Lumsden has his vote recorded by Mrs. Edna Milbert, a clerk of the board of the nine voting precincts in the south side of La Grande, during early afternoon balloting on the special \$360,000 sewage bond issue yesterday. (Observer Photo)

City Voters Reject Sewer Bond Issue, 1,136 To 211

Stunning Defeat For 'Lagoons'

By GRADY FANNELL, Observer Staff Writer. La Grande voters decisively rejected yesterday's special \$360,000 sewage bond referendum, 1,136 votes against lagoon oxidation ponds to 211 ballots in favor of the issue.

Less than half of the eligible 3,448 voters turned out to ballot for or against the controversial new sewage plant that would have been constructed on the Rex Griggs ranch about midway between La Grande and Island City. The four precincts in the north side of town voted 382 against the bond issue to 32 in favor. The nine precincts in the south side of the city totaled 923 votes, with 754 against and 179 in favor of the referendum.

Voting Waned. Poll workers at the two voting sites estimated earlier in the day that the balloting might approximate 60 per cent of the qualified voters, but as evening wore on the voting slowed.

The referendum was first called by the city commission for October but was postponed when a favorable sewage plant site could not be obtained in time for the voting.

The controversy over the proposed later site at the Griggs ranch arose when property owners of the Island City area, although not eligible to vote on the issue, practically carried on a "one-man" campaign against the referendum. They urged La Grande voters to down the issue and campaigned mightily against lagoon ponds "in their back yards."

Against Lagoons. Pollsters predicted that yesterday's vote was not so much against the \$360,000 bond issue as it was against the "sewage pond" proposed site.

The votes, unofficial, will be tabulated and certified at an early date, it was said. The voting action yesterday means that the issue will be raised again within the next 90 days when another bond issue, possibly totaling about \$100,000 more, will be put up for vote—but this time, however, for a mechanical sewage plant.

State Authority. Should the voters again defeat the special bond issue, the entire matter, then, may be laid before the State Sanitary Authority which has the power to do the job itself, according to city officials.

Heading election workers for the north side precincts was Amagene Miller, chairman. She was assisted by Bess Pieper, judge, and Margaret Kain, Ruth Roe and Evelyn Blanchard, clerks.

In charge of the poll workers for the nine southern precincts was Bess W. Cook, chairman. Her assistants were Mrs. Wilma Camp, Mrs. Icis Van Blokland, Mrs. Ethyl Pidcock and Mrs. Edna Milbert, clerks.

18 Head Of Top Cattle Perish In Barn Blaze. LAFAYETTE, Ore. (UPI)—A huge barn owned by Hugh E. Williams two miles north of this Yamhill county community burned late Friday killing 18 head of cattle and destroying 2,000 bales of straw and 50 tons of haled alfalfa. Total loss was estimated at \$15,000.

The barn was part of the Oak Springs Dairy, operated by Williams and his father. The blaze was noticed by a boy delivering newspapers and Williams was summoned. Flames had already burned telephone lines and he had to drive to Lafayette to notify firemen.

The structure was engulfed in flame when McMinnville and Carlton firemen arrived.

Senator Hopkins At Portland Meeting. Senator Dwight Hopkins, (D-Ill.) is attending the full committee meeting of the Interim Committee on Education Saturday in Portland.

There will be a meeting also of Subcommittee on Educational Standards, and on Educational Finance.

The senator and his family will be guests of the president of the University of Oregon for the California-Oregon Football game.



City Dads Have Little Comment

Two of the city commissioners who would be contacted by The Observer today had little to say on the outcome of yesterday's heated sewage bond election.

Commissioner Arlo Noyes said, "Voters told us what they thought of the proposition and we will abide by their decision."

Commissioner Merle Beckett declined comment on the election results.

Commission President Gordon Clarke was instructing a class at Eastern Oregon College here and was unavailable for comment. The other two commissioners, William Herrmann and H. E. Waddell, could not be reached for possible comment.

Explains Balloting. Amagene Miller, election board chairman of the four precincts which balloted yesterday on the \$360,000 sewage bond referendum here, explains voting procedure. A total of 211 persons voted in the four precincts. (Observer)

Cuba To Grab Big Acreage Of King Ranch

HAVANA (UPI)—Cuba is expected to seize 33,400 acres of the King Ranch's 35,000-acre cattle spread in Camaguey Province Saturday, a spokesman for the American-operated enterprise said today.

The spokesman said King representatives have been summoned to appear at the local office of the National Institute for Agrarian Reform Saturday morning to select the 1,000 acres which may be retained.

"Rancho King" is owned jointly by the famed American cattle raisers and the Manati Sugar Co., a Cuban firm. It was established in Cuba in 1902.

The land is valued at \$3,500,000. Its 7,000 head of cattle, including the prize Santa Gertrudis breed, are valued at \$1,500,000.

Premier Fidel Castro's agrarian reform program is aimed at breaking up the huge estates and distributing small parcels to Cuban farmers and peasants.

The program is directed against Cuban as well as American and other foreign-held properties.

One Police Arrest

Nicholas Gene Asper, 19, Tolo-caset, was arrested by city police last night on charges of violation of the basic rule and illegal possession of intoxicating beverages. He posted bail of \$75 and was released.



OLD TIME BEATNIK—Poet Carl Sandburg stated in Washington, D.C. that he was Beatnik long before most of the present-day bearded coffee-house types were out of diapers. Sandburg, 81, said he anticipated beatniks for several years. He also stated that some of his best poems, including "Jazz Fantasia," are beatnik.

ONLY EVIDENCE WAS 'LIQUID'

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—James Ralph Shaw, 51, was released today when authorities dropped charges that he attempted to hold up a bank.

They decided that Shaw was too drunk to realize what he was doing Friday when he entered a Bank of America branch and hammered on the teller's counter with a wine bottle.

Three Tots Killed When House Burns

BROOKDALE, Pa. (UPI)—Three children died Friday night when a space heater exploded, flashing flames through the second floor of their rural home.

State police said the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson, were entertaining guests downstairs when an oil stove in the children's room overheated and exploded sending flames through the four bedrooms on the second floor of the two-story frame home.

The adults made desperate efforts to reach the children but were driven back each time by heavy smoke and fire which raced through the upper part of the house.

The Thompson's fourth child, infant, was downstairs with the parents and guests when the heater exploded. The parents were giving a baby shower for Thompson's sister when the tragedy occurred.

Large U.S. Area Hit By Freeze

United Press International. Much of the nation between the Rockies and the Appalachians shivered in record-breaking cold today.

A wave of frosty air followed the season's first big snow storm into the midlands, driving the mercury below freezing as far south as Texas and Georgia.

But the weather bureau predicted marked rising temperatures from Oklahoma to Montana, where the storm was born, and it appeared the Midwest was due for a respite from its snowy preview of winter.

Bowbells, N.D., ranked as the nation's icebox with a 14-below-zero reading, but Nov. 6 records were set in Iowa, St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Chicago.

Louisville, Ky., braced for an expected record cold snap today. Officials counted at least 17 persons dead from the storm—most of them in car accidents—although two elderly Des Moines, Iowa, men died of exposure.

The weather claimed six victims in Iowa, five in Wisconsin, two in Montana and one each in Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado and Kentucky.

Electric Service Tells Of Change Of Ownership

Change of ownership of Electric Service Co., located at 111 Depot street, was announced here today by E. E. McCoy, new owner.

McCoy has purchased the electrical contracting and wiring firm from L. R. Buckley, who established the firm in 1936. The firm will continue its operation as in the past, McCoy said, with the same personnel.

Buckley has retired from business and is currently on a trip through the southwest. He is expected to return to his home here within several weeks.

YOUTHFUL ROBBER REPENTS, RETURNS ALL OF BANK LOOT

KRANZBURG, S. D. (UPI)—A teenage robber who returned his loot within minutes of a bank holdup said today he just couldn't understand why he did it.

A friend said the whole affair probably started with a dare. The masked boy and an accomplice pulled a gun Friday on A.B. Turbak, vice president of Kranzburg's only bank, and walked out with \$1,500.

But he was back within four minutes after two other friends in the getaway car refused to be accessories.

The four boys, aged 13 to 16, were not identified, but a Watertown, S. D., neighbor said they were "nice youngsters" who "sure as hell didn't need the money."

"They told me it started as a joke," the neighbor said. "One of them apparently dared another to do it and it snowballed."

State's attorney Dean Summer said he didn't know whether he would file charges against the youths.

Turbak said he thought the stick-up was a "trick-or-treat" stunt left over from Halloween when the boys first walked in.

Turbak's son, Jerome, seeing it was no prank, handed a cash drawer to the boys who took \$1,500 and left the bank.

The two boys returned four minutes later with the money, saying the other two youths in the car had refused to be involved. The boy who held the gun told Turbak he was "sorry it ever happened."

"He didn't want me to mention his name and said he just couldn't understand why he did it," the banker said.

South Dakota law bans release of juvenile offenders' names unless they have been turned over to a circuit court for prosecution.

Kennedy Due Here Monday

La Grande residents will be afforded a chance to meet U.S. Sen. John F. Kennedy, D-Mass., when the youthful lawmaker will address an Eastern Oregon College assembly Monday morning.

The senator will speak at 10 a.m. at the college theater. He will meet with Democratic leaders of the city and county and members of the press at a luncheon at noon.

La Grande is one of four speaking stops the senator is making during his tour of Oregon.

Illustrious Family. Considered one of the front-running Democrats for his party's presidential nomination, Kennedy comes from an illustrious Massachusetts family. His father, Joseph Patrick Kennedy, is the former U.S. ambassador to Great Britain.

A younger brother has been serving as chief counsel for the Senate-Rackets Investigating committee.

Kennedy is also an author of renown, having written two books, "Why England Slept," and "Profiles in Courage," the latter a best seller.

Great War Record. The senator had a brilliant war record as a Navy PT boat commander during World War II in the South Pacific. In an engagement against Japanese warships his boat was sunk and he had to swim with a shattered leg. His acts of heroism in assisting his men won for him the Navy and Marine Corps Medal and the Purple Heart.

He is perhaps best remembered during the Democratic convention three years ago when he came within a whisker of winning the nod for presidential nomination.

High Court Upholds Steel Strike Injunction, Men Return To Jobs

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court today upheld a Taft-Hartley injunction ending the steel strike for 90 days on grounds that the 116-day-old walkout "imperils the national safety."

In a historic 8-to-1 decision, the high tribunal directed that its mandate sending the 300,000 strikers back to work be put into effect "forthwith."

A five-page unsigned opinion upheld constitutionality of the injunction provision of the Taft-Hartley Law as applied in this case. This was the first time the court had ruled on this section of the act.

The 90-day period begins immediately. It would expire on Jan. 26. Steelworkers President David J. McDonald has threatened to strike again if the dispute is not settled by that time.

Within two hours after the court's ruling, United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald directed the men "to resume work forthwith," for the 90-day cooling off period which ends Jan. 26. He has threatened, however, to pull the workers out again if a settlement is not reached by that time. Barring a settlement, the steel workers would be free to strike again after the 90 days.

The White House said President Eisenhower "hopes that steel production gets started as soon as possible but he also hopes that both sides will realize their obligation to the United States and reach a settlement of their differences."

Industry sources said it would take half of the 90-day "cooling off" period to get the mills back into full production.

The court said it was not necessary to determine if national health was affected by the strike because, it said, the ruling "is amply supported on the ground that the strike imperils the national safety."

Justice William O. Douglas dissented. He declared that the "broad injunction" cannot be sustained on the basis of either national health or national safety.

In acting on the injunction the court rejected an appeal by the United Steelworkers Union from a back-to-work order issued by Federal Judge Herbert Sorg in Pittsburgh.

The injunction was requested Oct. 19, after a Presidential fact-finding board reported to President Eisenhower that day that the union and management could not agree on a single major issue in the case.

The walkout—now the longest steel strike in the Nation's history—started July 15 after the union and management failed in negotiations which started May 5 and continued on and off until Sept. 23.

Mayor Christopher Hears From Nikita. SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Mayor George Christopher got the usual batch of congratulatory messages Friday—including one from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

In his cablegram, Khrushchev, who endorsed Christopher for reelection when he was here in September, said:

"... had I been a citizen of your beautiful city I would undoubtedly have voted for you. I am very glad that my opinion coincided with that of the citizens of San Francisco."

MY BUDDY—Humane worker Joyce Marshal cuddles a snow leopard in London. The Himalayan cat was on his way to U.S. zoo.

OFF THE OREGON COAST. Chart Ocean Floor River 5-10 Times Longer Than 'Ole Miss'

LA JOLLA, Calif. (UPI)—A team of scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography has charted an ocean floor river five to ten times larger than the Mississippi.

The scientists said Friday that the river is located off the coast of Oregon.

Named the Cascadia Channel, the river was reported to be 1,500 miles long compared with the Columbia River which is 1,400 miles long. The channel is at the 1,000-foot level.

Scientists said the river extends one-fourth of the way across the northern Pacific Ocean. Its sediment fan is located off the strait of Juan De Fuca and the channel travels about 200 miles southward, breaking through a pass of submerged rocky ridges off Cape Blanco, Ore.

From there scientists charted its course due west as far as 154 degrees longitude, almost due south of Kodiak, Alaska.

Robert J. Hurley, a graduate research geologist, indicated the giant river was shaped by high-speed underwater currents. He said natural levees had been built up on both sides of the channel.

He said the channel starts in water nearly two miles deep and was traced to parts reaching a depth of almost four miles.

Hurley said that the existence of the Cascadia Channel was unknown four years ago, but that since then the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography have taken frequent soundings in the area.

He said the study is part of an effort to learn the processes whereby the hills and plains of the silent world beneath the sea are built, shaped or destroyed.