

KANSAS VOTING DRAWS HEAVILY

Close Contest Cause Large Attendance at Polls Despite Weather

TOPPEKA, Kas., Aug. 7.—(AP) Heated contests for party nominations offices brought out a heavy vote in the Kansas primaries.

Reports early tonight from all sections of the state indicated voters flocked to the polls in unprecedented numbers in both city and farming precincts, particularly on the republican side where virtually all places on the ballot were contested.

Rains early in the day were not sufficient to prevent the farmers getting to the polls, except in a few sections where rivers are flooded.

Chief interest centered in the gubernatorial race in which the republicans and three democrats contested for the nomination. There was no senatorial election.

The republican candidates were Lieutenant Governor D. A. N. Chase; John Hamilton, speaker of the state house of representatives; Blyde M. Reed, Parsons, publisher; Charles F. Scott, Iowa publisher; Frank J. Ryan, secretary of state, and Fred Vollard, Topeka merchant.

Ed T. Hackney of Wellington; James T. Kincaid and Chauncey E. Little, former congressman both of Olathe, made a race for the democratic nomination.

Four republican congressmen were nominated without opposition. These were:

Second district—U. S. Guyer, republican, and Lee R. Hetrick, democrat.

Fourth district—Homer Hoch, republican, and Alva Sweezy, democrat.

Fifth district—James G. Strong, republican, and John F. Corder, democrat.

Seventh district—Clifford R. Hope, republican, and W. C. Dickey, democrat.

Democrats nominated without opposition were: first district, Maurice P. O'Keefe.

Third district—E. Galtakill.

Eighth district—W. A. Ayres incumbent.

NEWBERG FARMERS OPPOSE RATE SLICE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Three farmers from the Newberg district of the Willamette valley caused considerable annoyance to the public service commission, Oregon, at today's hearing of grain rates before interstate commerce commissioner representatives here. The public service commission has waged a long campaign to obtain milling in transit privileges at Portland.

S. J. Smith, George Hillier, and C. Murphy, the three farmers, were supported by W. M. Thurston, Newberg miller, in their opposition to transit privileges.

The gist of their testimony was that transit privileges for Portland mills would militate against the interests of the farmers who said they preferred to do business. Mr. Thurston, asked why he thought Portland mills should not be granted transit privileges, frankly admitted, "I'm too selfish."

KANSAS GOVERNOR'S OPPONENTS WIN OUT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Three of the recognized four legislative leaders who attempted to call a special session of the state legislature last winter to impeach Governor Henry S. Johnson, apparently had been assured of re-nomination for senate membership on the basis of mid-night returns in today's state primary.

Tom Johnson, Bob Graham and Tom Knight held commanding leads, while the fourth, E. P. Hill, was far behind and had conceded his defeat.

Other outspoken foes of Governor Johnson, a storm center in Oklahoma politics, were defeated equally well at the polls today, judging from early returns.

Mac Q. Williamson, president pro tem of the state senate, who opposed the governor last winter and W. C. Fidler, active for a state house investigation, held comfortable margins in their contests for re-nomination.

Many counties apparently had not considered seriously the Johnson dispute, however, nominating pro-Johnson and anti-Johnson men, where two members were allowed.

Fred P. Branson, chief justice of the state supreme court, whose bench conduct has stirred up much discussion, met stiff competition from a field of four other candidates. Returns from 53 precincts out of 305 in his nominating district gave him 1941 votes, and W. M. Brown, his nearest opponent, 1663 votes.

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—doing the work of 80 men. Other machines will be sent there as fast as they are released from the neighborhoods where they are working.

There are 25 or 26 machines available, or will be within a few days. So the work will go forward fast. Col. Bartram is to get into the Aurora district today, and speed up the work.

Perhaps some of the farmers with small tracts will pull by hand. They will be allowed to do so.

600 Acres Involved

The acreage involved in the failure of the Vancouver concern to fulfill its contracts is about 600 acres, in Oregon, mostly in the Aurora and Astoria districts in Marion county and the Mackburg district in Clackamas county. There are 100 acres involved in Washington, but the state of Oregon has not obligated itself to take care of this.

This act of coming to the relief of the distressed Oregon farmers will save them a considerable sum of money. The value of their flax may run to \$20,000 to \$50,000. If they had to mow their flax and try to save the seed, they would not salvage more than \$5000 to \$8000 in value, and their expenses might run nearly as high as they will in getting the flax under the state sheds, or tarpaulin covering.

The state board does not leave the payment to the legislature. It takes over the payment from the revolving fund, which it has a right under the law to do. In conclusion, the farmers furnishing this flax to the state must not think they will immediately get their money. But they will perhaps not have to wait very long. The date, however, must remain indefinite.

Religious Issue Looms In British Elections Say Close Observers

LONDON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Reports that Captain William Joynson-Hicks, home secretary, who championed the cause of the Evangelicals when the prayer book controversy was up in the house of commons, will be opposed in the general elections by an Anglo-Catholic independent conservative, have aroused intense interest in political quarters.

The secretary seeks reelection for the Twickenham constituency. The labor party already has a nominee in that field.

Nomination of an Anglo-Catholic against Sir William would, it is believed, by competent observers, introduce the factional church question into the campaign. It was predicted that the Evangelicals would institute retaliations by making nominations of their own in other constituencies.

Realistic Portrayal of Fire Fighting Is Praised by Firemen

Fire department heads are unanimous in asserting F. B. O.'s production, "Hook and Ladder No. 9" to be the most realistic and actual portrayal of the life of the fire-fighters which has ever been filmed.

Highest praise has been given for the manner in which a number of thrilling fire scenes have been filmed, as well as for the accurate presentation of the every day life and spirit of the department. "Hook and Ladder No. 9" is being shown at the Oregon theater for the last times today.

Tunney-Heeneey Fight Films, Oregon Today

Motion pictures of Gene Tunney's recent victory over Tom Heeneey for the world heavyweight championship, will arrive in Salem today and will be shown here for the first time this afternoon at the Oregon theater, beginning at 2 o'clock. They will be here for a four day run.

New Flying Boat Said Biggest in All World

TRAVENMUENDE, LUBBECK, Germany, Aug. 7.—(AP)—What is believed to be the largest flying boat in the world, a 15 ton Rohrbach-Romar, passed its trial tests successfully in the bay here today. The plane has three motors of 750 horsepower each. The permit action radies of 2500 miles.

French Lieutenant To Fly To United States In Short Time, Word

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Definite announcement of a proposed transatlantic flight to the United States by Lieut. Dieudonne Costes was made today by Major G. Thénault, acting military attaché of the French embassy. His statement said:

"Costes will undertake the crossing of the Atlantic as a private enterprise, going over the following itinerary: Cape Finisterre (Spain), the Azores, Halifax, New York. He will start as soon as weather permits and will fly a Breguet 12, with a six hundred horsepower Hispano motor. The plane is painted red. It is equipped with wireless apparatus (wave length 400 metres, call letters MCL). Messages will be sent from the plane every hour. It will fly at 5000 metres. The plane takes off, a message will be broadcast by a French station."

Butcher Boy Charged With Murder of Woman

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The story of a "good time butcher boy" whose search for amusement carried him into the exclusive Wilshire residential district of Los Angeles and friendship of Mrs. Myrtle L. Mellus was told to the authorities Monday by Leo P. Kelly, accused of the murder of the wealthy woman.

Kelly, 29-year-old meat cutter, who was captured in a closet of the Mellus home shortly after the discovery of Mrs. Mellus' nude and mutilated body, was formally charged with the murder today in a complaint filed by the district attorney's office.

While Kelly, in his rambling and sometimes incoherent story of the tragic times he spent in the Mellus home, said his mind was a blank as to what happened between 10 o'clock in the morning and 3:30 in the afternoon, he related in his narrative the fears of a man who expects the husband of his sweetheart to return at any time.

It was the husband of Mrs. Mellus, Frank Mellus, prominent business man, and sportsman who found her body when he returned from an all day fishing trip.

"Yes, I heard him ring the front door bell and then go to the back door, I heard him talking to Mrs. Mellus. Then he told how he danced from one part of the house to another attempting to find a way to escape. In desperation, he said, he dashed into the closet of the maid's room where he was found more than an hour later.

"Kelly said he first met Mrs. Mellus five years ago when he was employed by a market company and had been a more or less constant visitor at her home since that time.

A negro maid who served Mrs. Mellus and Kelly a breakfast of coffee and liquor bore a grudge against Kelly and was granted her by her mistress, said the butcher boy had been a caller at least once a week at the house.

"He called often in the meat wagon," she said.

Kelly said his memory failed him after he and Mrs. Mellus had emptied one bottle of liquor and had started on another. His memory flashed on again, he said, when he awoke and saw it was 3:30 in the afternoon.

"I told my wife I would have to go," he said.

"She accompanied me as far as the landing at the head of the stairs and I kissed her good bye. I don't remember anything afterwards."

It was two hours later that Mellus said he returned home from his fishing trip.

Kelly denied any knowledge of a blood stained towel found in the house and was unable to account for the discovery in the house of the member blood being on his shirt and Mrs. Mellus offering to wash it for him but he said he refused.

Police today questioned a couple whom they said had been on parties with Mrs. Mellus and her alleged "butcher boy" lover. The two were looking for officers said they were looking for other persons prominent in Los Angeles society who might have knowledge of the case.

Kelly today reiterated: "I might have killed Myrtle, but if I did I didn't know anything about it. His attorney said he would plead not guilty to the slaying.

Mellus, who yesterday confronted Kelly and declared he "never saw him before," today told the police had seen Kelly "occasionally" having been in the habit of taking his "ducks" to the butcher shop to be cleaned.

INITIATIVE ONLY CHANCE FOR PLAN

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Initiative of schools, who has free rein to carry out his policies.

Would Avoid Politics.

Mr. Writts concluded that the manager plan would be more economical than a commission form, and that it would best serve to divorce city government from "passion" and that it would best serve to divorce the plan itself but because, with the council divested of the present necessity for deciding a multitude of trivial matters, it would be possible to get real business men elected to its membership.

Mr. Hicks seconded the opinions of the other members of the committee, but added that he wanted to hear from the other side of the question and accordingly, the next meeting was designated as a time for inviting opponents of the manager plan in to talk and answer questions. Mr. Hicks particularly doubtful about desirability of the present legislative, administrative and judicial control under one head.

Outline History

Mr. Townsend in outlining the history of the manager plan charter proposal, stated that it was started by Mayor Livesley shortly after he took office, through the appointment of a special committee to study the modern municipal government question. Members of this committee were Dr. H. Olinger, chairman; Louis Lachmund, Miss Cornelia Marvin, U. S. Page, C. E. Albin, Harry Hawkins, J. M. Devers, Harry N. Crain, the mayor himself and Mr. Townsend.

After an impartial study, the committee fixed on the council-manager plan as best suited to Salem's needs, and then a sub-committee was appointed to draft the charter. This group included Mr. Albin, Mr. Page and Mr. Townsend.

Now in Committee

The charter was prepared, adopted by the main committee, and then went to the city council and was referred to the ordinance committee, in whose hands it still rests.

Mr. Townsend particularly defended the principle of electing council members at large, declaring that the ward representation plan is archaic, and that he would be inclined to get "every thing they can" for their own wards rather than to consider the welfare of the city as a whole.

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she was believed capable of withstanding the pressure. In the fact that the fleet on the spot carried virtually every device necessary for the task.

Work Pushed Rapidly

Within an hour after the crash divers had gone down and within a reasonably short time the exact location of the submarine was determined by observers in gas-filled divers continued at their task made more precarious by the turbulence of the water, until they had passed steel cables under the shattered hull. The ends of these cables were attached to pontoons and the F-14 was slowly raised from the bottom. Until the last moment the salvagers believed that they might win out over the gases which form in a submarine when the sea water reaches the batteries.

The sinking of the F-14 with its crew is the greatest disaster suffered by the Italian submarine forces since August 1925 when the submarine Sebastiano Veniero disappeared. Admiral Foschini, who had directed naval maneuvers off Sicily and never was found.

The salvage fleet dispersed sadly from the anchorage to which they had clung. Beside the powerful cranes mounted on floating pontoons which had actually raised the F-14, five torpedo boats, two scout cruisers and a number of tugs from which the divers had descended, made up the group which had worked unceasingly.

Admiral Foschini, who had personally directed the attempt at rescue, continued in charge of the salvage work.

Katherine Jones Asks Court to Give Estate Of Mrs. Drake to Her

Alleging that she was adopted by Lavina Drake as her daughter within the letter of the law, and not within the spirit of the law, and that Mrs. Drake promised her she should become heir to the Drake estate, Katherine F. Jones yesterday filed suit in circuit court asking that she be made legal heir to the property left by Mrs. Drake when she died.

She met Lavina Drake in 1902 at the age of 40 years, she alleged, and lived with her as her daughter and cared for her up until the time of her death.

Head of Housewives Council Killed When Automobile Hits Her

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Christina H. Mock, 53, died today at St. Vincent's hospital without regaining consciousness following a traffic accident. Mrs. Mock was vice president of the so-called "Housewives Council, Inc., which carried on a campaign two years ago for public ownership of hydro-electric power and was said to be the originator of the Oregon old age pension plan.

Assistant District Attorney Hooley issued an involuntary manslaughter complaint against Frank Brelin of Tigard, Oregon, operator of the automobile that struck Mrs. Mock, at Fourth and Main streets. Bail was placed at \$2500. Brelin, a laborer employed by a Portland contracting firm, said he was watching traffic and did not see the victim of the accident.

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