

The Weather

Considerable cloudiness today and Monday, continued low temperature. Max. Temp Saturday 41, Min. 23, river 2 feet.

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Only Election Boards Profit From Debacle

Possibly Some Wisdom is Gained; People Won't Vote to Tax Selves

Pensions Still Probable With Method Depending on Referendum Move

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
Thousands of election clerks and judges are on the payroll of 36 counties in Oregon for a stipend for their election work of Friday. Aside from their sizeable share in the political bookkeeping which spread \$80,000 as the cost of the special vote of January 31, one strains the imagination to find any good result from the election fiasco of the past week.

No fair-minded onlooker on the Oregon political scene had ever doubted that the sovereign voters of the state were going to wallop another sales tax and joyously kick the 90 legislators downstairs in their ninth consecutive attempt to boost their own pay.

In the dark, gloomy morning of the day after the vote, the entire affair of a special election in Oregon this year appears a sorry mistake. Each county before the voters last week could have awaited a vote in May. Voters were as unenthusiastic about casting their ballots Friday as a home-town boy would be to tangle with Joe Louis.

The sales tax proposal and the special election which it precipitated had twice been paraded as an ill-considered enactment for Oregonians to adopt and twice had been decisively licked. The 5 to 1 vote against the tax Friday should be conclusive proof that the state must seek other sources for its new plans to spend money.

The entire unfortunate affair of the proposed tax and the special vote was a product of the feverish last days of the special session. Word from Washington that Oregon must shift for itself in handling relief, affrighted D. O. Hood, budget director, and other state officials, and they became allies of men like "Rocky" Snyder in a house run by Allan Bryson in the senate, who seized the relief emergency and the old-age pension payment plan as a vehicle to push over a sales tax on the voters of the state.

Primary Change Is "No" Complex, Victim

Unfortunate for Oregon the September primary measure, which had great merit, went down to a thumping defeat, partly because it was tied in with the unpopular sales tax bill and the politically impossible proposal that legislators be paid for their services. At a primary or general election, when the "no" psychology was not so rampant, the September primary might have received a thin majority.

As things stand this meritorious proposal must be kept in the closet until voters can forget the action of Friday.

Governor Martin's belated support of the sales tax was without effect. His predecessor had thumped for a similar tax on two former occasions and at each time had received the emphatic "no" message of the body politic. The governor was sincere in his belief that the sales tax was needed for pension-payments but the "wolf" message fell on deaf ears. In 1933 the tax had been imperative to preserve our state credit and 36 months later the banks would not take the plethora of state funds; in 1934 the tax had been needed to keep schools open and without the sales tax there would be no schools closed in Oregon. The public was ill-prepared to accept a sales tax as "must" legislation.

The only question "settled" by the election is new proof of the off-stated unwillingness of citizens to vote for the Townsend clubs may flourish and Townsend sales taxes of 10 to 15 per cent may be projected as means of paying the pensions. When the acid test of getting citizens to vote them is presented—the "no" vote is stupendous.

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Mercury Down to 25 Near Midnight

Keep up the good work, Mr. Furnace Stoker; you have more shovels days ahead!

Ice formed early on fish ponds and other still water in Salem yesterday afternoon and thickened as the temperature fell rapidly last night. A chill wind blew its 30 degree breath over the city before 6 p.m. and continued getting colder. By 10:45 the mercury was down to 25 degrees and remained at the same mark at 11:45.

The United States weather bureau predicted today's and Monday's weather would be "fair but with considerable cloudiness and continued low temperature."

The official thermometer dropped to 23 degrees here yesterday morning and barely reached 41 at its height in midday.

Weatherman Promises Groundhog Won't Flit But Outlook Uncertain

Decides Future Weather Today



MR. GROUNDHOG

Townsend Groups To Talk Strategy

200 Clubs' Delegates to Meet at Eugene Soon; McNary Is Quizzed

EUGENE, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Delegates from 200 or more Townsend clubs from the first congressional district in Oregon will gather here Wednesday, February 12, to elect a new congressional advisory board and to lay plans for the support of candidates in 1936. It was announced here today by Eugene McNary, state director.

Each Townsend club in the district, extending from Portland to the California line west of the Cascades, is entitled to one delegate to the convention.

Townsenders plan to concentrate on candidates for congress and announced that support will depend on approval by the district board, then the state board and finally by national headquarters.

In the first district, Congressman James H. McGowan is the support of the Townsenders. An airmail letter was dispatched to Senator Charles McNary today, inviting him to give a definite statement as to his stand on the Townsend plan. This letter and his reply will be read at the meeting.

Delegation Fears State Loses All Pension Help

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Oregonian's Washington correspondent said tonight the Oregon delegation in congress was of the opinion the defeat of the sales tax in yesterday's election will prevent Oregon from receiving federal aid for old-age pensions in 1936 unless some other means of raising match-money is devised.

Margin Against Measures Grows as Count Nears End

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Oregon's special election showed definitely that the state does not favor a sales tax, that it is opposed to changing the date of the primaries from May to September, that it does not care to allow its legislators to set their own salary scale and that it does not intend that student fees at state educational institutions should be compulsory.

The emphatic "no" vote on all four proposals grew in majority as near-complete returns were received tonight.

Only 94 Precincts Remain to Report

The results from 1,537 of the state's 1,631 precincts showed the following:

Primary date change: yes 60,354; no 150,624.

Legislators' pay: yes 23,213; no 178,907.

Sales tax: yes 31,254; no 181,290.

Students fee: yes 49,954; no 157,216.

Somnolent One Scheduled to Come Forth Today; Test is Fallible

HIS HONOR, the Groundhog, commands the eyes of the public today as he has for years. For February 2 is his day and on his movements, a tradition has it, the fate of spring depends. If the weather be bright and crisp, Mr. Groundhog is supposed to go back to his tunnel for six solid more weeks of sleep, thus presaging a late spring. If the weather be overcast, the day dull and muggy, this to the groundhog is an omen of a change and an earlier spring may be expected.

Girl Reserves to Conduct Services

Closing Session of 3-Day Conference Scheduled For This Afternoon

The entire morning worship service at the First Methodist church will be conducted by Girl Reserves today at 11 o'clock. It will be the closing session of the three-day midwinter conference.

Dr. Bruce R. Baxter will deliver the sermon on "Being Right With Ourselves." The Silverton Girl Reserves will have charge of the closing ceremonial which will follow the service.

Seamen Move to Lift Injunction

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The sailors' union of the Pacific petitioned the United States district court today to dismiss an injunction suit filed by the International Seamen's union and dissolve a temporary injunction which has tied up the sailors' union's funds and property.

Prune Plan to Be Talked This Week

The purposes of the proposed new trade association plan of Oregon Prune Control Board, Inc., will be explained to Marion and Linn county farmers at meetings called this week, according to A. M. Chapman, board manager. The first meeting will be held at Dover, Linn county, in Green's hall Wednesday night, and a second at Sunnyside, Marion county, Thursday night.

Secretary Choice Is Again Delayed

Appointment of a new executive secretary to Governor Charles H. Martin was again delayed yesterday. It had been expected that the governor would select his new assistant this weekend. The executive secretary will take over the duties formerly performed by the state budget director, D. O. Hood, holder of that position, will be automatically out of office as the budget job was abolished when the wartime labor situation was created by the special session of the legislature.

To Tell Tall Tales

Tall tales will be in order at Monday night's meeting of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, at Fraternal temple, when the annual liars' contest will be staged. Cash prizes will be offered for the least truthful stories told.

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Salem, Dallas Win Honors in Forensic Meet

St. Helens Also Tied for Top; Thomas First in Extempore Contest

Representatives from the three schools won three firsts and three seconds in the five-event competition. Contests were held in debate, extemporaneous speaking, humorous declamations, dramatic declamations and oratory.

William Thomas of Salem placed first in extemporaneous speaking and Dayton Robertson, also of Salem, placed second.

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Dallas won the coveted debate title, recognized as the state high school championship, and with it the right to meet the winner of the western Washington tournament at the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma. Dallas was represented by Albert Klassen, Ivan Ickes, Marjorie Waters and Jean Hixson.

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MANKATO, Minn., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Minnesota opened the farm belt's democratic drive for renomination of President Roosevelt today when democrats assembled in state convention elected national convention delegates pledged to the President. Convention officials said some 2000 attended the meeting.

Pinball Comeback Move Is Rumored

Ordinance to Make Them Legal Again Coming Up Says Report

Will the pinball games return to Salem?

Reports that an ordinance legalizing their operation here was being prepared revived yesterday although no person would admit knowing of it.

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Historic Moment When Senate's Clerk Signs Vets' Bonus Measure



Finis was written to one of the most bitter battles in American legislative history, the 15-year-old controversy over the bonus payment issue, when Edward Halsey, seated, senate clerk, signed the bill making the measure law when the senate overrode the president's veto. Witnesses of the event were, left to right, standing, James Van Zandt, commander Veterans of Foreign Wars; Senator James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina; M. A. Harlan, official Disabled Veterans, and Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi.

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Would Finance Farm Aid Plan By Same Step

50 Representatives Join in Opposing Taxation Till Gold in Use

National Chamber Claims Inflation is Already in Effect in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A determined offensive seeking bonus payment through currency expansion rather than new taxes sprang today from a meeting of a powerful house inflation bloc.

Lines also were consolidated and widened in a corollary campaign to meet the costs of a new farm-aid program with the same device.

Half a hundred representatives—both democrats and republicans—approved a resolution opposing "additional taxes to pay the debt to the veteran" and urged the use of new money backed by the credit of this government and its metallic reserves.

They voted to set up a special steering committee to fight for that objective. Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) simultaneously promised to start a similar move in the senate to block all tax legislation and the issuance of any more interest-bearing bonds until the treasury has issued currency against the idle gold and silver.

Half Billion New Taxes, F. R. Policy

Linked closely with the bipartisan drive shaping up at both ends of the capital was the question of printing more currency to finance the administration's program to substitute a soil conservation and subsidy plan for the defunct AAA. President Roosevelt has suggested \$500,000,000 in new money to replace the invalidated processing taxes, for that purpose.

Today's meeting did not touch definitely on that angle, but the resolution, offered by Representative Greenwood (D-Ind.), was regarded in some quarters as broad enough to cover it. The resolution said:

"We favor a sound but adequate currency to be preserved at all hazards. We desire controlled expansion of the currency, sufficient to meet the needs of the people and the country, and are unalterably opposed to uncontrolled expansion."

Setbacks For All Issues Emphatic

Emphatic disapproval of each measure on the state ballot was given by Marion county voters in the special election Friday, official figures from the county clerk's tally sheets revealed yesterday. The primary date change, which won the most affirmative votes, went down almost four to one, while the proposal that legislators set their own pay, was crushed by a ten to one negative vote.

Complete returns from the 77 precincts in the county are:

Yes No
Primary date change 3228 12,263
Legislative pay boost 1300 13,867
Sales tax 2490 12,880
Student fee 2551 12,454
Officials here yesterday said that the negative vote percentage was the largest on record in the history of referendum or initiative votes here.

Death of Child at Roseburg Mystery

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Coroner H. C. Stearns said an autopsy was unsuccessful in determining cause of the death of Donna Lou Masters, 4, who died in convulsions at a hospital here late yesterday.

Dr. R. R. Shoemaker declined to sign a death certificate for the child and turned over the case to the coroner after an examination led him to suspect the fatality might have resulted from poison.

Reports that a person has been throwing poisoned sandwiches in the streets in an attempt to kill dogs have been received frequently by officers here lately.

Coroner Stearns said the autopsy "practically eliminated" the possibility that the child died from a dietary ailment, but that the theory was advanced death might have resulted from meningitis.

Accept Mrs. Long

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The thunder in the ranks of the administration political machine over the appointment of Mrs. Huey P. Long to the United States senate began to subside tonight as dissenting leaders accepted her.