

The Weather

Fair today, fair and cooler with higher humidity Monday; Max. Temp. Saturday 84, Min. 38, river 4 feet, northerly wind, clear.

Assessments in County Extensively Revised

Ballot Nearly One Yard Long To Face Voter

Dozens of Aspirants and Issues are Eclipsed by National Race

But Candidates, Parties Livening Up Campaign from Local Angle

When the voter steps up to the clerk of election November 3 and asks for a ballot he will get a piece of paper big enough for a quilt for a doll's bed. It is 30 inches long and 10 1/2 inches wide. He will find heading the ballot the presidential offices: republican, democratic, two independent, Thomas and Lemke, and one socialist labor tickets. In the state section he will pick a name and choose among candidates for U. S. senator, representative in congress, state treasurer and attorney general; also state representatives and district attorney. County offices to be filled are commissioner, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, assessor, surveyor, recorder, coroner. Precinct offices, for special purposes, are Justice of the Peace and Constable.

Next in order are eight measures submitted to voters of the state at large, and one measure, local option, to voters in this county.

Voters Will Need Varied Information

The city of Salem ballot is included with a city treasurer to be elected, and in some wards, a councilman. After the city ballot, on the same sheet, is the judicial ballot with three judges of the supreme court to be elected and one judge of the circuit court. Trailing on the ballot is the non-partisan, non-partisan ballot, now non-partisan, with one candidate named.

A separate small ballot will be handed out for voting on the question of forming a people's utility district for the county.

With such a lengthy ballot voters need to obtain ample information to become familiar with the printed blanket they will confront on November 3. These will soon be available to the county clerk's office.

Forgotten men in the race is nearly every candidate other than Roosevelt and Landon. A minimum of interest is being taken in the other races, perhaps because they appear quite one-sided. Senator McNary is conceded reelection by all competent observers. His leading opponent, William Mahoney, has created far less stir than he did two years ago when he ran for the nomination for governor. Likewise James W. Mott is expected to defeat his democratic opponent, E. W. Kirkpatrick, by a liberal margin. Rufus C. Holmes is not being pushed by ardent democrat U. S. Burt, who is nonetheless appealing for solid support of his party. Alfred P. Dobson is making jobs at Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle; but without much visible effect.

State Legislature Races Uncertain

For representative, four to choose, there is considerable uncertainty. Three republican incumbents are on the list: Rortin, Walter Fuhrer; and George R. Duncan of Stayton is the fourth. Mills will go back without fail. Mrs. Martin, after a rather desultory primary campaign, narrowly won a nomination. Since she has been in the harness she has been very diligent and plans a very careful campaign for the finals. Fuhrer has been handicapped by a long illness which kept him out of the primary vote drive entirely. He is back in the harness now. Duncan was second man in the primaries, which gives him a good prospect for the election.

This year the democrats have a full ticket with T. A. Livesley, S. B. Mills, J. M. Potter and J. F. Ulrich as candidates. Mills has been a perennial candidate with ideas for fixing the world. Potter has good support among farm groups. Livesley, former mayor of Salem, was pushed into the race. He will not run for votes personally, but his friends who will. Ulrich, Salem real estate dealer, is an active candidate.

Complicating the situation this year are two Townsend plan entrants, R. A. Harris and O. A. Olson. Harris is a Salem printer and political agitator who drove the Townsend plan for Salem and was an early advocate of Dr. Townsend's plan. Olson, a dentist, is a former councilman and newly elected member of the city water board.

The spirited race made by Lyle Page for district attorney in the primaries plus his record as deputy give him an edge for district attorney over Avery Thompson, energetic young democrat and former university debater.

Shows Heels to Idaho's Vandals



JIMMY NICHOLSON

County Endeavor Nominees Listed

Mary Kruger of Salem Is Slated to Head Group; Meeting Continues

Mary Kruger of Salem is nominated for the presidency of the Marion county Christian Endeavor union yesterday in second day sessions of the convention at the First Christian church. Other nominees were:

Secretary, Dorothy Gibson, Salem; treasurer, Gene Crothers, Salem; paper editor, Jean Hawkins, Salem; pastor counselor, Rev. Frank Zook, Silverton; executive adviser, Opal Yates.

Nominees for superintendents or chairmanships were: Young people, Grace Klampe, Labish Center; prayer meeting, Charlotte Parr, Salem; social, Betty Rae McGahan, S. Salem; missionary, Gwendolyn Hicks, Woodburn; radio, Lillian Parrish, Salem; and Valmer Klampe, Labish Center; citizenship, John Laughlin, Salem; quiet hour, Alvin Armstrong, Salem; stewardship, Gordon Randall, Salem; publicity, Jesse Johnson, Liberty; education, Echo Sargent, Liberty; junior, Jaean Patton, Salem.

The convention, at which 150 delegates had registered last night, will close today. A quiet hour will be led by Helen McClain at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The program for the afternoon service at 2:30 will be: Request concert, Phil Barrett, organist; worship and installation of officers, in charge of Howard Cole; presentation of awards; male quartet selections, Ewald Franz, Homer Welby, Roy Rutschman and Waldo Klein; address, Rev. K. E. Burke, Eugene; decision service.

Highlights of yesterday's sessions were talks and discussions by Arthur Stanley, Dayton, state president; Howard Cole, state vice-president; Helen McClain, returned missionary from China; Opal Yates and Valmer Klampe; the convention banquet, and the junior meeting conducted by Charlotte Parr.

Portland, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The situation aboard the steamship Oregon, tied up by a labor dispute since Friday, threatened to become a coastwide issue tonight as representatives of the United States maritime commission opened an investigation.

Capt. George L. Ong charged that four members of the crew turned water from a fire hose into the water tank. The boat was unable to sail Friday when six men quit, saying unsanitary conditions existed in the forecastle and demanding transportation back to Portland if the ship was forced into idleness after reaching the coast.

United States Inspector of Hulls, John Nolan, inspector of boilers and S. Smedstad, deputy commissioner, looked over the vessel and wired J. B. Weaver, director of the bureau of marine inspection at Washington, that the Oregon was seaworthy and sanitary conditions satisfactory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Continued voting on whether to authorize a strike October 28

Oregon Winner Over Stubborn Vandal Eleven

Jimmy Nicholson Figures Heavily in Webfoots' Belated Spurge

Salem Boy Scores on Run of 19 Yards, Finally Makes Pass Good

BY JOSEPH PIGNEY

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Oregon Webfoots, frightened into action by the menace of a scoreless tie, presented a handful of spectators with a fourth-quarter rally and shouldered their way to a 13-0 victory over the University of Idaho at Multnomah stadium today.

Out of the danger of an Idaho score, stopped by fumbles almost on top of the goal line, the Webfoots jammed on the pressure. Two fumbles in the fourth period let Idaho back from the Oregon seven-yard line to the 18, where Oregon took possession on downs. A sharp Webfoot running attack pushed the ball to the 40. Then out of a pile of waving arms and kicking legs, Bob Bradford, Oregon's left halfback, jammed through the Idaho left tackle, cut over to the right and sprinted 60 yards to a touchdown. Nicholson's attempted conversion was wide.

The Vandals, thoroughly unnerved, took to fumbling again. Shortly after the Oregon kickoff, Rex Willard, who went into the backfield for the brilliant Harold Rolse, fumbled on his own 19. John Verby, alert Webfoot end, recovered.

Nicholson Ramps For Last 19 Yards

On the first play halfback Jimmy Nicholson swung wide around the Vandal right end to step across the goal untouched. Nicholson kicked the extra point from placement.

Nicholson's pass to Bradford in the second period for a five yard gain represented the Webfoots' only completed throw this season.

Clarence Devlin, who took Earl Ritzhelmer's place in the Idaho backfield, turned in one of the most brilliant individual plays of the game. A few moments before the end of the first half he snugged an Oregon pass on his own five and sprinted to the Oregon 25 before he was downed by Nicholson.

Idaho failed to capitalize on the threat and a week attempt at a (Turn to page 12, col. 8)

Budget Coming Up On Final Passage

Two of the year's most important proposals before the city council Monday night. In addition to awarding a contract for construction of the Salem-Stayton gravity pipeline the aldermen will take final action on the city budget for 1937.

Granting salary increases to nearly all city employees, the tentative budget would require a tax of \$357,619.93. Miscellaneous receipts outside of taxes are estimated at \$21,500 additional.

Two variations in the present proposed salary schedule are likely to be urged. Opponents to pay boosts may continue their fight; some proponents are expected to ask for proportionate increases for the two police radio operators and assistants in the offices of the city engineer and the building inspector who were left out when other raises in pay were voted.

Oregon Situation Threatens Labor Issue; Vote Continues

marked the only activity in the waterfront labor controversy tonight. Both unions and shipowners awaited the arrival of Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, investigator for the federal maritime commission.

Admiral Hamlet is due to arrive tomorrow to investigate the entire maritime labor controversy and make recommendations to the government agency, which officially comes into existence October 26. The commission will administer the Copeland shipping act.

Union spokesmen remained silent as to how they would proceed in the investigation. The only clue to their attitude was their declaration last night that the federated unions would continue to present a solid front and that they would call a coast-wide walkout October 28 unless shipowners met their basic demands in the meantime.

Insistence that Admiral Hamlet would delve extensively into the controversy were foreseen in the commission's announcement that he carried authority to subpoena witnesses and take testimony.

Yachats Fire Spread Checked

Wind Changes, Aids Fighters In Coast Area

Gold Beach in No Danger is Word, Contrary to Earlier Rumors

Weather is Unfavorable and Menace Continues in Three States

COQUILLE, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—A crew of 125 OCC youths was moved to Coquille tonight to maintain fire lines as flames sweeping southward, came within one mile of the city limits.

Two crews were separated when flames leaped between them on a hillside. They scattered out and partly regained lost ground after a small house was destroyed. Two pumps were in action.

A fire on Rink creek was reported dangerously close to the Coquille watershed. Jack Campbell, forestry service warden.

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Although serious fires were burning in the Gold Beach vicinity tonight, the city was not in any immediate danger, reported A. L. Jess, forester here.

Unfavorable weather conditions and a stiff wind sent flames out of control temporarily this afternoon. Tonight the situation was considerably improved.

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Karl L. Janouch, supervisor of the Rogue River national forest, said tonight that he had dispatched 50 men from this city to the Coquille forest fire.

A serious fire was reported raging in the Gold Beach section tonight, and it was claimed that all available men had been sent from Grants Pass, and nearby sections to aid in combating the flames.

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—(AP)—An east wind, dreaded by fire fighters, fanned nearly a score of forest and brush fires into menacing proportions today as summer weather again replaced the normal rainy climate of fall in southern Washington and western Oregon.

One of the most dangerous blazes was an old fire whipped into a roaring inferno between Yachats and Waldport, along the central Oregon coast. Some sections of the coast highway four miles south of Waldport were blocked by the flames and residents of the section evacuated their homes.

The fire was the same one which threatened the coastal cities on September 25, when flames south of Waldport were blocked by the flames and residents of the section evacuated their homes.

Late in the day the fire was reported under control, a change (Turn to page 12, col. 7)

Skagway River Is Threatening Town

SKAGWAY, Alaska, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A hurried call went out for more workers tonight as most of the male population of the city worked feverishly constructing sandbag bulkheads on the banks of the swollen Skagway river which threatened to flood the town after whipping out parts of two highways and inundating railroad tracks.

All rail traffic was at a standstill. Sections of the White Pass-Yukon railway were washed out near the city. The famous Old Brackett road, first used by prospectors in 1898, was entirely washed out. Sections of the highway bordering the west side of the river were under several feet of water.

The steamer Yukon, which arrived last night, waited 10 hours for interior passengers who were finally brought to the city by boats and other means.

Find Three Dead In Nevada Cabin

ELKO, Nev., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Four men, three of them prominent Nevada cattle ranchers, were found shot to death in a cabin one mile southwest of here late today.

Discovery of the bullet-riddled bodies ended a search for the three stockmen, in which federal bureau of investigation agents participated.

Large 'Deadhead' List Of Names Included in Big Total Registered

Over Half Oregon's Population Represented Upon Books, But 10 Per Cent Double-Registered, Moved from Vicinity or Deceased

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD (Associated Press Staff Writer)

OREGON'S population since the last census, estimated, is 1,030,000. Oregon's registered vote, with one county missing, is more than 550,000.

Ponder that for a moment. That means that more than half of Oregon's population would be eligible to vote at the polls November 3. Really, does that sound logical?

Several years ago the secretary of state started providing return stamps for the Oregon Voters' pamphlets. At the last primary election more than 30,000 were returned.

Past experience proves that the state department may anticipate a return of at least 10 per cent of the pamphlets. Since, at the last election 30,000 pamphlets were returned, and ten per cent of the present registration is expected back, the point that "only a small portion of the voters go to the polls" appears rather overworked. Just what is the registered vote?

The reported registered vote, in round figures, is 550,000. Ten per cent of that would be 55,000 pamphlets returned to the secretary of state as uncalled for. With those returned at the primary election, that means more than 80,000 returned.

State officials do not credit the surplus to any intentional "padding." Some counties are very careful, where others are not, of the number classed as "deadheads." They either did not vote at the last general election, or there is some other reason why they are not on the eligible list. Death and removal often are not recorded.

Keeping this in mind, since the (Turn to page 12, col. 1)

Decisive Battles Under Way, Spain

Fleeing Refugees Barred From Entering Madrid; Censorship Heavy

MADRID, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Pounded by three major insurgent offensives, government military units fought desperately tonight to hold the ring of steel slowly closing in around the capital.

The war ministry admitted socialist troops had been a "strategic retreat" near Navalcarnero, 18 miles southwest of Madrid. Insurgent forces, including youths, lashed by a hail of insurgent bombs and bullets, doggedly manned their posts at Las Navas del Marqués, Robledo De Chevela and Brunete, directly west and north of Madrid.

Their courage, government sources said, "is invincible!" (The dispatch was heavily censored, presumably indicating the situation in Madrid is critical. The message was delayed two or three hours and 114 cable words were deleted.)

The problem of handling war refugees, fleeing from the battered rural regions in the path of (Turn to page 12, col. 5)

Belgium Shakes Europe With Intent to Abrogate Treaties

(By the Associated Press) Little Belgium, historic battlefield for the armies of the world, last night shook the intricate framework of Europe's interlocking alliances.

It was reported in Paris that the Belgian Foreign Minister P. Henry Spaak, intimating to French Ambassador Jules Le Roche that Belgium ultimately would withdraw from all treaties pledging Belgian military assistance.

Belgium, the foreign minister said, probably would abandon her mutual assistance pact with France, remain out of any Locarno five-power treaty, and abridge her obligations to other nations under the League of Nations covenant.

To Respect Existing Facts, Assurance Pact with France was assured Belgium would respect existing pacts. The other Locarno signatories are France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy. The Locarno pact has been so weakened as to be almost obsolete in Europe that collective security ever since Germany rearmd the de-militarized Rhineland last March.

With German and Belgian absence from the pact, France would have only Britain and Italy among big powers to look to for future plans concerning the collective security of Europe.

France has a mutual assistance pact with Russia, but the Kremlin was gravely concerned tonight, expressing belief the Belgian defections would cause France to build an entirely new fortification system for her northern frontiers.

Great Britain and Russia would be the only other European first rank powers left backing league decisions. Germany is no longer a member. Italy did not participate in the last assembly because the league members shifted the Ethiopian question into the next session.

France is not alone in being gravely worried over the ultimatum (Turn to page 12, col. 5)

Concrete and Steel Pipe to Have Support

Recommendation to That Effect Will Be Based Upon Durability

Proponents of Low Cost Materials Including Wood Will Battle

Concrete and steel will be recommended to the city council Monday night as materials from which the Salem-Stayton water pipeline should be constructed, it appeared yesterday. This recommendation, it was understood, would be based on a contention that the proposal of the American Concrete and Steel Pipe company of Tacoma, Wash., to build such a line for \$647,985 would be the most economical when the life expectancy of the pipe was considered.

Studies of the bids received last Tuesday night had simmered late yesterday to the two lowest proposals, that of the Tacoma firm and that of James Crick, Spokane, Wash. Crick bid \$616,303 for a line consisting of 34,250 feet of creosoted wood pipe and 52,150 feet of steel pipe. The concrete section of the Tacoma firm's proposal would be of the same length as that of Crick's wood pipe proposition.

Earlier Completion Is Another Factor

The timber element in the two bids had not entered into the discussions among city officials as greatly as that of life and first cost of the pipe but it was receiving consideration. If the Tacoma company were to finish the contract in 22 working days, as bid, the pipeline would be ready for use about next September 1 with the result power charges for pumping with the present system would be eliminated during one of the heaviest months of the year for water consumption. Crick offered to complete the line in 225 working days. Pumping costs in peak seasons average \$200 per day, according to water department statements.

Designation of the winning bid, however, is not expected to pass without forensic fireworks. Proponents of wood pipe and of lower initial expenditures were girding yesterday to defend Crick's proposal with one of their main assertions of advantage reported to be that purchase of a wooden line would provide more employment than in the case of other types.

Eventual Saving Is Claimed for Steel

That an ultimate saving of \$28,511.52 through acceptance of the concrete and steel bid would be effected by the city was being claimed by officials close to the (Turn to page 12, col. 7)

Tenth Victim of Bandon Fire Dies

COQUILLE, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Death of Elmer Ellsworth Kenyon, 73, tonight brought the Bandon fire toll to ten reported to be Kenyon, whose home was destroyed in the September 28 blaze, died of pneumonia developing from exposure when he was forced to flee onto the beach. His wife is seriously ill in the Coquille hospital.

Other members of the widowed drawing group said there was possibility the church would discontinue its relations with the national body and organize a new congregation.

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Equalizing of Tax Burden Is Shelton's Aim

Total Valuation Reduced Over Two Millions in Revision of Rolls

Major Part of Cut is in Farms, Orchard Land, Assessor Explains

A reduction of \$2,476,000 in the assessed valuation of real and personal property is reported in the summary of the assessment rolls for Marion county, for the year 1936, just completed by R. Shelton, county assessor.

It is cut, \$1,884,350 in farm lands and \$429,850 in town and city lots and their improvements. The remainder is in valuations of personal property and in improvements on lands.

The sharp reduction represents the effort of the county assessor to readjust and equalize property valuations in recognition of changed conditions.

"Many of these changes should have been made earlier," said Shelton, "but we have completed them now and I believe valuations are now at the bottom, and on a much fairer basis than before."

"There have been shifts in values in real estate in Salem for example. On Commercial street assessments in some cases were nearly as high as what the properties were selling for; and out of line with values on other streets like Liberty street.

On Prune Orchards

I have made reductions in values on prune orchards, in some cases old orchards were continued at a figure of \$75 an acre while general farm land adjoining which really was producing a better income, was assessed at only \$40 an acre.

"The reduction will not lower the total amount of taxes, but it will equalize the tax burden within the county."

The total valuation for the county is \$45,540,000. This for taxation purposes will later be added the valuation determined by the state tax commission on utilities operating within the county. This amounted to \$6,285,383 last year.

For the year 1936 the valuation as fixed by the county assessor was \$41,642,940. The decrease represents a drop of nearly 20 per cent in six years.

That the bottom has been reached is indicated in the improving prices for farm land and in the extensive building operations now going on, especially in Salem where over 100 houses have been built this year, which will come on the tax rolls next year, besides added investments in commercial buildings.

The following is a comparison of the assessment rolls for 1936 and 1935: (Turn to page 12, col. 5)

Minister at Bend Quits in Protest

BEND, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Glenn R. Cote, pastor, a large section of the congregation and several elders today announced their withdrawal from the First Presbyterian church of Bend.

"Conscientious reasons compell me to withdraw from my denomination Presbyterian church in the United States," the pastor said.

Other members of the withdrawal group said there was possibility the church would discontinue its relations with the national body and organize a new congregation.

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