

Oregon Senate Campaign Cost Over \$363,879

Jewells and Johnstons Biggest Washington Contributors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The senatorial campaigns in Oregon and Washington cost at least \$363,879, the Senate elections subcommittee reported Saturday. The subcommittee agreed this was not the entire amount, but said it was unable to determine what the full cost was.

Of the \$3,445,724 spent on Senate campaign battles last fall, the subcommittee said \$363,879 was paid out in Oregon and \$299,561 in Washington. A break-down by parties was not given.

In both states the Democratic incumbents were reelected over Republican candidates who ran with the endorsement of the Eisenhower administration. Wayne Morse in Oregon defeated Douglas McKay, who had resigned as secretary of the interior, and in Washington Sen. Warren G. Magnuson defeated GOP Gov. Arthur E. Langlie.

The subcommittee listed Oregon and Idaho as among eight states which received the biggest out-of-state contributions for senatorial campaigns.

Leading individual contributors to the 1956 political campaign were Mr. and Mrs. George F. Jewett of Spokane, who gave \$17,000 to the Republican party. The sum included \$5,300 contributed by Mrs. Jewett.

A contribution of \$5,700 was made to the Republicans by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnston of Washington, D. C., and of East 615-16th Ave., Spokane, the subcommittee said.

Nick Bez, Seattle fish packer, was named as contributing \$5,000 to the Democrats.

A \$2,000 contribution to the Democrats was listed as being from E. M. Weston, president of the Washington State Federation of Labor. This tied with a similar contribution to the Republicans by I. W. Abel of Pittsburgh, secretary-treasurer of the United Steelworkers of America, as the largest from labor union officials.

More than 90 per cent of the pulp and paper manufactured in the United States is made from wood.

Wasco County Found Bright Spot in Economy of Oregon

This is the first of a series of articles condensing and summarizing findings of J. W. Forrester, Jr., editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, in a tour through the state in which he looked for economic trends and prospects.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wasco County is one of the bright spots in Oregon's economy, unlike almost anything we have seen. J. W. Forrester, Jr., editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, said in opening a discussion of the state of business affairs in all parts of Oregon.

He noted the sharp contrast with adjacent Hood River County, where "the pattern has been set for a long time and any change that could come is talked about hopefully but doubtfully."

These side-by-side Columbia River counties were chosen by Forrester for opening a series of articles in his newspaper, based on a first-hand inspection trip through the state. This is what he found:

Dalles Dam Constructed
Wasco County, until 1952, was geared to an economy of agriculture and wood products manufacture. Then workers came and built The Dalles Dam across the Columbia River. They were well paid and spent much of their money in The Dalles; in 1955 the Chamber of Commerce said Wasco County had the highest net income per family of any county in Oregon; employment now has dropped from a 2,000-peak to 700, where it will remain until the final generator is installed in 1961.

"All the communities that have lived with the construction of dams on the Columbia River—Bonneville, Grand Coulee, McNary, etc.—have hoped they would attract industry because of the favorable bus bar rate for power that was available for industries that would locate within their boundaries. None did.

Harvey Plant
"At The Dalles, one has Harvey Aluminum Co. is building a plant at The Dalles. It will . . . in production before the end of this year and will employ about 400 people. "Harvey has given Wasco County the stability it needs in this period of transition" following ending of employment on construction of the dam itself. But, we find, Wasco County probably isn't going to need it. The John Day Dam is about to be built."

Confident that the projected dam is certain, Forrester noted that from start to finish a Colum-

bia River multi-purpose dam is a 10-year job. "This is a picture that chamber of commerce secretaries can dream of."

But this is only a part of the economy. The two million dollar cherry crop—lost last year in the freeze—is an important segment. And the wheat crop is worth 3½ million and livestock another 2 to 2½ million. Much of the Sherman and Gilliam counties' wheat income also is spent in The Dalles. "The bread and butter of Wasco County's economy is agriculture and wood."

Wood Processing
For the future, there may be some expanded use of high timber for the county's sawmills and wood processing plants. And, most important in many minds, is the possibility of getting a deep-water channel in the Columbia, to make The Dalles an ocean port. "To sum it all up: As it has been for many years, agriculture still is the hard core of the economy here and the people know it. They realize that much more can be done with their timber resources and therein have an opportunity to make a major contribution to the economy of the state. If they can establish a "world port" here for the movement in and out of commerce from every place to and from the vast Inland Empire, the prosperity they are enjoying through this boom period may seem infinitesimal. The Dalles looks like a good place to live for a while."

Hood River Contrast
In contrast with this "bustle, activity and planning" in Wasco County, Forrester found in neighboring Hood River County—one of the state's smallest in size and population—a major factor "about which nothing can be done. Much of the activity that surrounds the fruit crop is seasonal. And the fruit crop—apples, pears, cherries—is the foundation of the county's economy, worth 11 million dollars a year.

Lumber, too, is important to the economy and there also is a seasonal aspect because much of the timber is from high areas, inaccessible in winter. Sawmills, a plywood plant and a hardwood plant, use the timber and installation of the hardwood plant a few years ago leads to hope of fuller utilization.

Strawberry Comeback
Strawberry growing, once all but eliminated by weevils, is making a recovery. But "like most coun-

ties that have their eggs in a small basket," the people are looking for industrial development.

Hood River County has one asset in this: It has a water so pure it has virtually no mineral content at all.

Presumably there is some industry which needs an abundant supply of pure water. This is a chief hope.

The rerouting of Highway 30 around the city has cost some tourist money.

Forrester summarizes: "What happens in Hood River County in the future isn't likely to make much of an impact upon the economy of the state of Oregon. But if its orchards and its forests were not there, the loss to the economy of the state would be irreparable."

Man Pinned 21 Hours Between Truck and Tree

MARSHALLVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Frank Hester, 49, spent 21 hours trapped between a tree and the door of a truck.

Doctors at Peach County Hospital in nearby Fort Valley said Hester suffered a badly mashed left arm, shock and exposure, but was getting along "satisfactorily."

Hester was reading meters for the Flint Electric Membership Corp. Saturday. He stopped his two-way radio-equipped truck and got out to look at a meter. The truck began to roll and an open door pinned him to a tree.

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