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Oregon was one of a dozen states which turned from the New Deal by electing a republican governor to succeed a democratic executive.

Chas. A. Sprague has reason to be proud of the vote he received, as does Rufus Holman, elected United States senator. There was cause for fear that the impossible Mahoney might slip into the senate this time, but thousands of voters must have learned of his Washington record.

Before the next election is due, there is urgent need that the Coquille Southeast precinct No. 41, be divided. This is the second largest precinct in the county, the registration this year being 809. And 75 per cent of the registered voters there turned out for the election Tuesday as did the same percentage in Coquille Southwest No. 40.

Handicapped by having to use three tally books—each book allows for only a total of 220 votes per candidate—the tallying was completed in the court house polling place.

To us in the west one of the dark spots in a very bright election day was the defeat of Dewey, republican candidate for governor of New York. Running against a governor who has made a very fine record for several terms, this energetic young district attorney came within 80,000 votes of defeating the new deal endorsed incumbent. The total New York vote exceeded four million, and the up-state gave Dewey around a 600,000 majority, but the greater New York vote melted it like a snowball when Gov. Lehman received a majority of upwards of 700,000 there. At that Dewey's great race makes him an outstanding figure for the republican nomination for president in 1940.

## Fragments

"Hats off!  
Along the street there comes  
A blare of bugles, ruffle of drums,  
A flash of color beneath the sky;  
Hats off!  
The flag is passing by!"  
—H. H. Bennett

"The shot that rang around the world" fired at Sarajevo—German troops invade Belgium—first battle of the Marne—Lutitania sunk—Edith Cavell shot as spy by Boches—Zepplin raids over England—"They shall not pass" at Verdun—Battle of Jutland—Germans fall back to the "Hindenburg line"—the Zimmerman note to Mexico suggesting the partition of United States—the declaration of war against Germany by the congress of United States—General Pershing's arrival in Paris—draft day in United States—President Wilson's 14 points of peace—the massacre of the royal Romanoffs at Ekaterinburg—second battle of the Marne—American doughboys at St. Mihiel and Argonne forest—the Kaiser abdicates—the Armistice signed near Senlis at 11 a. m. November 11, 1918.

It's twenty years ago tomorrow that the last gun was fired in the first world war. We of America have learned much in the last twenty years, primarily that we did not "make the world safe for democracy." And yet a review of the history of that struggle fails to show how we could have done differently. If we had allowed Germany to emerge victorious, let no one doubt that all of us would now be goosestepping to the Kaiser orders. Those who remember the joy of the armistice news may also remember the vague disappointment that our victorious armies did not march upon Berlin. To forego the role of the conquering hero seemed the civilized course for us to pursue.

Just where in the past twenty years have we failed in our duty? The quarrels in Spain, in China, in the Holy Land, in Czechoslovakia are not our quarrels but they threaten another cataclysm infinitely more devastating than that of twenty years ago when eight and a half million men lost their lives and the casualty lists mounted to over thirty-seven million.

Did our silver policy, imposed by a few selfish senators, weaken China so that she became an easy prey for Japan? Did our emphasis on the debt owed us by foreign nations overshadow the insistence we should have shown for peace between nations and for the protection of the weaker people against the stronger? In our pride as the richest nation on earth, did we fail to lend our moral support

to the League of Nations when Ethiopia might have been saved?

Mussolini and Hitler, both emboldened by the taste of blood, are now sowing the wind in Palestine. That they will reap a whirlwind that will destroy them utterly can be no comfort to us when the long-predicted uprising of the Moslem world is a fact. Forty years ago a war between Mohammedan and Christian was foretold, a religious war which would involve the whole world. What an indictment of man that Jerusalem, the holy city of three faiths, should be the focal point in such a conflict!

On the gardener's calendar for this locality, Armistice Day is the official tulip planting day.

If you earn \$150 a month and own an automobile you pay taxes, hidden and otherwise, amounting to \$220 a year; if you own a home you pay, in addition, property taxes on that. You may not be required to file an income tax report but that does not exempt you from contributing to the ever-growing cost of government.

American buyers are hurrying to get goods out of Czechoslovakia before the tariff barriers are raised against the products of the Sudeten Germans. No one would think of penalizing the American retail merchant who now has Czech goods on hand but in the future "made in Czechoslovakia" may be as big a deterrent from buying by consumers here as "made in Japan" now is.

Did you know that the people of the United States spent more than three and one-half billion dollars for alcoholic beverages in 1937? Did you drink your fifteen gallons?

There is one fact evident from the vote here in Oregon Tuesday; it is found in the large affirmative vote most of the measures on the ballot received. When we first began trying to sort the wheat from the chaff in such measures over twenty years ago, the result for the state at large was usually "no," regardless of the merit of the measures. From this week's election returns it is apparent that the voters of Oregon are giving time and thought to their civic duty at the polls and for that reason we cheerfully accept the decision of the majority, although in a few instances the outcome was not as we desired it.



Encouraging progress in digging out from under their debt load is being recorded by Oregon school districts, according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman.

In the past two years, this survey reveals, the school districts throughout the state have whittled more than \$2,500,000 off their aggregate debt load. This sizeable bit of whittling is in addition to a reduction of nearly \$2,300,000 reported by the school districts for the preceding two years. The net aggregate debt of the school districts as of July 1, last, was \$15,128,292 compared to a net aggregate debt of \$17,646,349 carried by these same districts on July 1, 1936.

"The credit of the school districts in Oregon is of the very highest character," Holman declared. "Notwithstanding the adversities of some of the districts on account of fires and reductions in assessed valuations, low prices for farm products and tax delinquencies none of the school districts in the state are in default in the payment of the principal and interest on their outstanding bonds."

The demand for more money to finance public functions is by no means confined to Oregon, according to Chas. V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission. Galloway has just returned from a trip to Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the annual conference of tax officials, stopping over on his way home at the capitals of several states to discuss taxation and revenue problems. In practically every state Galloway found that the new social security program has laid a heavy strain on state finances. Some states have found a solution to the problem in gross income and sales taxes but many states, like Oregon, are still groping around for an answer to their problem.

Members of the state parole board who visited the parole camp in the Elliott state forest in western Douglas county are most enthusiastic over the work being accomplished in the rehabilitation of former convicts by this program. Seventeen paroled men are now being employed in the camp. These men, in addition to receiving food and lodging are paid \$50 a month, the money providing a nest egg on which the men are able to make a new start in life. Men as-

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the files of the Sentinel for week of November 15, 1918.)

A three column headline across the front page of the Sentinel told "This is Germany's Bitter Pill" but little did the editor in writing that headline and telling the story of the Huns' embarrassing downfall dream that only two decades later the defeat would be virtually null and void and Germany would be as great and powerful as before the start of the world war.

Supt. Chas. E. Mulkey informed the press that all county schools of the immediate vicinity were open again after a three weeks' quarantine.

Rufus C. Sell, of Riverton, was reported as "missing in action" from Washington, D. C., from a cablegram from the western front in combat last week.

E. E. Johnson, operator of the mill here, reported that the idea of running two shifts in the mill would have to be cancelled now due to the government calling off all contracts with the Aircraft Bureau, following the cessation of the war in France.

Hinds and Lawson, of Coos river, have marketed a crop of two tons of honey this season.

Mrs. H. E. Folsom came over from the bay yesterday to visit with her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Tuttle.

Dr. C. W. Endicott and family arrived home last Wednesday after a two months' visit with Mrs. Endicott's father, T. J. Walker, at Fort Ransom,

signed to the camp are carefully selected by officials at the state prison. Their stay in the camp averages about four months.

This is the shortest week in the year for state officials and employees. What with election day and Armistice day and the regular Saturday afternoon half-holiday they will be required to put in three and one-half days at their desks this week. Thanksgiving Day, November 24, will provide another day for rest and recreation for those on the public payroll.

The State Board of Control has indicated it will be in no great hurry to pick a successor to James V. Lewis, former warden at the state penitentiary who died last week. In the meantime E. C. Halley, deputy warden, will be in charge of the institution. Halley, it is understood, is not an applicant for the wardenship, being content to remain in his subordinate position. Among candidates being considered for the wardenship, it is understood, are George Alexander, former state prohibition commissioner and present assistant superintendent of state police, and J. W. Lillie, of Portland, who served as warden during the latter part of the Pierce administration.

One thousand hard-boiled criminals, prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary, contributed their mites toward a fund of \$250 for the purchase of floral tributes to the memory of their former warden, James V. Lewis. Lewis, regarded as a stern disciplinarian, was held in high regard by the men under his charge, one of their number, a life-termer, declaring him to be the best friend the prisoners had.

The Oregon pioneer atop the new capitol emerged from hiding last week, resplendent in a new suit of gold leaf. In his new raiment the huge granite statue outshines any of the armored knights of old and on a sunny day is visible for several miles.

The strength of the Oregon national guard has been increased by 331 officers and men during the past two years, Major General George A. White reported this week to Governor Martin. This increase brings the strength of the Oregon guard up to a total of 3603 officers and men, largest in the history of the state, General White said. Guard units are located in 33 cities scattered through 22 counties of the state.

When Mrs. J. B. Peterman, of Santa Monica, California, discovered that a tract of land in Tillamook county which she recently purchased from the State Land board was located in an isolated section far removed from the ocean she demanded her money back. The tract she was shown and which she thought she was buying, she told the board, bordered directly on the ocean with a splendid view of the rolling waves. The board agreed that under the circumstances Mrs. Peterman was entitled to a refund.

One of the biggest "lettings" of road contracts in several years has been scheduled by the state highway

North Dakota.

T. P. Hanly, of Lampa, and C. M. Spencer, of Bandon, were in town Tuesday to attend the meeting of the commission of the Port of Bandon.

"We've been getting thunder and lightning enough in the past two days to imagine we had gone back east" said the editor this week and which compares almost identically in word and time of the month as an expression in the Sentinel of November 4, 1918.

I. T. Weekly reports that his son, Vance, who was last week reported very low with the flu has fully recovered but is now quarantined on account of the prevalence of measles at Camp Lewis.

Writing from Earlham, California, to remit a year's subscription, a former Coquille valley rancher said, "Your paper is like a letter from home," which calls attention to the maxim the Sentinel carried on the front page most for more than a decade and up until just recently. Possibly this and other similar contributing compliments from others outside of the valley led the editor to adopt the expression later on.

At about 10 o'clock another husking bee at his barn at Norway last Saturday evening for which a large crowd turned out.

Mrs. H. A. Dooley, of Bandon, was grief stricken this week in the reported death of her son on the battlefields of France.

commission for its meeting in Portland on November 17 and 18. Bids for 24 road and bridge jobs aggregating approximately \$1,500,000 will be opened at the two-day session. Twelve of the jobs are WPA projects.

## Coos County Budget Hearing December 1

Members of the Coos county budget committee have ordered publication of the budget which they have drawn up for the year of 1939 and it will appear on November 10.

Any objections, changes or revisions of the budget will have to be made by appearance at a public meeting before the county court at 10 a. m., December 1st. Members of the committee include John Ferguson, R. A. Jeub, Irvin L. Peterson, Hugh McLain, R. H. Lawhorn and Thos. H. Thompson.

## Unemployment Compensation Was Low in October

A new low for monthly distribution of unemployment compensation was noted by the commission for October. The total of \$212,852 showed a 27 per cent decrease from September and was only 20 per cent of the amount paid jobless insured workers in the peak month of April.

Marshfield, claim center for Coos and Curry counties, accounted for \$15,500, or 7.3 per cent of the state total.

The low monthly total was adjudged resultant to continued excellent condition of the active file of job applicants, as shown by the Ore-

gon employment service records. October checks numbering 20,531 brought the cumulative total since January to 488,194 and aggregate disbursements to \$5,233,997.

## Probate Cases

There were two cases filed in Probate court this week. Ruth Ludwick was named administratrix of the estate of George Davidson, which estate is estimated at about \$1,000 and four benefactors were listed.

Charles A. Goodrich was named by the court as executor of the estate of Berlinda Jane Goodrich, which was appraised at about \$1500. There were nine benefactors listed.

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