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HOW THEY VOTED

Publication of the official
vote of the November election
adds new information to the
vote pattern of Oregon's citi-
zens.

More people voted on stan-
dard time than on any other
measure. Reasons why will be
varied but among them will be
the simplicity of the problem
involved and the confusion en-
gendered by so many different
times.

There were 654 thousand per-
sons voted on the liquor by the
drink measure although the de-
tails of how it is to be obtained
still must be written. The
cigarette tax drew 646 thousand
voters and it was likewise easily
understood. On the matter of
letting the dogs run 641 thou-
sand voted and 648 passed judg-
ment on milk, which was not an
easily understood question.

The truck measure drew 639
and 619 thousand votes with,
oddly, the constitutional amend-
ment getting the fewer votes.
Future study of the campaigns
for and against these two may
change campaigns for a long
time.

Interest in a new hospital
for elders drew 633 thousand
votes; 608 thousand voted to
keep on electing a school su-
perintendent while but 599
thousand voted on the much
more important school bill. More
voters passed on the six mill
limit for taxes than did on the
six percent amendment, altho
the six percent amendments
have often been before the vot-
ers and the six mill was brand
new.

Lowest vote cast was on re-
apportionment. There was little
opposition to the bill even in
the rural part of the state to
which it did great damage.
Only 551 thousand voted on it
at all.
Big campaigns can be credit-
ed with some of the vote al-
though the time measure had
little spent on it and there was
little said or done about liquor
by the drink or the cigarette
tax. We do not know why peo-
ple vote as they do and we sus-
picion that no one knows very
surely.

WINTER

There are those who hiber-
nate as does the bear when
snow falls and the mercury
drops; they stay beside the fire
and keep warm. Not that they
subsist on the fat accumulated
through a summer of fat steaks,
either. They wax fat. They take
no part in winter; hunt not the
goose, pack no snowballs in play,
thrill not at the bright and
chilly morn.

By the use of a plentitude of
fuel they keep in summer tem-
perature throughout the winter.
It is like California except for
the fresh air.

Maybe these are the lucky
ones. Those who are driven by
the necessity of working and
who must be outside a part of
each day, have to learn to get
along with cold weather. Liking
it is not the question. The out-
doors ones must enjoy spring to
the greatest degree.

The last week was 'our first
touch of winter this season. It
was a bonafide touch, too.
While a bit of chill in the air
is invigorating, a temperature
down to zero is hardly a stimu-
lus to outdoor activity. It
chills the bones and halts the
flow of blood, humps the back
and causes postponement or
curtailment of the outdoor job.

There is a growing number of
persons who run away from
winter and many more who
dream about it as they huddle
over a fire. Probably its vir-
tues are overdone for there's a
frost in southern regions also.
Socially its wonderful and as
good as an operation in conver-
sation. But one who runs away
displays weakness. It is true
that being strong and self-reli-
ant has not been in style re-
cently, yet, we still look upon
adornment to the islands as
more proper for the aged than
for the vigorous.

NEW CODE

Oregon has been having its
laws revamped. The process
has been going on for some
years now and is approaching
completion. In fact, the new
codes are being published. In-
stead of ten bulky volumes
there will be three.

Legislators were told a week
or so ago that they should pass
the new code with barely a look
at it because each division of
government had read and ap-
proved the sections pertaining
to it. The code commission is
made up of very distinguished
members of the bar and we are
sure that the intent has been to
shorten the code without chang-
ing the meaning in the slightest.

But, we would read the parts
that most concerned us.
It is a peculiar thing that
legislators should write laws so
lengthily that they have to pay
an expert to shorten them. What
a list of fine legal phrases must
have been junked; what para-
graphs divided by semi-colons
must have been shortened. What,
we inquire, became of the
whereases, the notwithstanding,
the repetitions of synonymous
words? Who, we wonder, is go-
ing to police future legislators
to see that they keep within
this new code of brevity?
It isn't that we do not think
that shorter and simpler laws
are a good thing; it's merely
that we don't think that an oc-
casional purge is a cure for
what ails us.

PRISON REFORM

The prison riots this fall and
the public interest aroused by
them may cause prison reform
to become an issue in the 1953
legislative session.

It is probable that more would
have been done about it before
had it not been that those mem-
bers who gave it the most at-
tention were not the ones
whose opinions were highly
respected in such matters.

There are too many persons
in penitentiaries. That has al-
ways been the case. The consti-
tutional inhibition against "un-
usual" punishments has caused
Americans to limit them to
fines or incarceration. Some
other kinds of punishments
might well be invented.

Then, too, every legislature
makes additional crimes and
prepares to send more persons
to penitentiaries. "There'd ought
to be a law" feeling helps fill
the jails.

Judges have different ideas
about sentences and men may
get 20 years for a crime under
one judge and six months in jail
under another for identical
crimes. The parole board has
some authority to level off sen-
tences, but not complete power.
Probably it should have more.
The main difficulty with in-
carceration as a means of re-
habilitation is that it doesn't work.
It is punishment, nothing more.
Men who spend five years in a
penitentiary are seldom normal
thereafter. Pens are terrible
places.

It does seem that we should
have enough imagination to pro-
vide other means of punishment
for wrong doers, particularly

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IT'S FULLY
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**Whiskey
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Best!**

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THIS WHISKEY IS 4 YEARS OLD - 86 PROOF
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FOR SALE: Cedar Posts 30c
per. Amos R. Robinson, Wem-
me, Oregon. 4-6p

WANTED: Man with car to call
on farmers in Sherman coun-
ty. \$15 to \$20 a day. No ex-
perience or capital required.
Write McNeess Co. Dept. B,
2423 Magnolia St., Oakland 7,
Calif.

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING —
Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp
freeze. C & C Food Store,
Grass Valley, Oregon. 47fn
NEED AN ALL-PURPOSE CAR?
Then see the Willys Station
Wagon on display at WILLIS
MOTOR CO. All-steel body, over-
drive, plenty of carrying capacity
means safety, economy and
practical transportation. Also New
Four Wheel Drive JEEPS, PICK-
UPS and STATION WAGONS.
Contact WILLIS MOTOR for Wil-
lys-Overland Sales, Service, Parts
and Accessories. West Columbia
River Highway, The Dalles, Ore-
gon. 23-tfc

FOR SALE: Aprons for Christ-
mas. Violet Noonan, Moro.

FOR SALE: HEAT-O-MISER
Takes the waste heat from
the stove pipe and distributes
it through out the house.
Ranch & Home Store, Moro,
Oregon. 5c

Wasco News

Thanksgiving dinner guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins
were Mrs. Eugene Gosson and
daughter Debbie of The Dalles,
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins
and Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Watkins
spent Thanksgiving day with
his son in law and daughter,
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rothery at
Soap Lake, Washington.

The Rebekahs will be holding
their annual waffle feed and
family Christmas party at 6:30
December 10 at the Leo Watkins
home.

The Dorcas club of the Chris-
tian church will meet December
10 for their Christmas party at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ar-
thur Van Gilder.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crocker
spent the holidays at Warm
Springs with Mr. and Mrs. Nels
Byington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris of
Pendleton, Wn., were holiday
guests of his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. George Harris.

Hal Shelton of Hood River
came Wednesday to take Mr.
and Mrs. Ed McKee and Mrs.
Viola Van Gaasbeck to their
home for the holiday, bringing
them home Friday and remain-
ing overnight at the McKee
home.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A.
Sargent have been their son in

those who commit the less vi-
olent crimes. It also seems pro-
per that those who persist in
crimes of violence might better
be hung more quickly and with
fewer sobs from the sisters.

Studies about penitentiaries
and punishments are often made
by do-gooders, theorists and such,
although some very practical
men have studied the subject.
Reform will require some rath-
er sweeping changes in our sys-
tem of jurisprudence and prob-
ably in our concept of crime and
that kind of change will not
come easily nor quickly.

**See this New Car at
Pratt Motor Co. Wasco**

Plymouth's New Look for 1953



The distinctive grille of the 1953 Plymouth keynotes the new
styling which carries through from bumper to bumper. The new
models feature horizontal character lines that accentuate the ground
hugging grace of the new streamlined styling. The softly rounded
hood, sweeping out to the fenders, covers Plymouth's improved 100-
horsepower engine with its 7.1 to 1 compression ratio. Note also the
one-piece windshield with uniform curvature for minimum distortion
and "Control Tower" visibility. It is available also in restful, heat-
absorbing Solex tinted glass.

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids will be received
by Mrs. Clara E. Houston,
Clerk, School District No. 17,
Sherman County, Oregon, at the
School Building in Moro, Ore-
gon, until 8:00 o'clock P. M.
(Pacific Standard Time), on Fri-
day, December 19, 1952, for the
construction of a High School
Building for School District
No. 17, Sherman County, Ore-
gon, and will then and there be
opened and publicly read aloud.
Each bid shall be in accordance
with plans and specifications
prepared by Annand, Boone &
Lei, Architects and Engineers,
1530 S. W. Taylor Street, Port-
land 5, Oregon, and shall be ac-
companied by a certified check,
cashier's check or satisfactory
bid bond issued by a surety
company licensed to do business
in the State of Oregon, and
made out to the order of School
District No. 17, Sherman Coun-
ty, Oregon, in an amount equal
to 5% of the bid. Each bid shall
have attached thereto a list of
subcontractors the bidder pro-
poses to use, and any bid not
having this attached list will be
disqualified from bidding. All
bidders must be pre-qualified in
accordance with the Laws of the
State of Oregon. Bids received
after the time fixed for opening
the same will not be considered.
Plans and specifications will
be available from the office of
the architects. No deposit is re-
quired on the plans, but they
must be returned on or before
the time of bidding. Contractors
failing to return his plans will
be disqualified from bidding. The
owner reserves the right to
accept or reject any or all

Clara E. Houston, Clerk
School District No. 17
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the Estate of Mary E.
Roos, deceased, are hereby not-
ified to present them, with the
proper vouchers and duly veri-
fied, to the undersigned, the
duly appointed, qualified and
sole executor of the last will and
testament of Mary E. Roos,
deceased, at
Moro, Oregon, within six months
from the date of the first pub-
lication of this notice, to-wit:
November 28, 1952.

William Roos
Executor
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executor 4-7c

**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON FINAL REPORT**
Notice is given that Mary J.

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Baker, executrix of the Last
Will and Testament of Roy J.
Baker, deceased, has filed with
the clerk of the County Court
of Sherman County, Oregon, her
final report and account of her
administration of said estate
and said court has fixed Satur-
day, the 27th day of December
1952 at the hour of 11 o'clock
a. m. of said day and the court
room in Moro in Sherman
County, Oregon, as the time and
place for hearing all objections
to said report and the settle-
ment thereof.

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